

40 green flicks to be screened at travelling film festival

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PANAJI: A travelling Kirloskar Vasundhara International film Festival (KVIFF) will screen 40 environmental films during its maiden visit to Goa on Saturday-Sunday. The festival will open with the film 'Birds' by David Attenborough. The travelling film festival, in its seventh year, has a rich collection of 150 films on environment.

The film festival on the theme 'Water Conservation' will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar at the Kala Academy here on Saturday at 9.30 a.m.

The goal and major objective of the festival is to address some of our most current, critical environmental challenges and also generate reasons for hope and optimism, that are relevant to our community, said

• The fest themed 'water conservation' gets under way from today

• Four films by Goan directors will be screened

Festival Director Virendra Chitrav here on Thursday.

The festival is a multi-day event that will provide audiences with the opportunity to immerse in important topics and stories that affect and inspire people.

The festival has lined up for screening at least four films by Goan directors and producers. No delegate fees will be charged for participation in the festival as the KVIFF movement is an initiative to help save ecology and environment

"The KVIFF travel to 28 cities of six States, namely, Goa, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh,

and Andhra Pradesh. Every month it covers four cities," said Mr. Chitrav.

On the inaugural day 'Vasundhara Mitr' award will be given to environmental activist Nirmal Kulkarni of Nirmal Vishwa, Ponda. On the closing day 'Vasundhara Sanman' award will be given to environmental activist Rajendra Kerkar from Keri, Sattari, north Goa for his outstanding work in preservation of 'Mahadayi' river, said organisers.

S. W. A. Naqui, Director, National Institute of Oceanography, will be the chief guest at the closing ceremony on Sunday.