

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – FEBRUARY 10, 2024

TAMIL NADU

- **Tamil Nadu MSME Minister Unveils 'Smart Cards' To Aid Startups**
- ✓ Tamil Nadu MSME Minister launched 2 pivotal initiatives: Smartcard scheme and StartUp Challenge website, underscoring government's commitment to nurturing startups and fostering innovation in the state.

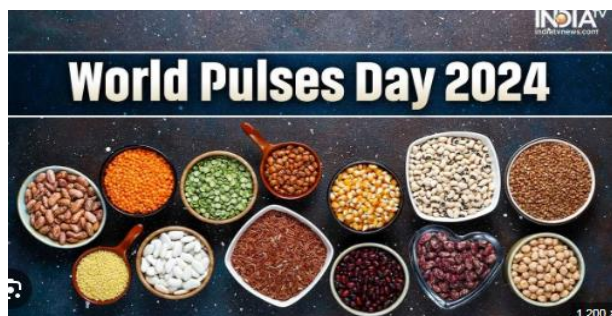


- ✓ At the core of this initiative lies the Smartcard scheme, designed to provide startups with essential support services at discounted rates.
- ✓ This scheme aims to bolster startups in accessing crucial resources necessary for their growth and operations, spanning human resources, legal advice, IT infrastructure, media, and publicity.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Pulses Day: February 10**

- ✓ Every year on February 10th, the global community celebrates World Pulses Day, an occasion dedicated to recognizing the pivotal role of pulses in promoting food security, nutrition, and sustainable agricultural practices.



- ✓ This year's theme, "Pulses: Nourishing Soils and People," emphasizes the dual benefits of pulses for enhancing soil health and providing essential nutrients to humans.
- ✓ World Pulses Day finds its roots in the International Year of Pulses (IYP) 2016, an initiative led by the FAO to raise awareness about the benefits of pulses.

➤ **National Deworming Day: February 10**

- ✓ National Deworming Day is an annual initiative in India launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to address the issue of soil-transmitted helminthiasis (STH) among children.



- ✓ The National Deworming Day will be celebrated on February 10th, 2024.
- ✓ STHs, commonly known as intestinal worms, are parasitic worms transmitted through contaminated soil and can cause significant health problems, including malnutrition, anemia, and impaired cognitive development.

