

Visual treat for nature-lovers at Vasundhara fest

About 75 films on environment will be screened at the festival from March 22

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The nature-lovers and environmentalists have a treat in store for them. The second Vasundhara International Film Festival will give them an opportunity to watch films on nature and environment.



M Gadgil


The eight-day long festival will start from March 22 at Yashwantrao Chavan Auditorium.

This year, the theme of the festival is 'Preserve, protect and save the earth for generation next' and it will explore issues related to environment, wildlife, energy, air and water.

Chairperson of the film festival Vijay Varma said, "The festival will be held for 14 hours a day. This year it's being held on a broad scale. Last year the capacity of the auditorium was just 300 seats, but this year 1,000 seats are available for the film buffs."

During the festival, the nature-lovers will get an opportunity to watch 75 films from the Wild Screen

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Festival, BBC, British Council, British Library, Discovery Channel, Animal Planet, Bedi Brothers, Best Asian-Indian directors, WWF and films from countries like the US, the UK, France, Germany, Israel, China, New Zealand and Sri Lanka.

Apart from the films, there will be a short film and documentary film competition. The best 10 films will be awarded and screened in the festival. The festival is open for all. Entry passes are available at the club Vasundhara Pathfinder, near Neelayam Talkies.



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VASUNDHARA SANMAN FOR MADHAV GADGIL

This year, Vasundhara Sanman award will be presented to renowned ecologist Madhav Gadgil for the extensive research in fields of population biology, conservation biology, human ecology and ecological history. The award will be presented at the inaugural function, which coincidentally is celebrated as World Weather Day. It comprises a memento, citation and the Puneri pagadi.