

150 environmental films for festival from Jan 4

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Pune: More than 150 films about environment, wildlife, energy and water will be screened at the 11th edition of Kirloskar Vasthara International Film Festival (KVIFF) from January 4 to January 11, 2017.

The theme for this year's festival is 'Save River, Save Life' and films on local, state, national and the world's rivers will be screened. "The pathetic condition of the rivers in our country is why we chose this theme. We want to create some awareness," festival director Virendra Chitrav said.

The films have been categorized into 20 sections which include foreign vista, May Marathi, illegal wildlife trade, climate

change, waste management and films of one or two minutes of duration with a strong message regarding the theme.

The festival will have activities related to environment, wildlife, energy and water:

SAVE RIVER, SAVE LIFE

Around 80 events including audio visual lectures, cultural programmes, choreography presentation, street plays and a slogan writing competition will be held. A cycle rally has been planned on January 8 from Shanwarwada at 5pm in collaboration with 'My Earth Foundation'.

Supriya Chitrav, KVIFF's film section head, said, "The films will be based on environ-

mental problems, the fight against them and success stories."

The festival will have a retrospective by filmmaker S Nallamuthu which will include a film made on the funeral of Machli, the tigress. The opening film will be 'Planet Ice: Himalayas' which features aerial shots, time lapse sequences and shooting in tunnels of ice with unpublished images. It will also have the best films from Woodpecker International Film Festival, New Delhi.

Films will be screened at National Film Archive of India from 6pm to 9pm. On Sunday, they will be screened from 10am to 1pm. "We have received more than 8,000 registrations till now and hope to get 25,000 before the festival," Chitrav said.