

Kusha Missile

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Recently, the Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted the maiden flight-test of 'Kusha' Missile from the APJ Abdul Kalam Island.

About Kusha Missile

- It is a long-range **Surface-to-Air missile**.
- **Developed By:** All weapon system elements, including the missiles, radars, command and control centre, have been developed by various **DRDO laboratories and Industry partners**.
- **Range:** A long-range SAM typically has a **range of over 200 km**.
- **Capability:** It is capable of neutralising a wide variety of aerial threats **including fighter jets, missiles, unmanned aerial vehicles** and large enemy aircraft within a wide range & altitude envelope.
- The successful test marks a **key step in the development of Project Kusha**, India's indigenous long-range air defence programme

Key Facts about Project Kusha

- It is also referred to as the **Extended Range Air Defence System (ERADS)**.
- It is being developed by DRDO as the backbone of India's future **long-range air defence network**.
- The system is planned as a three-tier architecture **comprising M1, M2 and M3 interceptor missiles** with engagement ranges of approximately **150 km, 250 km and up to 350-400 km**, respectively.
- It is designed to integrate with India's **Integrated Air Command and Control System (IACCS)** for network-centric air defence.

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