

Physics IA

### The functioning of a helicopter:

Helicopters, unlike aeroplane, don't work on propellers. Instead, they have a blade which rotates due to a motor. Let us understand how a helicopter takes off and flies.

A helicopter has a mass 'm.' Our helicopter has a mass of 34.2g  
A Force of gravity 'g' works on this body. [  $g = 9.81\text{m/s}^2$  ]

So therefore, the gravitational force acting on this helicopter is:

$$F_{\text{grav}} = mg$$

$$F_{\text{grav}} = 34.2 \times 9.81 = 335.502\text{N}$$

Now,

There needs to be a normal force acting on the helicopter which is greater than this gravitational force,

$$F_N \gg F_{\text{grav}}$$

So let's understand where this normal force comes from,