

Conservation of wild life a collective responsibility, opines Gurme

■ Kirloskar Vasundhara Festival held

■ Environmentalists Shyam Joshi, Narendra Pawar feted



CCF VV Gurme felicitating environmentalist Narendra Pawar at Kirloskar Vasundhara photo exhibition organised in Yavatmal at LB Aney Mahila Mahavidyalaya. Also seen are Premchand Lakra, Diwakarrao Pande, Arvind Tayde and other dignitaries.

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Issue of wild life protection needs to be tackled collectively. Forest department makes efforts in this direction. However, they are not adequate. For better results, every citizen should come forward to contribute, opined forest chief conservator VV Gurme.

He was expressing his views after inaugurating Kirloskar Vasundhara photo exhibition organised here at LB Aney Mahila Mahavidyalaya.

He lauded the efforts of environmentalists working in district. Shyam Joshi, secretary, Cobra Adventure and Nature Club and Narendra Pawar, environmentalist who championed to discourage people from

destroying trees on the occasion of Holi festival, were felicitated by giving them 'Vasundhara Mitra' and 'Vasundhara Green Teacher' award respectively for their notable contribution towards conservation of wild animals and forest. Diwakarrao Pande, former MLA presided over the function.

Deputy forest conservator Pramodchand Lakra, festival director of Kirloskar Vasundhara Pune Virendra Chitrav, principal Dr Ashatai Deshmukh, president of Rajlaxmi Bank Arvind Tayde, Rotary president Ashok Kothari, president Rotary Club of Mid Town Paresh Lathiwala were prominently present at the function.

Rajendra Tongo made introductory remarks.

Swati Jirapure conducted the proceedings while Baba Deshpande proposed the vote of thanks.

Photo expo and film festival on wild life were also organised as a part of this two-day festival. Photographs by local artists Milind Dhurve and Jayant Atre were also exhibited in the expo. Film Festival organised at local theatres received great response. Assistant collector Aribam Sharma and district police chief Ranjankumar Sharma inaugurated the film festival. Social activists Rajan Tongo, Anant Pande, Jayant Karmik, Sanjay Mule, Ravindra Kharabe, Baba Deshpande, Swati Jirapure and office bearers of Rotary and Mid Town worked hard for the success of the festival.