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News: Helina: Anti-Tank Guided Missile

- India has successfully flight tested Helina, an Anti Tank Guided Missile (ATGM), in Pokhran.

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- Helina has been developed by the Defence Research and Development Laboratory (DRDL), Hyderabad under the Missiles and Strategic Systems (MSS) cluster of the DRDO.
- Successful user trials of the missile have been conducted since 2018.
- It has a maximum range of seven kilometers and has been designed and developed for integration on the weaponized version of the ALH (Advanced Light Helicopter).
- The missile system has all weather, day, and night capability and can defeat battle tanks with conventional armour as well as explosive reactive armour.
- It has been developed for integration with choppers in both the Army and the Air Force.
- The Air Force version of Helina is sometimes referred to as Dhruvastra.
- Helina can engage targets both in direct hit mode as well as top attack mode.

- **Top Attack Mode:** In this mode, the missile is required to climb sharply after launch and travel at a certain altitude, and then plunge on the top of the target.
- **Direct Hit Mode:** The missile travels at a lower altitude, directly striking the target.