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## Bihar to Establish High-Security Prison in Kaimur Hills | Bihar | 13 Apr 2026

### Why in News?

The **Bihar Government** has planned to establish a **high-security jail in the Kaimur Hills region** to house hardcore criminals and strengthen prison security management in the state.

### Key Points

- **Purpose:** The proposed high-security prison aims to keep **hardcore criminals** under stricter surveillance and prevent them from operating criminal networks from inside jails.
- **Location:** The jail will be constructed in the Sarodag village of **Kaimur district**, located about 76 km from the **district headquarters** at **Bhabua** and is surrounded by dense forests and mountains.
- **Security Features:** The prison will have **advanced surveillance systems, restricted movement zones, and high-level security arrangements** to prevent escapes and curb illegal activities within prisons.
- **Prison Reform:** The project forms part of the Bihar government's broader efforts to **modernise prison infrastructure and improve prison administration** in the state.

Read More: [Prison Reform](#)

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## Vice President Released Sindhi Version of Constitution in Two Scripts | National Current Affairs | 13 Apr 2026

### Why in News?

Vice President **C. P. Radhakrishnan** released the **updated version** of the **Constitution of India** in the **Sindhi language** on the occasion of **Sindhi Bhasha Diwas**.

### Key Points

- **Release:** The Vice President released the latest **Sindhi translation of the Constitution of India**, at an event held at the **Vice President's Enclave in New Delhi**.
- **Scripts Used:** The Constitution in Sindhi has been published in **two scripts**—the **Devanagari script (first edition)** and the **Persian script (second edition)**.
- **Occasion:** The release took place on **10th April 2026** on the occasion of **Sindhi Bhasha Diwas (Sindhi Language Day)**, observed to celebrate and promote the Sindhi language and culture.
- **Sindhi Language:**
  - Sindhi is one of the 22 official languages listed in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India.

- The Sindhi language was included through the **21st Constitutional Amendment Act, 1967**.

Read More: [Constitution of India, Eighth Schedule](#)

## Indian music legend Asha Bhosle Passes Away at 92 | National Current Affairs | 13 Apr 2026

### Why in News?

The death of legendary playback singer Asha Bhosle on **12 April, 2026, at the age of 92**, marks the definitive end of an era in Indian music. Known affectionately as "**Asha Tai**," she died in **Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital** following complications from **cardiac and respiratory issues**.

### Key Points:

- **Birth:** 8 September, 1933, in Sangli, Maharashtra.
- **Family:** Daughter of classical singer **Pandit Deenanath Mangeshkar** and younger sister of the "Nightingale of India," **Lata Mangeshkar**.
- **Career Span:** Over eight decades (1943–2026), beginning with the Marathi film *Majha Bal*.
- **Guinness World Record:** Formally recognised in 2011 as the **most recorded artist** in music history, with over 11,000–12,000 songs across 20+ languages.

### Key Awards and Honours:

Award	Year	Significance
<b>Dadasaheb Phalke Award</b>	2000	India's highest award in cinema
<b>Padma Vibhushan</b>	2008	Second-highest civilian award in India
<b>National Film Awards</b>	Multiple	Including for <i>Umrao Jaan</i> (1981) and <i>Ijaazat</i> (1986)
<b>Grammy Nomination</b>	1997	First Indian singer to be nominated for a Grammy
<b>Maharashtra Bhushan</b>	2021	The highest civilian award of the State of Maharashtra

**Final Rites:** Her last rites were performed with **full state honours** at **Shivaji Park, Mumbai**, the same location where her sister Lata Mangeshkar was laid to rest.

Read More: [Padma Vibhushan, Dadasaheb Phalke Award](#)

## Mundra Port: India's Emerging Hub for Automotive Exports | National Current Affairs | 13 Apr 2026

## Why in News?

**Mundra Port** in Gujarat, managed by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ), has officially surpassed traditional hubs like Chennai and Ennore to become **India's largest automobile export gateway**. This shift marks a significant milestone in India's maritime logistics and the **"Make in India"** initiative.

### Key Points:

- **Key Drivers of Growth:** Its proximity to the northern and western automobile clusters (Haryana, Rajasthan, and Gujarat) reduces inland logistics costs.
  - **Infrastructure Excellence:** The port features a dedicated **Roll-on/Roll-off (Ro-Ro)** terminal and a massive parking yard capable of handling over 15,000 vehicles at any given time.
  - **Deep Draft Capabilities:** Mundra can accommodate the world's largest **Pure Car and Truck Carriers (PCTCs)**, enhancing economies of scale for global manufacturers.
- **Export Surge:** Major OEMs (Original Equipment Manufacturers) like **Maruti Suzuki, Nissan,** and **Toyota** have increasingly shifted their export volumes to Mundra due to its faster turnaround times.
  - **Global Reach:** The port serves as a primary exit point for Indian-made vehicles heading to markets in the **Middle East, Africa, and Europe.**
- **Economic and Policy Impact:** Mundra's integration with the **Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC)** has significantly improved the "last-mile" connectivity from manufacturing plants.

**Read More:** [Dedicated Freight Corridor](#)

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