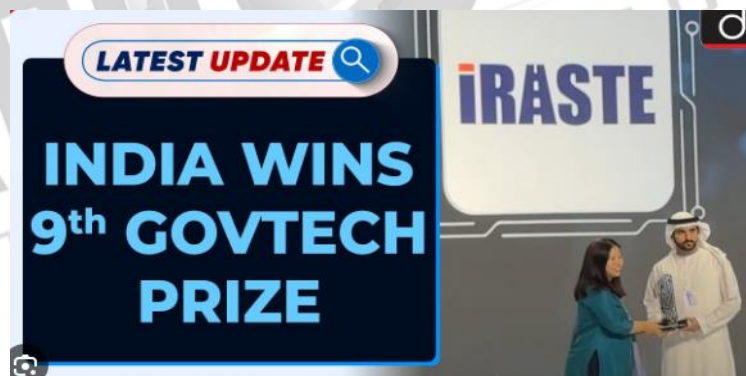


EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 14, 2024

AWARDS

➤ 9th GovTech Prize

- ✓ India has secured the prestigious 9th GovTech Prize for its pioneering endeavors in Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered government services, at the World Government Summit 2024.



- ✓ The annual award is instituted by the government of the UAE and is presented to government entities, central or local, worldwide, to recognize creative and innovative solutions.
- ✓ The accolade recognizes the remarkable efforts of the Ministry for Road Transport & Highways, Government of India, for its transformative project known as iRASTE.
- ✓ It is a collaborative initiative involving the government, industry, and academia, that is revolutionizing road safety through the integration of AI technology.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

➤ World's First Air Taxi

- ✓ In a path-breaking move set to revolutionize urban transportation, Dubai has inked agreements at the World Government Summit 2024 to launch the world's first air taxi service.



- ✓ The agreements pave the way for Dubai to pioneer the deployment of a city-wide electric aerial taxi service and vertiport network.
- ✓ At the heart of the initiative lies the Joby Aviation S4, an innovative aircraft.
- ✓ With an eye toward efficiency, safety, and sustainability, the air taxi project promises a host of benefits, including reduced noise levels, zero operating emissions, and enhanced passenger convenience.
- ✓ The air-taxi network will commence its operations in 2026.

IMPORTANT DAYS

- **Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day: February 14**
- ✓ Every year on February 14, while many celebrate love and affection, the medical and health advocacy communities band together to observe a day of significant importance – Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day.



- ✓ This day is dedicated to increasing awareness about congenital heart defects (CHDs), the most common type of birth defect affecting infants across the globe.
- ✓ Organizations such as the Pediatric Congenital Heart Association and the American Heart Association lead the charge in promoting this day, aiming to shed light on the challenges faced by individuals with CHDs.

