

## **PRESS NOTE**

### **Anand Agricultural University has received ICAR- National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources, Karnal sponsored “Breed Conservation Award-2022” for Ankaleshwar chicken**

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Poultry Research Station, Veterinary & Dairy Science Unit of (A.A.U.), Anand is actively engaged in poultry research, teaching and extension-education activities. Various native (indigenous) and exotic breeds of poultry are being genetically improved and conserved at Poultry Research Station. In the year 2012-13, fertile eggs of native poultry breed of Gujarat i.e. “Ankaleshwar”, having importance in rural poultry farming were procured under the guidance of Dr. K. B. Kathiria, former Director of Research & Dean P. G. Studies and present Vice Chancellor, A.A.U., Anand. These fertile eggs were artificially incubated and chicks were generated at Poultry Research Station. From this base population, a genetically improved breeder stock was established and is conserved under plan scheme of A.A.U. and also under ICAR sponsored All India Co-ordinated Research Project. Approximately 60,000 chicks of this breed are being supplied yearly to needy rural poultry farmers. Applications for “Breed Conservation Award” are being invited by ICAR- National Bureau of Animal Genetic Resources (ICAR-NBAGR), Karnal, every year, since the year 2017, from livestock keepers and institutions from all over the country to promote and encourage them, who are engaged in indigenous breed conservation. In context with this, under the guidance of Dr. M. K. Jhala, Director of Research & Dean P. G. Studies, A.A.U., Anand, Poultry Research Station, A.A.U., Anand had applied for “Breed Conservation Award-2022” (Institution Award). In that, Anand Agricultural University has been awarded “Breed Conservation Award-2022” for “Ankaleshwar” breed of poultry by ICAR-NBAGR, Karnal. On occasion of “Kisan Diwas”, “Kisan Diwas & Breed Conservation Award-2022” ceremony was organized by ICAR-NBAGR, on 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 2022 at Karnal. In this ceremony, Dr. B. N. Tripathi, Deputy Director General (Animal Science), ICAR, New Delhi acted as President; Dr. A. K. Shrivastava, Vice Chancellor, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Veterinary University, Mathura acted as Chief Guest; Dr. Dhir Singh, Director, ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, Dr. B. P. Mishra, Director, ICAR-NBAGR, Karnal, Dr. (Mrs.) Hema Tripathi, National Co-ordinator (M&E), NAHEP, ICAR, New Delhi and Dr. A. K. Mishra, Principal Scientist & Co-ordinator, Breed Conservation Award, Karnal remained present and appreciated as well as congratulated all the award winners. Dr. F. P. Savaliya,

Principal Scientist & Head, Poultry Research Station received this prestigious award on behalf of A.A.U. Dr. K. B. Kathiria, Vice Chancellor, A.A.U., Anand and Dr. M. K. Jhala, Director of Research & Dean P. G. Studies, A.A.U., Anand appreciated and congratulated Dr. F. P. Savaliya, Dr. A. B. Patel, Dr. N. J. Bhagora, Dr. R. K. Mishra and staff members of Poultry Research Station for this achievement.

