

## **Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare inaugurated “CHAYAN BHAVAN” of ASRB and Girls Hostel of IARI in Pusa, New Delhi**

On January 31st, 2024, Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Shri Arjun Munda, inaugurated the new office building “**CHAYAN BHAVAN**” of the Agricultural Scientists Recruitment Board (ASRB) and the girls' hostel “Phalguni” at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), Pusa Campus, New Delhi. He was joined by Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Shri Kailash Chaudhary and Ms. Shobha Karandlaje, Secretary of DARE and Director General of ICAR Dr. Himanshu Pathak, Chairperson of ASRB Dr. Sanjay Kumar, and Director of IARI Dr. A.K. Singh.



The newly constructed “**ChayanBhavan**” is a “Griha - 5” rated building, recognizing its energy efficiency. It boasts rooftop solar panels with backup power and a sewage treatment plant. Additionally, the building features a rainwater harvesting system, VRF air conditioning, Wi-Fi network, and thermal and underdeck insulation.

As an attached office under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, ASRB recruits and assesses personnel for the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Equipped with interview rooms, meeting spaces, examination halls, and a data center, “**ChayanBhavan**” streamlines its operations.



During the program, the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare released the ASRB Annual Report. Shri Munda expressed his delight at the inauguration stating that “**CHAYAN BHAVAN**” will improve ASRB’s selection, examination, and related activities. He dedicated the buildings to the nation.



Shri Munda then emphasized the government’s commitment to agricultural development and farmer welfare under Prime Minister Modi’s leadership. He outlined planned initiatives to empower farmers and enable them to supply to local and global markets. These efforts include various schemes and programs, such as the “Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman” (PM Kisan) scheme for income support.

Shri Munda also highlighted India’s recent achievements, including becoming the 5th largest economy, assuming the G-20 presidency, and demonstrating resilience during the pandemic. Minister of State Shri Chaudhary, Ms. Shobha Karandlaje, Dr. Himanshu Pathak, and Dr. Sanjay Kumar also shared their perspectives on the occasion.