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## Vasundhara Film Festival begins

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**NASHIK :** The Kirloskar Vasundhara International Film Festival organised by Kirloskar Pvt Ltd in association with Showcase, Girikand Travels and Radio Mirchi was inaugurated by Director Nirjhara Borulkar from Nashik at Raosaheb Thorat Hall last evening.

The theme of this festival this year is 'Save Biodiversity'. A photography exhibition based on the theme 'Threatened Species of India' and 'Maaza Nashik Avdicha ani Navdicha' was also inaugurated on the occasion by Nature Friend & Renowned Photographer Shri Kshirsagar.

Festival Co-ordinators Makarand Devdhar and Rajaram Kasar welcomed the guests.

Principal of KTHM College Dr V B Gaikwad was present as the Chief Guest.

Festival Director Virendra Chitrav, Head of the Co-ordination Committee Madhav Chandrachood, Rajesh Patil, Festival Co-ordinators Rajaram Kasar, Shrinivas Sant, Organiser Hemant Bele and Amit Tillu of Showcase, Sunil Kotwal and Vivek Garud of Avakashyatra were present on the dais.

The Vasundhara Mitra Honour Awards were also presented on the occasion to Kusum Dahivelkar, Kiran Rahalkar, Sankraman organization and Manik Kasar.

Festival Director Virendra Chitrav said that the festival has been organised to express regret and expiation, because human beings are responsible for the destruction of biodiversity. The Festival is meant to observe penance for their destructive activities and pledge to carry out pro-

grammes of nature conservation.

The Chief Guest Dr V B Gaikwad said that to save the biodiversity, each person should start working on it from his home. KTHM College has Air Pollution Analysis Centre of Central Pollution Control Board in the M.Sc. Environmental Science Department. Students here are able to measure water pollution and sound pollution too.

Shri Kshirsagar said that newspapers should not publish photographs of birds, snakes and other species that have been spotted somewhere and should not mention their names, to prevent misuse of this information by some people, who can cause harm to these species.

Krutika Dev compered the programme and proposed the vote of thanks.