

KVIFF incorporates mountaineering

Activities like rock climbing and conference on mountaineering and environment being held

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Pune: Kirloskar Vasundhara International Film Festival (KVIFF) has introduced mountaineering in association with Giripremi, a mountaineering club, from this year onwards. It aims at spreading awareness about mountaineering and its relation with the environment.

Umesh Zirpe of Giripremi spoke about various activities to be included



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BRIEFING: (L-R) Umesh Zirpe of Giripremi, Luvraj Dharmasattu, Everest and Virendra Chitrav, Festival Director of KVIFF, speak to media persons on Sunday.

ed on Sunday. Zirpe said, "Mountaineering is an activity which creates love towards nature; many times, it is considered that the trekker's hamper nature by dumping garbage during expeditions. But this is not true; rather, we collect garbage as a trekker has attachment with nature as they deal with it often."

As a part of this initiative, an activity for 50-60 students was held on Sunday morning and students from various colleges

participated.

Luvraj Dharmasattu, who has gone on Everest expeditions five times, also echoed Zirpe and said, "Mountaineers do not harm nature. Mountaineering also help people gain confidence. Every one should get basic trekking training."

Virendra Chitrav, Festival Director of Kirloskar Vasundhara International Film Festival, said there are various activities being held during this festival, including rock climbing.