

KVIFF to be held in city from Jan 16

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Navi Peth: Nature enthusiasts will get an opportunity to watch award winning films of Gulo Film Productions (Germany), films by Krishnendu Bose (Earth Care Films) and Films on 'Future Food' at the the 9th Kirloskar Vasundhara International Film Festival (KVIFF) which will be held in the city from January 16-23. KVIFF is an initiative of Kirloskar and Vasundhara Club. The festival will be organised with the help of PMC, Pugmarks, Go Wild, Lokayat and State Forest Department.

Speaking at a press conference on Monday, Festival Director, Virendra Chitrav said, "The 9th KVIFF will showcase nationally and in-

ternationally acclaimed 140 films. They include short films, documentaries, small message films and award winning films. The films will be based on environmental issues, problems, positive efforts, success stories and wildlife from 25 countries." Speaking about the inauguration, Chitrav said that the inauguration of KVIFF will be done by film maker Kalyan Varma on January 16 at 6 pm at Balgandharva Rang Mandir.

"The KVIFF Competitive Photography Exhibition will also be inaugurated by Varma on January 17 at 6 pm at Raja Ravi Varma Art Gallery, Ghole Road," he added. Chitrav said that Varma will present a special audio-visual lecture on 'My Encounter with Camera' on the occasion.

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- KVIFF is from January 16 to 23.
- **Venues:** Balgandharva Rangmandir, Raja Ravi Varma Art Gallery and Jawaharlal Nehru auditorium at Ghole Road
- The entry for KVIFF is free but by registrations only.
- For online registration, visit www.kirloskarvasundharafest.in
- Those interested can also visit Pugmarks office at Jagannath Shankarsheth Road or opposite Garware College, Go Wild office at Karve Road or Lokayat office near Nal Stop for registration.
- For details, contact Festival Director Virendra Chitrav on 9822975881