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# HAL's light combat helicopter:

## the mountain fighter

*(photo: Angad Singh)*

In a double assertion of its proficiency in building different kinds of helicopters, Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd achieved two significant landmarks in end-September 2020. The company rolled out its

300<sup>th</sup> Dhruv advanced light helicopter (ALH) for the military and also conducted inaugural ground run of the first Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) it is series-producing for the Indian Army and Air Force.

While the Dhruv, with over 280,000 flying hours logged, is already backbone of the Indian Army Aviation and also the Air Force, the LCH will be a crucial new induction that would play an important role



*VCAS with LCH at Ladakh  
(photo: HAL)*