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Day 39: Yet another day at Anchorage

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NEW DELHI: The IAF RTW expedition took another day off in Anchorage on Monday to get their aircraft serviced by an engineer who the manufacturers sent from Frankfurt.

The day was then spent testing the aircraft.

On Tuesday, if the weather appears fine, Wing Cdr Rahul Monga and Wing Cdr Anil Kumar would take off Juneau and after a brief fuel stopover, head straight to Prince Rupert in Canada.

This means that they would skip Yakutat in order to recover over 12 days lost due to bad weather in China and Russia.

This also means that Tuesday would be a long day for the duo.

Earlier on Saturday, the two pilots had reached Anchorage after a brief fuel stop at McGrath.

The aircraft reached Alaska on Friday when Wing Cdr Rahul Monga flew the machine in from Providenia in Russia, flying solo over the Bering Sea, becoming the first Indian to fly solo over the sea. The co-pilot is Wing Cdr Anil Kumar, who, however, had to step out during the Russian leg as it was mandatory to have a Russian speaking navigator in the leg.

The expedition aims to create a new world record of circumnavigating the world in single motor small aircraft in 64 days. However, the plans went a bit awry due to bad weather conditions in both China and Russia.

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