

# Industry-based model will collapse: Expert

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**Navi Peth:** "India needs to rethink its concepts of development as the industrialisation-based development model followed by us will collapse once energy resources deplete," said environment activist Dilip Kulkarni on Monday.

KVIFF

Kulkarni was in the city to inaugurate the 'Paryavaran Snehi Sahitya Sammelan' at HV Desai College as part of Kirloskar Vasundhara International Film Festival (KVIFF).

Speaking to media persons, Kulkarni said that the current model of development has given rise to cities, which in itself is a big problem.

"In cities there is rampant tree cutting, plantation of exotic trees, rising levels of air and noise pollution,



**FUTURE TALK:** Environment activist Dilip Kulkarni (left), festival director, Virendra Chitrav (c) and ornithologist Pramod Patil at the KVIFF press conference at Patrakar Bhavan on Monday.

traffic congestion and problem of garbage disposal," he added.

Kulkarni said that the urban lifestyle has given rise to problems like stress

and lack of mental peace. He added that gaining mental satisfaction is possible if people live in harmony with nature.

"I left Pune in 1993 and

now I am staying in a small village in Konkan. My wife and I use very little resources but are living a very comfortable life in Konkan," said Kulkarni.

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Kulkarni suggested that the most efficient way of living in harmony with nature is when we learn to cultivate our own food and each individual satisfies his needs using naturally available resources.

Speaking about the use of solar and wind energy, Kulkarni said, "Solar and wind energy is not at all eco-friendly as the amount of energy required to make a solar panel cannot be recovered from the panel in its entire lifetime."

Kulkarni also suggested that instead of going for recycling of non-degradable materials, people must avoid using such materials.

"Plastic can be recycled only six to seven times after which it is non-degradable garbage. Also to recycle it, energy has to be provided externally. Hence the procedure is not completely eco-friendly. I advise people to avoid using plastic completely," said Kulkarni.