World Camel Day events amuse spectators

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At IUB, BAHAWALPUR

The World Camel Day was observed at Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB) on June 22, 2013, where a number of attractive and colorful events were held including a seminar for information, knowledge and entertainment. Camel parade, camel race and dance besides children's camel riding and more milk giving competition amused the participants while children especially enjoyed themselves with the events. The day long events were arranged in collaboration with the Desert Rangers, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF), University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS), Lahore, PMAS, Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi (AAUR), Bahauddin Zikriya University (BZU), Multan, Livestock and Dairy Development Department, Punjab and the Camel Association of Pakistan (CAP). A seminar was held to highlight the importance of camels in the life. On the occasion, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Vice-Chancellor Dr Tallat Naseer Pasha was the chief guest while Vice-Chancellor of IUB Dr Muhammad Mukhtar chaired the seminar. Dr Muhammad Mukhtar in his address said that camels had always remained the best source of transportation in the world over the centuries especially in the desert and it was equally valuable for the local people too because the role of camels in Cholistan had always remained of high importance and this seminar was the part of it to recall the importance of this desert ship and find ways to improve its breeding and proper care. He remarked that the Islamia University had been promoting the local culture, social and moral values and literature with the cooperation of local organizations to promote community services and the participation of the inhabitants of Cholistan in a large number here were the prove that the university was deeply connected with the community. Desert Rangers Commander Brig Salim Qadir delivered special lecture on the importance of camel and said that it is quite helpful for national defense too as proved over the years. Former provincial minister for livestock Mumtaz K Manais, Cholistan's landlord Khalid Gill, Agriculture University Faisalabad's, Prof Dr Muhammad Younas (President CAP) and a local citizen Gul Muhammad also addressed the seminar. A documentary on Camels was also showed on the occasion.