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State-owned Bharat Dynamics Limited recently secured an order worth Rs 1,109.37 crore from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited to supply launchers for helicopter-launched anti-tank Nag (Helina) missiles.

About HELINA Missile

- HELINA (**Helicopter-launched NAG**) is an indigenous, third-generation “**fire-and-forget**” **anti-tank guided missile (ATGM)**.
- It is the **helicopter-based version of the Nag Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM)**.
- The **Air Force version** of the missile is called **Dhruvastra**, along with an ATGM version, which can be fired by soldiers.
- It has been developed indigenously by the **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**.

HELINA Missile Features

- The Helina ATGM system measures 1.94 m in length, 150 mm in diameter, and weighs 44 kg.

- Helina missile systems are **outfitted with two twin launchers, one on each side**, capable of **carrying a total of eight missiles**.
- It can cover distances **ranging between 500 m and 7,000 m** and is **guided** by an **imaging infrared (IIR) seeker** with **lock-on before launch** capability.
 - It means the crew locks on to the target before the launch, and the missile then guides itself to the target without any further control from the helicopter.
- The **missile climbs sharply after the launch** and then **plunges directly onto the top of the tank**.
- The system is equipped for **day and night operations in all weather conditions**, capable of neutralising battle tanks equipped with both conventional armour and explosive reactive armour.

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