

Mawlasnai PHC running without doctors for six years

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The public health centre (PHC) at Mawlasnai is running without a doctor for the last six years.

The issue of non-availability of doctors was reported by the public during the surprise inspection of the newly elected MDC Charles Margar yesterday.

According to Margar, the absence of doctors for six years now has caused immense hardship to the people of the area.

"Due to non availability of



doctors in the PHC, people have to go to Bhoirymbong CHC or Shillong for treatment," the local MDC said.

Presently, the health centre is equipped with only one Ayush doctor and other staff. Margar also said, the

Mawlasnai PHC caters to the medical needs of over 20 villages including those falling under Block-II area in Ri Bhoi.

E-mail says bomb in bags, but Air India left most behind

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Early on Thursday morning, Mumbai airport's feedback mailbox received a bomb threat. Air India's flight 191 from Mumbai to Newark, in the US, would be blown up by an explosive that had been stowed away in one of the luggage, according to the threat sent by email. Moments later, pilots on board flight AI191 - now above Northern Ireland some 7,700km away - took a hard right turn. A pair of Eurofighter Typhoon fighter jets scrambled from a Royal Air Force base to intercept it, hitting supersonic speeds and sending off a deafening sonic boom in the nearby town of Derbyshire. Buildings shook and car alarms went off, hundreds of people wrote on Twitter.

The flight, with a bomb presumably in its luggage, was escorted to Stansted airport in



London. Luckily, for the 343 people on board, Air India had made a decision that would normally rankle most flyers: most of the check-in luggage had been left behind at Mumbai since the flight was overbooked. "For some technical reasons, the check-in baggage in the flight could not be loaded. Security agencies checked the baggage at Mumbai airport and found nothing suspicious. Baggage of crew

and some of the passengers who had boarded from Delhi was in the flight, which was checked at Stansted and came up clean," according to a Mumbai airport official who asked not to be named. According to officials, the hoax also involved two other Mumbai departures: Lufthansa's Mumbai-Munich and Mumbai-Zurich flights. "Both of these had landed by the time the hoax mail had been seen," the official quoted

above said.

It was not clear exactly at what time the email had been sent and read by authorities. According to the official quoted above, it is possible the mail may have been seen late since it was in the feedback mailbox. "Mails sent directly to the controller elicit an immediate response," this official added.

The threat mail, sent by HT, was issued by a group claiming to be working for the Palestinian cause and gave purported details of how the attacks would be carried out. Such threats automatically trigger a protocol that is routed through the Bomb Threat Assessment Centre.

"In case of a specific threat, such as this one, every possible precaution is taken and aircraft and baggage is checked repeatedly. The pilot of Air India was informed through Air Traffic Controller (ATC) and flight was diverted to London," said the Mumbai airport official.

The diversion was confirmed by the airline as well as the London airport.

"An Air India Boeing 777 diverted into London Stansted Airport at approximately 10:15 hrs and landed safely with Essex Police in attendance. It is parked on an isolated stand away from the normal airport operations. Our runway has now reopened and is fully operational," said a statement by Stansted airport.

"The plane is currently at the airport. All the 327 passengers are deplaned and served snacks and other beverages. All passengers are in airport premises," Air India spokesperson Dhananjay Kumar said.

The flight had not departed from London at the time of filing this report.

In Derbyshire, 240km away, people recounted their connection to the morning drama to journalists.

"It scared everyone because it's such a quiet area. We thought there was a major explosion somewhere," said Claire Murray, who was filming her dog when she heard the sonic boom, BBC news reported.

Sport News

MS Dhoni's low strike rate - Ganguly, Laxman give contrasting views

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MS Dhoni's strike rate continued to be the centre of discussion even as India thrashed West Indies by 125 runs to extend their unbeaten run in the ICC World Cup 2019 at Old Trafford, Manchester on Thursday. Former India cricketers Sourav Ganguly and VVS Laxman were divided in their opinion on Dhoni's approach. While Laxman joined Sachin Tendulkar to criticize Dhoni for his lack of intent in the middle overs, Ganguly continued to back Dhoni, saying that the former India captain has to be accepted the way he is.

