

Environment film fest to honour women forest guards

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Pune: The Lion Queens of India, the only female forest guards team that became instrumental in arresting gangs of women poachers at Gir National Park, will be felicitated at the 10th edition of Kirloskar Vasundhara International Film Festival (KVIFF) on January 6.

Ananda Kumar, who used SMS to alert people of Valparai

plateau, Tamil Nadu about the presence of elephants, thus preventing harmful encounters will also be honored with 'Green Oscar'.

The festival which follows the theme 'Smart and Sustainable: It's my city' this year will showcase as many as 175 films from over 25 countries.

Addressing a news conference here on Thursday, the festival director, Virendra Chitrav



said, "Prמוד Patil and Sarang Yadwadkar will also be honored during the eight-day long festival that aims to make peo-

ple aware of how sustainable smart cities can be built."

Patil will be honored for his contribution in conserving the Great Indian Bustard. While Yadwadkar will be honored for his keen study of Pune's water carting capacity, pollution due to untreated sewage and analysis of Pune Municipal Corporation's (PMC) river navigation project.

The highlights of the festi-

val include 'Smart walk' and 'Eco Bazaar'. "Smart walk will involve visiting the eco-friendly houses that use renewable sources of energy while recycled, upcycled and organic farm products will be displayed at Eco Bazaar," Chitrav added.

African and SAARC countries will be seen participating for the first time in the film screening.