Archery skills, highlight of Valvil Ori

Dog show held as part of the two-day tourism festival

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NAMAKKAL: Valvil Ori festival, commemorating the bravery of master archer King Ori of Koli Hills that gave him the title of Valvil (one who has mastered archery), was held atop the Koli Hills, participated by archers from Chennai, Salem, Erode and Namakkal.

An archery competition was the highlight of the third edition of the two-day tourism festival that concluded on Wednesday.

The competition was separately conducted for boys and girls in four different age categories.

Winners

Winners of the first three prizes in the categories are as follows:

Senior Boys (above 18 years): M.S.K. Venkatesan, P.P. Sathish Kumar and M. Verakumar

Senior Girls: N. Nandhini, S. Granavalli and M. Thavamani

Junior Boys (above 16 years): R. Prasannakumar, J. Nelsonprabu and M. Gokulnathan

Junior Girls: S. Divya and K. Ramya

Sub-Junior Boys: S. Harisharan, B. Balaarasan and E. Yogeshkumar

Sub-Junior Girls: C. Krithika, S. Palaniammal and R. Li ziya Mini

Sub Junior (Boys): N. Rakesh kumar, V. Baghav and S. Diwakar. District Collector J.

Kumaragurubaran inaugurated the competition, conducted at Semmedu Bus Stand.

It was organised by the AYUSH-Isha Organic Health Systems project—a joint initiative of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and Isha Outreach.

Dog show

Police dogs from Salem and Namakkal stole the show at the dog show, organised as part of the festival on Wednesday.

The police sniffer dogs detected bombs, jumped over hurdles and obeyed the instructions of their masters to win a round of applause of the hundreds who had gathered to witness the event.

Eight different breeds of dogs from the majestic Great Dane to the tiny Miniature Pincher (also called Min Pin), that hardly weighs a third of the weight of a chicken, strutted through the competition venue in a parade and exhibited their skills.

Other breeds of dogs that took part in the show were German Shepherd, Belgian Shepherd, Rottweiler, Dalmatian, Pug, Labrador and Doberman.

One of the most impressive performances of the day was the reverse two leg walk performed by a Doberman that lasted for nearly one minute.

A Labrador was also kind enough to give a three-year-old girl a pleasure trip.

The girl sat comfortably in a small wooden chariot tied to the neck of the dog, as an awe-struck audience cheered.