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Vasundhara film fest to focus on sustainable lifestyle for all

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Pune: 'Sustainable lifestyle for all' is the theme of the sixth edition of the Kirloskar Vasundhara International Film Festival, to be held from February 18 to 26 at Balgandharva Rangmandir and Ishanya Mall.

Apart from screening acclaimed films from 25 countries, the festival will also feature a photo exhibition, nature walks, workshops, green conferences, cultural programmes, quiz competitions, open forums and audio-video presentations, which are aimed at exploring and analysing topical issues related to environment, wildlife, energy, air and water.

Organised by Club Vasundhara, in association with the Pune Municipal Corporation's Indradhanyush, the festival travels to 25 cities in seven states. "The festival offers an opportunity to evolve together, on a common platform and work substantially towards preserving nature. This year, we have expanded the scale of the festival by 50%, wherein we

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have increased our network nationally and internationally, with various organisations and NGOs. The films screened at the festival depict serious environment-related issues unique to certain parts of the globe," said festival co-organiser, Virendra Chitrav, while addressing a news conference on Saturday.

With participation by NGOs and experts from across the country, the festival has special sections for children, young-

sters, women, filmmakers and photographers. The event will also see four green conferences: 'Be Positive: Pune Green Conference' for collegians, Maharashtra Sahitya Parishad's 'Paryavaran Sahitya Sammelan,' Jalbiradari's 'Maharashtrachi Nadi Panchayat' and College of Engineering, Pune's 'E-waste seminar.'

Naresh Zurmure, additional commissioner, PMC, has provided a large amount of content-related inputs to the festival. "The green conferences are a very important part of this festival, and as a part of PMC's green policies, we will have officials from the PMC participating in these conferences," said Zurmure.

A delegation of farmers from seven states, who specialise in organic farming, will also make a presentation at the festival, Chitrav said.

Entry to the festival is free and distribution of passes will be on a first-come-first-serve basis. Registration for passes will begin from February 5 at Pathfinder bookstore, near Nelayam talkies in Sadashiv Peth.