

Vasundhara fest to screen 140 films

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Pune: Canadian film 'The Carbon Rush', which takes a critical look at the emerging multi-billion dollar carbon industry, will be the opening film at the Kirloskar Vasundhara International Film Festival (KVIFF) that commences on Friday.

The film investigates the issue of carbon credits and their actual effect on pollution. The filmmakers have travelled to eight countries to make this film. This will be its first screening in India, said festival director Virendra Chitrav.

"The inauguration of the festival will be at the hands of Bengaluru-based filmmaker Kalyan Varma. We are very lucky that he is also a reputed photographer, and so he will also inaugurate our photography exhibition," Chitrav said.

The concluding film of the festival will be *Forgotten Tigers*. Directed by Krishnendu Bose, the film looks at the tiger's habitat outside the protected areas in the buffer zones, where most incidents of man-tiger conflict occur, he added. It is one of the four entries that have been selected for the 'Save Tiger' section of the festival.

At the closing ceremony, Prakash Javadekar, Union minister of state for environment, forest and climate change, will present the seven special awards announced previously by organisers.

Must-watch films

- **The Carbon Rush**
- **Fire Cat**
- **Old or New**
- **Near of Far**
- **Fat or Skinny**
- **Masters of Waste**
- **Forgotten tigers**
- **Wild Scandinavia: Sweden**
- **Wild Scandinavia: Finland**
- **Wild Maharashtra**
- **Secrets of Wild India: Desert Lions**
- **Miracle in Kolkata**
- **Monsoon Wanders**
- **Elephant's Days and Nights**
- **Abdasa: An Avian Heaven**
- **Progression**



The 140 films to be screened at the festival have been divided into 20 sections. Apart from *Save Tiger*, the other sections include three documentaries on 'Future Food', which examine issues like genetically-modified food, and seven films on the theme of the festival 'Zero waste'. A retrospective of the films directed by Varma, including *Secrets of Wild India: Desert Lions* will be screened, Chitrav said.

Commemorating the 75 years of the Pune Union of Working Journalists, one of the conferences organised on the sidelines of the festival is on eco-journalism.