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<p><b>Hyderabad makes history as U.S. smashes visa records in India</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>U.S. Embassy and Consulates in India</b> issued a record-breaking <b>1.4 million visas in 2023</b>.</li> <li>• This represents a <b>60% increase in applications compared to 2022</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Hyderabad emerged as a major contributor</b>, becoming one of the <b>top four student visa processing posts globally alongside Mumbai, New Delhi, and Chennai</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Indian students received over 140,000 U.S. visas, the highest for any country worldwide for the third consecutive year</b>.</li> <li>• This surge signifies a <b>strong India-U.S. connection</b>, with <b>one in ten U.S. visa applicants originating from India</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>World Leprosy Day</b></p> 	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>World Leprosy day is celebrated in India annually on 30 January</b>.</li> <li>• <b>World Leprosy Day helps to create awareness about the disease and eliminate the stigma and discrimination faced by those who suffer from the disease</b>.</li> <li>• <b>The theme for World Leprosy Day 2024 is "Beat Leprosy"</b></li> </ul> <p><b>About:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>World Leprosy Day is observed on the last Sunday of January across the globe</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>The Westin Hyderabad Hitec City receives USGBC LEED Gold Rating</b></p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>Westin Hyderabad Hitec City has achieved a significant milestone in its commitment to sustainability by receiving the esteemed USGBC LEED Gold Rating</b>.</li> <li>• This prestigious recognition <b>acknowledges the hotel's dedication to incorporating environmentally friendly practices and creating a healthy and efficient space for guests and staff</b>.</li> </ul>

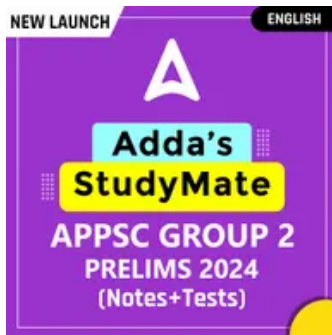


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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating system is the world's most widely used green building certification program.</li> <li>• Earning a Gold rating signifies that The Westin Hyderabad Hitec City has implemented a multitude of sustainable strategies</li> </ul>
<p>Hyderabad records 50% growth in large office space transactions in 2023</p>	<p><b>Context:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hyderabad's office space market witnessed a significant surge in 2023, with large office transactions soaring by 50% compared to the previous year.</li> <li>• This impressive growth, reported by Knight Frank India, highlights the city's burgeoning appeal as a business hub.</li> </ul> <p><b>Factors contributing to this boom include:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strong IT sector performance</li> <li>• Improved infrastructure</li> <li>• Cost-competitiveness</li> </ul>



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