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## Day 79: IAF RTW creates new world record

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NEW DELHI: After circumnavigating the globe for the past 78 days, IAF's RTW Expedition reached the Hindan Air base near Delhi at 1630 hrs IST, where it was welcomed by Chief of the Air Staff, Fali Major. The aircraft was airborne from Bhuj at 0900 hrs IST on Sunday.

On Saturday, the aircraft landed in Bhuj at 1915 hrs IST. The expedition had earlier taken off from Karachi in Pakistan.

The pilots, Wing Cdr Rahul Monga and Wing Cdr Anil Kumar, had taken off from Hindan on June 1. The duo have created a new world record in circumnavigating the world in a single engine microlite aircraft in 79 days. The current world record is 99 days.

The original plan was to complete the expedition in 64 days. However, extremely poor weather in a number of sectors put paid to all such plans.

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