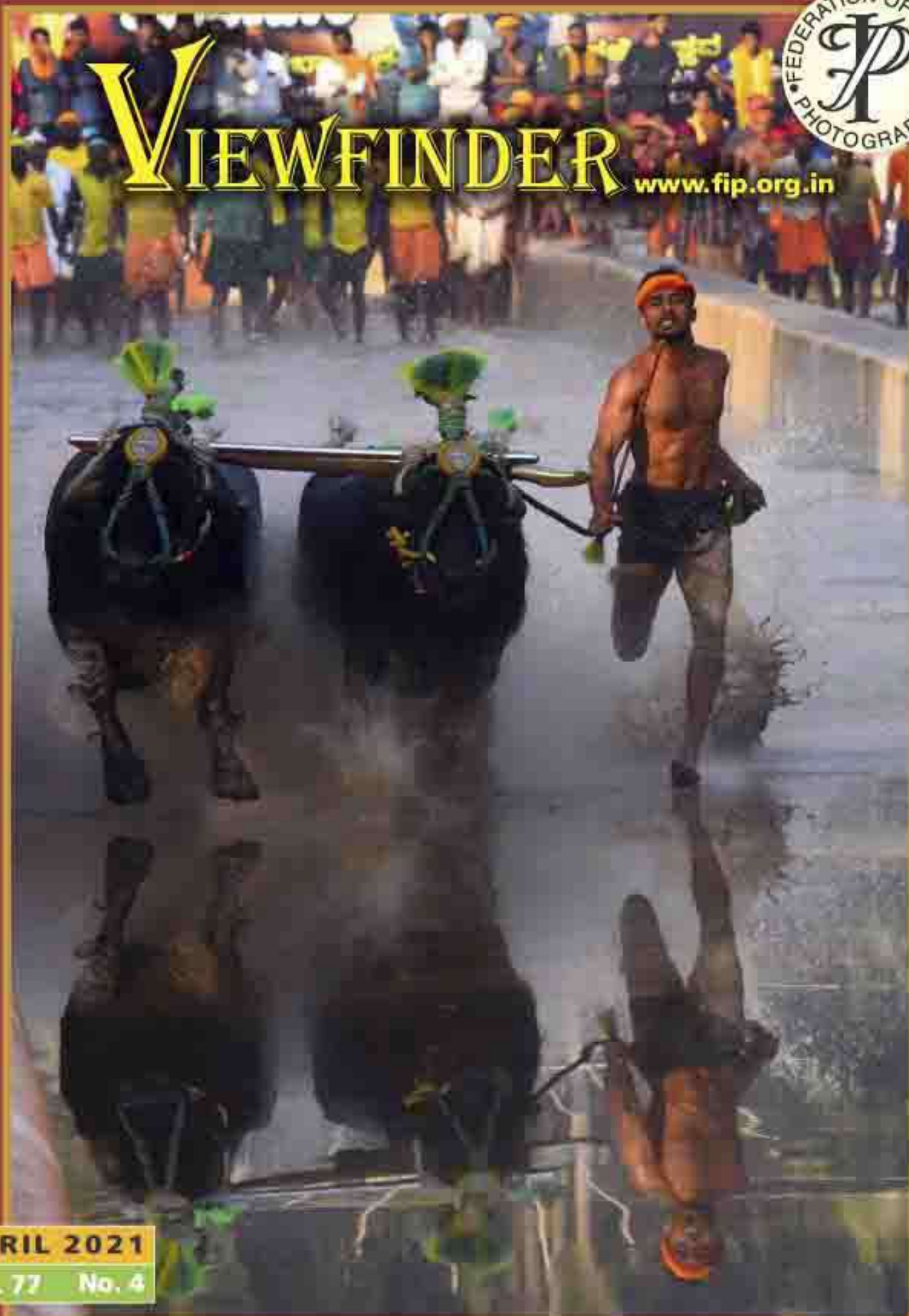




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THE SPECTACULAR KAMBALA RACE

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Referee Begins The Kambala Race

Kambala race, a very traditional race game conducted from so many years. Every second creates tension in viewers at the Kambala race place. Once the race begins, first 9 to 10 seconds are very crucial, even photographers also start taking pictures from starting because anything may happen in the race as it is involved with balancing and running with buffaloes

sometimes riders may be shifted to hospital due to injuries. This is the situation of the field.

Traditionally Kambala was non competitive and the pair were run one by one. In modern Kambala the race generally



Kambala Race Venue



Buffaloes Owners Cleaning Their Pairs



Riders in action on the track of Kambala Race-2

takes place between two pairs of buffaloes. This race track performed on two parallel race tracks filled with slushy water.

Over 45 races are held annually in Coastal Karnataka, including smaller remote villages. Kambala is an annual buffalo race held in the South western Indian State of Karnataka, from November until March every year. Kambala is derived from

"Kampa-kala" the word 'Kampa' is related to Slushy, muddy field and 'Kala' means field. The rider, jockey or runner is the man commanding the buffaloes and races along with them. Only most athletic youth can handle massive beats. The runner stands on a wooden plank supported by the setup that holds two buffaloes. The runner controls the buffaloes with a whip of ropes. Runner also entertains spectators by splashing water as high as possible during the race.

Buffaloes owners and farmers in the region take great care of their buffaloes and best of them are well fed, oiled and nurtured for a race in Kambala. The best of Kambala buffaloes can cover 140 meter race track in less than 12 seconds. The pair of buffaloes cost 50 lakhs above. Winning owners earn Gold and silver coins. Some organising committees present an eight gram gold coin as first prize, in some places cash prizes are awarded.



PEOPLE WATCH KAMBALA RACE



KAMBALA RACE TRACK



RIDERS IN ACTION ON THE TRACK OF KAMBALA RACE-7



RIDERS IN ACTION ON THE TRACK OF KAMBALA RACE-1



RIDERS BATHING AFTER THE RACE



PEOPLE WATCH KAMBALA RACE-1



Buffaloes owners to reach the track

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RIDERS IN ACTION ON THE TRACK OF KAMBALA RACE-3

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Riders in action on the track of Kambala Race-6

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Riders in action on the track of kambala race-4

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