Dhoni found it difficult to get going before hitting two sixes in the final over to remain not out on 56 off 61 balls as India posted 268 for 7 against West Indies. Against Afghanistan too Dhoni made 28 off 52 balls absorbing many deliveries before trying to accelerate and perishing as India had a narrow escape in the low-scoring game.

Video Player is loading. "No doubt Dhoni is having problems to rotate the strike in the middle overs. He appears to be fine against seamers but certainly not against the spinners. Now you have to ask the question is Dhoni showing the right intent? For me, he is perhaps not. You expect so much more from an experienced player like Dhoni, who has the ability to score quickly," Laxman told the official broadcasters during the mid-match show on Thursday.

Dhoni starts off at a reasonable pace, scoring at a rate of 75 for the first half of his innings but his strike rate drops to 35 between balls 20 to 40, which was also the case against both Afghanistan and West Indies. Dhoni's first captain Ganguly, however, spoke in favour of him. "We have to live with the way Dhoni plays," Ganguly said after India's innings. Interestingly, Ganguly had backed Dhoni even after the Afghanistan match saying that might be a one-off incident.

Dhoni's scoring rate, is, however, not a matter of concern for the Indian team management. India captain Virat Kohli showed his full support to Dhoni and hailed the 37-year-old for his calculated batting in the middle.

"He knows exactly what he wants to do out in the middle," Kohli said at the presentation ceremony.

"The best thing about having someone like him is when you need those extra 15-20 runs, he knows exactly how to get them with the tail.

"Keeping strike in the end and finishing off with two big sixes gave us a boost as a team. We were looking at 250 but we got close to 270-odd because he was out there in the middle. Dhoni has played 346 one-day internationals and Kohli said the wicketkeeper knew better than most what was a par score on a pitch.

"He is one guy in the middle who always sends out a message for the team: 'I think this is the par score on this pitch'. He has such a keen understanding of the game."

ICC World Cup: India crushes WI by 125 runs

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In the ICC Cricket World Cup, India crushed West Indies by 125 runs at Manchester last night to inch one step closer to the semi-finals. Riding on skipper Virat Kohli's 72 and MS Dhoni's unbeaten 56, India posted 268 runs for the loss of 7 wickets in 50

overs. KL Rahul also contributed 48 while Hardik Pandya scored 46.

In reply, the West Indies were all out at 143 runs in 34.2 overs following impressive spell by Indian bowlers. Mohammed Shami has struck four wickets while Jasprit Bumrah and Yuzvendra Chahal took two wickets each.

Kohli, who was adjudged man

Of the match, also became the fastest batsman to reach 20 thousand international runs.

India now got the second spot with 11 points from six matches while West Indies with 3 points from 7 matches are out of the semi-finals race. Today, South Africa will play Sri Lanka at Chester-le-Street. The match is slated to begin at 3 p.m. Indian Time.

Virat Kohli the captain scripts history, beats Dhoni, Ganguly to remarkable feat



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India captain Virat Kohli rewrote the record books as India thumped West Indies by 125 runs at Old Trafford, Manchester on Thursday to all but confirm their spot in the ICC World Cup 2019 semi-finals. Kohli created history both as a batsman and as a captain on Thursday to lead India to victory. After becoming the fastest batsman to reach 20,000 international runs, Kohli became the first Indian captain to win his first five matches in the World Cup.

Virat Kohli's India has beaten South Africa, Australia, Pakistan, Afghanistan and West Indies to secure 11 points in six matches in the World Cup so far. Their third

match against New Zealand was washed out even without the toss taking place.

No other Indian captain had won their first five matches in the World Cup. Dhoni in 2011 enjoyed an unbeaten run for 4 matches, which included a tie against England in the second match.

