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mobiles. However, their systems are more complex and the vehicles are more costly to produce. The first mass-produced hybrid car, the Toyota Prius, was first sold in Japan in 1997. Panos Y. Papalambros

See also **Electric car; Fuel cell.**

**Hyderabad**, *HY duhr uh BAD* (pop. 3,449,878; met. area pop. 5,533,640), is one of India's largest cities. Founded in 1589 as a royal capital, it became the capital of the state of Hyderabad in 1950 and the capital of Andhra Pradesh in 1956. For location, see **India** (political map).

Hyderabad has many palaces and the *Char Minar*, built in 1591. This building has four *minarets* (towers) and four arches through which the main streets of the city pass. Hyderabad is a trading hub and manufactures textiles, guns, glassware, paper, flour, and railway cars. It is the home of Osmania University. Robert LaPorte, Jr.

**Hydra**, *HY druh*, was a many-headed serpent of Greek mythology. It is called the *Lernaean Hydra* or the *Hydra of Lerna* because it lived in Lake Lerna in Argolis. One of the hydra's heads could not die, and the rest grew back as soon as they were cut off. But Hercules and his nephew Iolaus killed the monster by first cutting off all the heads except the immortal one and sealing each neck with fire. Hercules then cut off the immortal head of the hydra and buried it under a rock. Mary R. Lefkowitz

See also **Hercules** (The twelve labors).

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