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## The two top guns who will do it!

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The Round The World Expedition in a single engine microlight aircraft that the Indian Air Force has embarked upon to commemorate its 75th year of existence will be headed by Wing Cdr. Rahul Monga and supported by Wing Cdr. Anil Kumar.

Rahul is fighter chopper pilot, but has developed into an extremely accomplished microlight pilot in the past four years or so and has got some sterling records to his credit too. His co-pilot for the expedition, Anil, is fighter pilot too and has an equally impressive record too.

Both are course-mates from the National Defence Academy, Pune and while one decided that soaring straight in and out of inhospitable terrains was what he wanted to do, the other opted for the more normal, but equally exciting choice of flying at supersonic speeds.

Both have a penchant for adventure, and also adventure sports. Rahul, particularly, has had a distinguished record in microlight flying and in May 2004, he achieved an Indian record of height gain in the small aircraft when he touched an altitude of 21000 feet, which took him from a scorching 40 degree plus summer heat of Hindan airbase near Delhi to a well below freezing temperatures within half an hour.

Interestingly, Rahul's wife too is an aviator and flies the Airbus for a private Indian airline.

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