

TURKEY TRADITIONAL EQUESTRIAN SPORTS FESTIVAL OCT. 2012

Kr.Raghuvendra Singh Dundlod, Colonel Sarparatap Singh (Retd.) and Sh.Sushil Kumar represented IHSI India at the Traditional Equestrian Sports Festival. Many countries demonstrated their own skill of sports like Jostling / Archery / Sword skills / Game of Buch Kashi / Acrobatic Riding and many other Turkish traditional horse sports. The Indian team demonstrated the skill of tent pegging on borrowed horses, which the spectators found very exciting and was appreciated by all horsemen from many countries.

Indian riders to participate in Turkey fest

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JAIPUR: Three Indian horse riders will participate in a traditional sports festival to be held at Denizli in Turkey from October 10 to 14. Organisers had invited Indigenous Horse Society of India (IHSI) to participate in tent pegging.

Traditional sports such as archery on horseback, Buzkashi (it is played with a headless goat's carcass) and tent pegging



■ A Turkish horse

with lances and swords will also be held along with other Asian and Middle Eastern sports.

“Colonel Sarpartap Singh (retd) and Sushil Kumar will accompany me on this occasion to demonstrate tent pegging with lances and swords,” said Raghuvendra Singh Dundlod, secretary general, IHSI.

“It is a fine opportunity for Indian horse riders to show their skills at a global level. The festival will begin with javelin throw on horseback and will finish on October 14 with strongman truck pull and sumo tournament,” added Dundlod.

An exhibition and presentation about the indigenous breed

of horses from India will also be organised at the festival.

“An exchange will also take place to understand Turkish horses and its history. We will also meet Turkish horse breeders, Government Equine Centre and veterinarians,” said Col Singh, a veteran horse rider.

“It is a pity that we have once again lost an opportunity to showcase Marwari and Kathiawari horses at a global level due to the Union agriculture ministry's illogical export policy,” said Raghuvendra Singh Dundlod.