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Students of MOP Vaishnav College interacting with film makers at 'Clima film festival 2014' on climatic changes screened at the college on Friday.

Climate change a career option

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Studying climate change is a good career option apart from the fact that it would benefit society and the place that we live in, said Shekar Dattari, wildlife and conservation film-maker in the thematic session on 'Climate change and the coasts' as part of the Clima Film Festival 2014, held at MOP Vaishnav College on Friday.

Talking about the effect of climate change on animals, Shekar said that global warming could result in the birth of only female turtles due to the high temperature during incubation leading to a dearth in male turtles and gradual depletion of the species.

As technological advancements had been contributing largely to global warming, Shekar said that we could not turn our clocks back to ancient and traditional practices, but we could give back as much as we took by means of planting trees and limiting our wants to needs.

"Our lifestyle is an evolutionary process. Once conservation becomes a fashion, people will automatically adopt it to stay in trend and follow it like it is practised in the Western countries," he said, stating this as a solution.

Speaking on the harmful

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effects of plastic, Gopikrishna Warrior, regional manager, environment, Pano South Asia, said. "While temperatures between 400 800 degrees Celsius produce harmful gases, heat above 800 degrees Celsius can produce usable oil for fuel purposes."

Farmers' and fishermen's perspectives on environmental issues were presented through short films by Krishnendu Bose, founder of Earthcare Films.

Participatory videos of women from Navi village Kumaon and the Sunderbans areas, depicting their lifestyle and efficient ways of empowerment by means of home gardening and individual efforts, were also screened.

"Telling your story your way is unique and you choose to reveal the exciting and obscure phases of your life. Filmmaking is beyond commercialisation and connects people with strong messages," he said, explaining the power of videos to create an impact on environmental awareness.