



## **ETHIRAJ COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (Autonomous)**

### **7.3 Institutional Distinctiveness**

The vision of the college is to develop young women into socially responsible citizens with a well-developed personality and global outlook. Along with the academic and extracurricular activities that aim to fulfil the vision and mission, participatory management at the student level ensures attainment of SDG5 of the UN. The college's students' Union, a democratically elected body, represents the students in various fora of campus life. The union co-ordinates and the participation of students in extracurricular activities. It organizes and conducts co-curricular and cultural events at inter-departmental and national level and co-ordinates the participation of the students in the competitions held by other institutions at district, state and national level.

To observe the 125th birth centenary celebrations of the founder and to commemorate his vision of women empowerment Ethiraj Sakthi, a new student initiative was launched. Ethiraj Sakthi, a group of Eight student leagues was formed to include students in the day-to-day administration of the college thereby, providing an opportunity to develop their organisational and leadership skills. The motto of Ethiraj Sakthi is "Impress, Influence Inspire".

The eight leagues are: Swachh Ethiraj , Alumnae Connect, Campus Innovations, Disaster Mitigation, Green Enviro, Holistic Well Being, Social Works and Website league. The involvement and commitment of the students, as significant stakeholders, of the institution, create a distinctive culture. The strength of the leagues lies in its potential to tap the innate capabilities of young women. They aim to create young, responsible and efficient future leaders at regional, national and global levels. Each League comprises student leaders from various disciplines guided by a faculty coordinator. The objective of Ethiraj Sakthi is to involve more student leaders in the administration of the college. Each league takes on at least two projects each semester. These students' initiatives ensure 100 per cent involvement

of the students from planning to execution. This instils a sense of responsibility among students, develops values and ethics and promotes camaraderie and the joy of shared accomplishments. The development of women power and participation is the singular goal of the Founder and all stakeholders of Ethiraj college.