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The duo of Wing Cdrs Rahul Monga and Anil Kumar are set to reach India later this evening through Pakistan.

NEW DELHI: The duo of Wing Cdrs Rahul Monga and Anil Kumar have just landed in Karachi, Pakistan, and after a refuel and rest, would head to Bhuj in Gujarat, India.

The duo flew through Iran to reach Pakistan, and will eventually head back home.

The duo took off early from Bandar Abbas in Iran and headed to Iranian coastal town of Char bahar. After a quick refuel stop there, they took off for Karachi. The long stretches mean that the plane would cover almost 1500 kilometres in over 9 hours of flying today.

The routing also means that there is no Muscat to Jamnagar non-stop flight now, as was originally planned, but a surprising route

When the duo land at Hindan on Sunday, they would have been flying round the world for 79 days, thus creating a new world record in circumnavigating the globe in a single engine microlight aircraft. The current record is 99 days. The original plan was to complete the trip in 64 days, but bad weather has preceded the expedition all through and delayed them at a number of places, especially in China, Russia, Alaska and then in Europe.

The expedition had taken off from Hindan on June 1.

The expedition saw a lot of Indian firsts also, when Monga flew over the Bering Sea as he crossed from Russia into Alaska and then when he flew solo across the Atlantic from Iqaluit in Canada to Greenland, on to Iceland and then to Scotland.

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