Sourav Ganguly and MS Dhoni are tied for the longest winning run by an Indian captain in a World Cup. India had won 8 on the trot before losing to Australia in the 2003 World Cup final. Ganguly's India had lost their second match to the eventual champions in the group stages too. Dhoni, in his second World Cup as captain in 2015, led India to 8 straight victories before losing to Australia in the semi-finals.

Kohli was adjudged Player of

the Match for his fighting 72-run innings - his fourth consecutive half-century in the World Cup. In the process Kohli also beat Sachin Tendulkar and Brian Lara to become the fastest to 20,000 international runs.

Kohli's 72 laid the foundations for India's 268 for seven after electing to bat first at Manchester's Old Trafford. The Indian bowlers, led by paceman Mohammed Shami (4/16), then dismissed West Indies for 143 in 34.2 overs to end the West Indies' hopes of progressing.

India, who have displaced England as the top-ranked one-day team, remain the only unbeaten side in the tournament and need just one victory from their remaining three league games to guarantee a semi-finals berth.

Jagan gov't's demolition drive reaches Chandrababu Naidu doors;

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The Andhra Pradesh government on Friday served eviction notice on the owners of the palatial bungalow on the banks of Krishna river at Vundavalli in Amaravati, where Telugu Desam Party president and opposition leader N Chandrababu Naidu has been staying for nearly five years. Officials of the AP Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) led by assistant director Y Narender Reddy went to Naidu's residence and handed

a copy of the notice to his staff there. The former chief minister was present in the house when the authorities issued the notice. The notice, served in the name of industrialist Ramesh Lingamneni, asked him to vacate the premises and demolish the building since it was identified as an unauthorized construction falling within 100 metres of the river bank.

"The CRDA gave a week's time to Chandrababu to comply with the order, failing which the authorities would go ahead with

the demolition without any further notice," an official familiar with the development said. Naidu, who moved to the capital region soon after coming to power in June 2014 following bifurcation of combined state, chose the guesthouse of Lingamneni at Vundavalli. Suitable modifications were made in the house to meet the security requirements of Naidu. A garden with a swimming pool was developed subsequently and a makeshift helipad was constructed adjacent to the house.

Amit Shah pilots his first bill in Lok Sabha. It's on Jammu and Kashmir

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Home Minister Amit Shah Friday moved a statutory resolution in the Lok Sabha to extend President's Rule in Jammu and Kashmir for a period of six months. Moving the resolution, he said since the state assembly has been dissolved and the Election Commission has decided to hold fresh elections in Jammu and Kashmir later this year, it is essential that the President's Rule be extended for another six months with effect from July 3, 2019.

He said during the Governor's Rule and later President's Rule, the government has hit at the roots of terrorism.

The state has been bloodshed in previous elections, but things have changed, he told

the House.

"Polls for 40,000 posts were held this time without a single person dying. There was no violence even during the general elections in the state. This shows that law and order is better today in Jammu and Kashmir," Shah said before adding that the NDA government had conducted polls for more than 4 thousand "Panchayats"—going against the norm—in the state and as a result more than 40 thousand elected village heads are serving the state.

He urged the members to rise above party lines to support the resolution as the President's rule had benefited the state in many ways.

Speaking after Shah, Congress MP Manish Tewari opposed the extension and blamed the BJP-PDP

government for the worsening of the situation in the state.

"The roots of the reason for seeking 6-month extension for President's rule in J&K lie in the incompatible government formed by the BJP and PDP alliance," Tiwari said adding, "Situation in J&K worsened between 2015 and 2018 when the youth of the state took to the streets."

He said that it was not in India's interest to not have an elected government in the state of Jammu and Kashmir and questioned why assembly polls weren't held with the peaceful Lok Sabha elections in the state.

This is the first proposal Shah has moved in the Lok Sabha after being appointed as the home minister in the second tenure of the Narendra Modi government.