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enes Sales Federation Ganapati Mangre led the fisher-

after getting the government's approval, he said.

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Environment Film Festival in Hospet and Koppal From Dec 8

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Koppal: Kirloskar Ferrrous Industries Limited (KFIL) and Pune-based Vasundhara Club will organise a four-day film festival in Hospet and Koppal from December 8 with the motto of preserving the earth for its posterity.

The event is aimed at creating awareness among youth about the environment. The festival will mainly focus on preservation of bio-diversity.

In all, 35 films will be screened during the festival

from 3.00 pm to 9.00 pm. While the festival will be held at City Municipal Council Art Gallery of Hospet on December 8 and 9, films will be screened at Panaganti Marriage Hall in Keppal on December 10 and 11.

An exhibition of photographs, nature walk on December 9 and bird watching at Kamalapur near Hospet at 6.00 am on December 11 will be part of the event.

Besides this, a workshop for students on nature-friendly learning and drawing competitions on nature

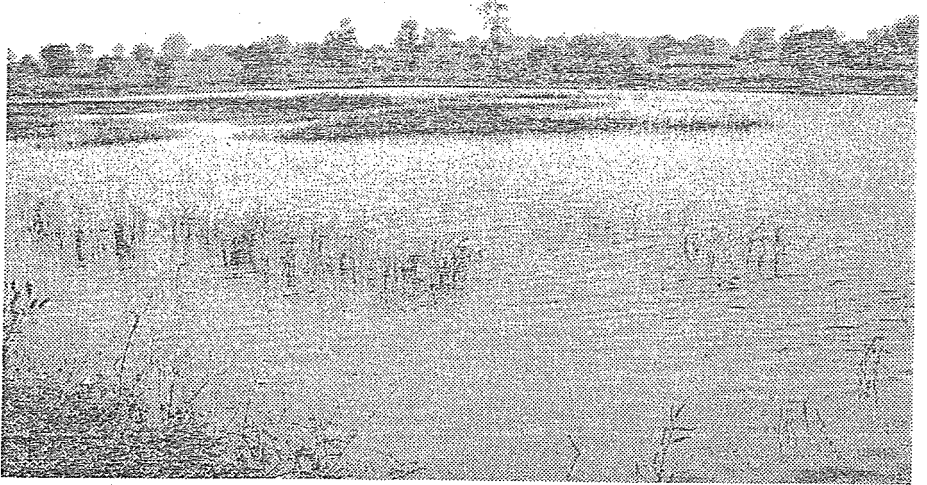
will also be held during the four-day festival.

Sanjay Gubbi will be honoured with 'Vasundhar Saman' award in recognition of his contribution to wildlife and environment and Deveraj Reddy will be presented 'Vasundhar Mitra' award on the occasion.

Both the awards will be presented during the inauguration of the film festival on December 8 at Hospet.

Entry to the event is free, according to a press statement issued by the KFIL here on Monday.

Tank Gets New Lease of Life in Belgaum Village



The Hirenandihalli lake in Belgaum | Express Photo

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Belgaum: Hirenandihalli village in Belgaum taluk has become a model village in the district by implementing the Karnataka Community based Tank Management Scheme successfully. The scheme brought about a sea change in Ramlingeshwar Kere in the village which is now irrigating about 40 hectares in the vicinity. A beautiful garden was also developed beside the tank. While ₹28 lakh has been allocated for the tank development, ₹17 lakh was spent so far, said the tank users association sources.

As many as 134 tanks/lakes in seven taluks of the district were selected under

water table in the long run. The Water Resources Department in association with Water Resources Planning Association have been implementing the scheme.

Ramlingeshwar Kere was about on the brink of drying up when the scheme was launched about ten months ago. The accumulated silt in the neglected tank was almost touching the water surface. It was desilted, the mud was spread around the bund and plantation was taken up to from a natural fencing. Blocked water channels into the tank have been cleared. Two gates were also fixed to avoid people entering into the tank area. Hoardings displaying the scheme's features were put up near the tank.

Those who planted the saplings are looking after them. Canals have been constructed through which water is being released everyday to the garden as well to agriculture fields.

Ramlingeshwar Kere Balakedarara Sangha president Mallangouda Basavangouda Patil lauded the efforts of the Water Resource Department in giving new life to the tank. He said that rejuvenated tank has been irrigating considerable area of land in the vicinity and the garden developed beside the tank had given a nice look to the village now.

District Planning Coordinating Officer HF Hundekar gave all the credit to the villagers in implementing the