



A still from *The Carbon Rush*

## Nature Trail

THE ninth season of Kirloskar Vasundhara International Film Festival (KVIFF) will be held from January 16 to 23 at three venues — Balgandharva Rangmandir, Raja Ravi Varma Art Gallery and Jawaharlal Nehru Auditorium. The announcement was made on Monday by Madhav Chandrachud, Chairman, and Virendra Chitrav, Festival Director. This year's theme, "Zero Waste: Begins With Us", attempts to explore nature and analyse issues related to environment, wildlife, energy, air and water. As many as 140 films from 25 countries including India, China, Scotland, the UK, Brazil, Nepal and Kenya will be screened at the festival. Its inauguration will be at the hands of Bengaluru-based filmmaker Kalyan Varma at Balgandharva at 6 pm. Award-winning

films of Gulo Film Productions from Germany, films by Krishnendu Bose and films on "Future Food" will also be featured in the festival. The opening film of KVIFF will be *The Carbon Rush*, which focuses on the suffering caused by carbon trading around the world. The closing film of the festival will be *The Forgotten Tigers*, which is based on the lives of tigers that live outside the tiger reserves. The concluding day also includes a felicitation programme wherein seven Kirloskar Vasundhara honours will be presented by Hanamantrao Gaikwad (BVG Group, Pimpri Chinchwad), Vidya Athreya (Pune-based activist), Dhritiman Mukherjee (Kolkata-based photographer), Abhijeet Ghorpade (Pune-based eco journalist), Bharat Bhushan (Andhra Pradesh) and Suresh Khanapurkar (Dhule).