China’s Reaction to India’s Agni Missile

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Why in news?

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- After India successfully test-fired Agni-V ballistic missile,without referring to Pakistan, China advocated the need for “preserving the strategic balance and stability in South Asia”.
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What is China propagating against India’s nuclear missile test?

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- China signaled that there are restrictions imposed by the UN Security Council on India for developing missiles carrying nuclear weapons.
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What is Agni V?

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- Agni V , with a range above 5000 km, can carry a payload of 1.5 tonnes, three times the minimum weight of an atomic warhead.
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- It is survivable to a counterstrike, as it is mounted on a TATRA truck, which imparts mobility to the weapon-system.
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- Missiles having nuclear warheads launched from fixed silos can be more easily targeted.
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What is China propagating about India China relationship?

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- China is speculating reports about India and Japan relationshipis to counter China.
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- China stressed that India and China, is emerging economies, and not rivals but partners.
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- China is willing to work alongside regional countries, including India, to maintain the long-lasting peace, stability and prosperity in Indian Ocean region.
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