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## New-age Magellan passes through city

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THIRTEEN YEARS is a long time, but for 38-year-old Jason Lewis, it's been time well spent.

The British adventurer hopes to complete his 13-year 'Expedition 360' — circumnavigating the world using only human power without wind or motor assistance — by summer of 2007.

Lewis was in Mumbai on Friday, having travelled through South-East Asia into China and hiked over the Himalayas.

"It was the thrill of adventure and the desire to get out of London that essentially made me undertake the expedition. But, over the years, the reasons have changed and today the idea of circumnavigating by human power is what excites me and keeps me going," said Lewis, who is the first in history to pedal across Pacific Ocean from San Francisco to

Port Douglas, Australia.

Lewis plans to explore Mumbai on his bicycle. Though several enthusiasts have accompanied Lewis on some of his trips, he is the only one who's stuck to the expedition throughout.

Departing from Greenwich Meridian Line in 1994, Lewis covered 35,000 miles in a span of 11 years. The final leg will be a 2,200-mile crossing of the Indian Ocean to Djibouti in Africa. His adventure will continue through Ethiopia,

Sudan, Egypt, the Middle-East and finally Europe, to finish at Greenwich in London.

"The aim of these educational activities is to use the expedition as a vehicle to promote qualities of international understanding, awareness and tolerance among people of different cultures," Lewis added.

Asked how he manages the logistics, Lewis said Schenker, an international company, helps. Whenever, he is on land, the firm takes care of his boat and gives him a bicycle and vice-versa.


Funds for the expedition are provided by sponsors.

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