

Dhoni pays secret visit to Aurangabad

He flew in here secretly and managed to stay closetted in a five-star hotel for over 24 hours without a prying eye catching him. But star Indian cricketer Mahindra Singh Dhoni's hush-hush mission in the city was out when he was about to leave Tuesday amid rumours that he had come for a rendezvous with a girl friend.

Confirming Dhoni's visit to this city of archaeological marvels, an executive of Hotel Rama International said the batting wizard arrived from Delhi Sunday evening, checked into a wing where entry was sealed for other customers. He checked out Tuesday morning.

'He was inside his room for most part of the stay and we were under instructions not to speak to anybody about it,' hotel executive Shrikant Jogdand told IANS, adding that the passionate motorbike rider of [Ranchi](#) went out for a while Monday evening in an auto-rickshaw.

Jogdand professed ignorance about any visitors Dhoni had, saying he only heard the rumour like others that a hotel management trainee, supposedly his girl friend, met the cricketer in his room.

The Indian one-day international cricket team captain who has always shrug off reports about an affair with one or the other Bollywood starlets was seen off at the airport by two girls, according to a local newspaper reporter.

Dhoni remained tight-lipped at the airport as the reporter repeatedly asked him the purpose of his visit to Aurangabad.

A few cricket fans who got a whiff of Dhoni's visit Tuesday morning managed to take a couple of video shots of the cricketer while he was leaving the hotel.

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