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## Day 9: IAF duo holed up in Haikou

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THRICE UNLUCKY: The IAF duo faced bad weather on Saturday as well. The pilots are still in Haikou.

The IAF duo of Wg Cdr Rahul Monga and Wg Cdr Anil Kumar attempting to go round the world in a microlight are still holed up in Haikou, China for the past three days as bad weather refuses to relent.

While on Day 7 and 8 the pilots did try and wing their way to Guangzhou, as per the original plan, on Day 9, i.e., Saturday, they haven't even tried as the weather has gotten worse.

Reports reaching from there say that even some commercial flights, which use much larger aircraft, have been cancelled.

On Day 10, i.e., Sunday morning,, the duo will try and get to Guangzhou by leaving before sunrise.

The real distance between Haikou and Guangzhou is no more than two hours, but the pilots have to follow the airway structure which is zig-zag instead of a straight line. And it is this that results in the much longer flying time and also a drain on precious fuel, the little of which the small aircraft can carry.

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