

# Current Affairs: January 6, 2025

## 1. India's Rural and Urban Poverty Declines



A recent report by SBI revealed a steep decline in India's rural poverty, dropping from 25.7% in 2011-12 to 4.86% in 2023-24. Urban poverty also fell to 4.09%. The reduction is largely attributed to Direct Benefit Transfers (DBT), which ensured financial aid reached the most vulnerable sections efficiently, enhancing economic inclusion and poverty alleviation.

## 2. Foundation of Central Ayurveda Research Institute



Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the Central Ayurveda Research Institute in New Delhi. This state-of-the-art facility aims to promote the integration of traditional Ayurveda with modern healthcare, fostering research, education, and innovation in alternative medicine for holistic well-being.

## 3. CSIR's Breakthrough in Paracetamol Production



The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) developed indigenous technology for manufacturing Paracetamol, a vital medication. This innovation reduces India's dependency on imported Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs), enhancing the country's self-reliance and boosting its pharmaceutical sector amidst global supply chain challenges.

#### 4. NIA Arrests Key Accused in PFI Funding Case



The National Investigation Agency (NIA) arrested Mohammed Sajjad Alam in connection with the Phulwari Sharif PFI terror funding case. Alam is alleged to have funneled funds to the banned Popular Front of India (PFI) for unlawful activities, underscoring the government's intensified efforts to curb terror financing.

#### 5. India and Bangladesh Exchange Fishermen



In a humanitarian move, India and Bangladesh repatriated 185 detained fishermen who had strayed across their maritime borders. Along with the fishermen, several seized fishing boats were also exchanged. This act of mutual goodwill highlights the two nations' commitment to resolving disputes amicably.

## 6. Supreme Court Upholds Property Rights



The Supreme Court reaffirmed that property rights are protected under Article 300A of the Indian Constitution. The judgment emphasized that no one can be deprived of their property without adequate legal compensation, thus reinforcing the importance of fair governance in land acquisition cases.

## 7. India's Defence Ties with France Strengthened



India and France finalized a defense deal under which the Indian Navy will acquire three more Scorpène-class submarines. The agreement strengthens India's maritime capabilities and reflects the deepening strategic partnership between the two nations in

defense and technology.

## 8. Varun Tomar Excels at National Shooting Championship



Varun Tomar won gold in the Men's 10m Air Pistol event at the 67th National Shooting Championship. He also secured the top position in the junior category, showcasing his exceptional skills and emerging as one of India's promising young shooters.