

Trampling on the Demons

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Ghode Jatra, the Festival of Horses, was celebrated on Sunday, 30th March. A special formal parade was held in Tundikhel, which was attended by politicians and heads of state. There were horses galore, as well as men in uniform, as the Nepal Army Cavalry put up all kinds of performances. Traditionally, it is believed that, on Ghode Jatra, the thundering hooves of the horses keep the demons at bay.



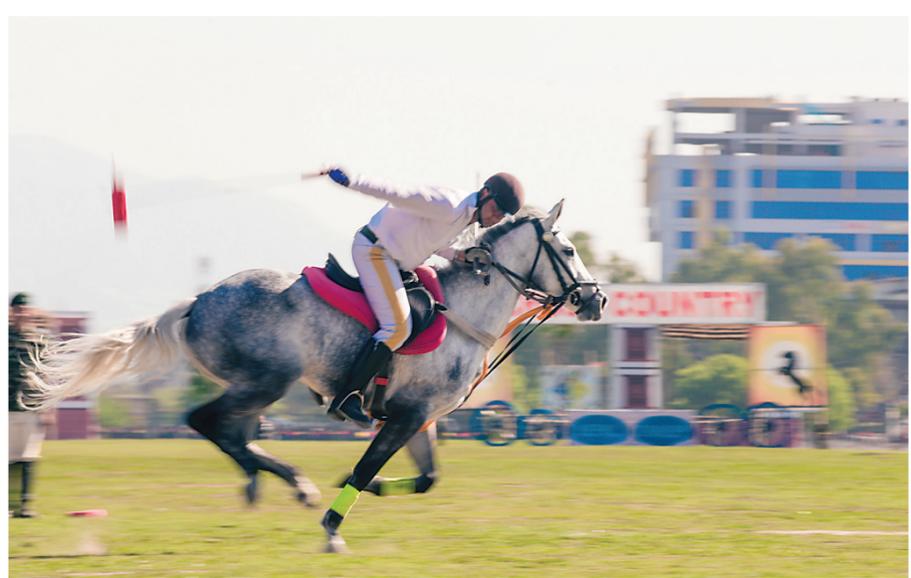
Besides the parades, horse jumps were also carried out.



The Nepal Army Cavalry performed demonstrations and horse parades.



Apart from the sword jump, there were many other performances such as trick riding, charger horse race, sword-and-apple, drill ride, musical rider, vaulting exercise, horse ball, cross-country, fire jump, etc.





President Ram Baran Yadav attended the special event, along with Prime Minister Sushil Koirala, Vice President Parmanandha Jha, and other important dignitaries.



Above & Below: Ghode Jatra is mainly attended by army personnels of all rankings.



Above: The female participants of Ghode Jatra waiting for their turns.

Below: Even though Tundikhel was closed to the general public, it didn't stop them from viewing the parades through the fences surrounding the field.

Right: Horses weren't the only animals at the festival. There was also a dog show where the canines executed various dangerous stunts.

