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Lokmat Times scribe receives prestigious Vasundhara Award



Kirloskar Vasundhara Sanmaan award presentation programme held in City on Thursday in the presence of Noted Author Achyut Godbole. Jagdish Gadag, Makrand Deodhar of Kirloskar Oils, Award winner Sangram Govardhane, Lokmat Times Journalist Shivani Ganesh, Virendra Chitrao, Amit Tillu, Award Winner Chief Engineer of Eklahare Power plant Umakant Nikhare were on the dias.

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Nashikites fighting for the cause of Environment in their respective fields were felicitated at the Kirloskar Vasundhara awards held in the city on Thursday.

The festival is known to recognise the people working for the environment and climate change aims to create awareness by acknowledging the contribution of people addressing different aspect.

The festival kicked off this year from Nashik and would be held in other parts of the state in coming months.

Director of the festival

Virendra Chitrao said the festival started 12 years ago and now organised in 30 cities across seven states of India.

"The festival started from Nashik with a message of Environment protection. The aim is to spread and create awareness among the young generation," he said addressing the audience. Speaking about the theme of river protection picked by the festival this year, Chitrao said, "India is probably the only country in the world which gives rivers the status equivalent to a mother and yet it has one of the most polluted rivers."

He added that this is a

sharp contrast. "To create a new brigade of environmentalists, youngsters from about 15 colleges have been chosen who will volunteer for various environmental projects conducted by Vasundhara," he said.

Chitrao said that these volunteers would be addressed as eco-rangers and would conduct various activities through the year.

He said that over 200 Vasundhara festivals have been conducted across the country till date. Umakant Nigade, the chief engineer at Nashik Thermal Power Station (NTPS), was awarded Vasundhara Sanman Award. Lokmat Times Senior Sub-Editor



Lokmat Times journalist Shivani Ganesh received Kirloskar Vasundhara Award from noted author Achyut Godbole.

Shivani Ganesh was among the three chosen for the award. The other recognised for their work towards environment were Sangram Govardhane, a wildlife photographer and architect. All the awardees were felicitated at the hands of chief guest Achyut Godbole.