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IAF plans fastest circumnavigation of globe in microlight

New Delhi, Apr 9 (PTI) The Indian Air Force is gearing up to add another feather to its cap by making an attempt new world record for the fastest circumnavigation of the globe on a microlight.

As part of IAF's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, a 'Round the World' Microlight Expedition is planned during June- said Air Chief Marshal Fali Homi Major.

"IAF is attempting an expedition of great magnitude in order to set a new world record for the fastest time in circumnavigating the world in the 300-500 kg weight category," Major said.

The Expedition covering a distance of 37,000 km in approx 45 days would be undertaken in a German manufact Microlight, the CTSW Advance.

The present record stands at 99 days whereas the expedition will attempt to better it to 64 days. The route entail through twenty countires.

Major said expedition will be a true test of both man and machine and would be a perfect showcase of IAF in Pla Jubilee.

"There will be challenges of extremes of weather, change of time zones, flying through remote and difficult terrai different countries and interacting with various agencies all across the world," he said.


IAF is taking it as a challenge to highlight its capability in undertaking such an expedition, which embodies true s aviation. The crew would be totally independent even for undertaking scheduled services.

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