

Sakal Reflections begins with aplomb

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Pune: 'Sakal Reflections 2011', a photography exhibition themed on threatened flora and fauna in India, was inaugurated as part of the fifth annual Kirloskar Vasundhara International Film Festival (KVIFF) at Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) art galley at Ghole Road here on Sunday.

Enthusiasts will have an opportunity to see photographs of several species of trees, plants, animals, birds and insects, which are on the brink of extinction, during the photography exhibition here.

The exhibition, which was inaugurated formally at the hands of film actor Mrunal Kulkarni, will remain open to all from 10 am to 8 pm till February 21.

The photographs displayed at the exhibition will be documented by the organisers and submitted to

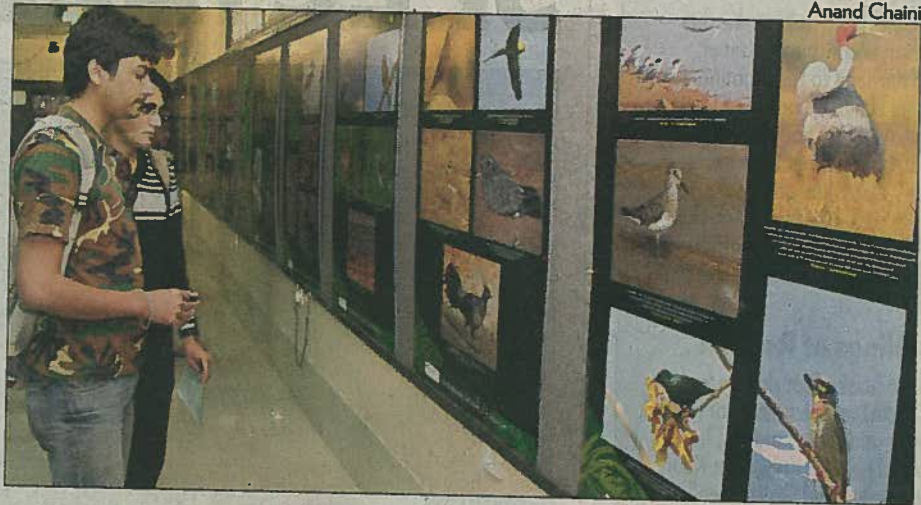
the State forest department in order to seek protection of the endangered flora and fauna species in the state as well as in the country.

This is the third consecutive year of the 'Sakal Reflections' photography exhibition, in which photographs have been contributed by nature lovers, ecological experts, botanists and conservationists, among others.

Speaking at the inauguration, KVIFF president Vijay Varma urged the need for taking joint efforts to conserve the threatened species in the nature.

While, news editor of daily Sakal, Madhav Gokhale, underlined the need for spreading the word about environmental protection to masses at large.

Zoological Survey of India scientist M S Pradhan and KVIFF organisers Virendra Chitrav and Anuj Khare were also present on the occasion.



Anand Chauri



ADORING NATURE:

Actress Munal Kulkarni (left) inaugurated the 'Sakal Reflections 2011', a photography exhibition as part of the fifth Kirloskar Vasundhara International Film Festival (KVIFF) at Pune Municipal Corporation art gallery at Ghole Road on Sunday. (Above) Visitors taking a look at the photographs on display.

Shiv Sena wants direct connect with voters

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Pune: Urging local party leaders to pull up their socks for 2012 civic polls, Shiv Sena MLC Neelam Gorhe on Saturday sent out a strong message to those working against party interests. "Do not try to become a roadblock in the progress of the party, otherwise you would be rooted out," said Gorhe.

Gorhe was addressing a training session of local party leaders from Kasba Peth and Parvati Assembly constituencies, with the focus being on grassroot preparations for 2012 civic polls.

Urging party activists to establish a direct connect with citizens in their respective wards, Gorhe said, "Local leaders need to have a precise understanding of problems faced in their respective municipal wards." Parab said.