

# Deb, Rao to be awarded

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**PUNE:** Dr Debal Deb from Odisha and Arati Kumar Rao from Bengaluru will be felicitated with Vasundhara Sanman and Eco-Journalist awards respectively at 14th Kirloskar Vasundhara International Film Festival (KV-IFF). Films based on several environmental issues like plastic pollution, wildlife conservation, etc, will be screened at the festival.

KVIFF 2020 has been organised between January 3 and 7, 2020, at Balgandharva Rangmandir and Archive Theatre campus in the city.

## AWARDEES

■ Dr Debal Deb, who is being awarded 'Vasundhara Sanman' at KVIFF has founded Basudha, a small farm near a forest near Muniguda in Odisha. The farm was established to conserve the vanishing biodiversity of traditional rice varieties and to encourage, demonstrate and support for organic farming and traditional methods of multiple cropping.

KVIFF is the joint initiative by Kirloskar and Vasundhara Club and is being organised in association with National Film Archive of India (NFAI) and visual partner is CMS Vatavaran, New Delhi.

For the first time, last year's theme 'No to Plastic, Yes to Earth' has been continued for this year as well at KVIFF. This year's opening film is 'The Policing Langur' by Green Oscar winner Vi-

■ Rao is a National Geographic explorer, an independent environmental photographer, writer, and artist documenting the slow violence of ecological degradation. She crisscrosses the South Asian subcontinent following a single-story, across seasons, sometimes over the years, to chronicle South Asia's changing landscapes and climate and its effect on livelihoods and biodiversity.

jay Bedi. The film captures the man-monkey relationship in India that stretches from mythology to modern times and makes for a tale of veneration, tolerance and coexistence.