## **WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2023**



World Environment Day is the most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment. The United Nation Environment Programme (UNEP) has designated June 5th as World Environment Day for conserving the environment. It is a global platform for public outreach, with participation from over 143 countries annually.

As a part of the World Environment Day, Ethiraj College Enviro club in association with NCC, NSS and YRC organized the awareness programme on "MIYAWAKI FOREST" and Distribution of Plants to the public in Ethiraj College premises on 05.06.2023. Miyawaki Forest is the Japanese method of creating natural forests and restoring their native vegetation. It created a dense forest with a mixed variety of plants in a small area and within a short time. A "new option" of coexistence, in which urban areas and forest environments coexist. These small clusters of forest gradually turn into a massive area. Ethiraj College for Women with social responsibilities, identified the importance and significance of Miyawaki forest. The only city college which initiated Miyawaki forest in the year 2021, with more than 2000 plants with 20 different tree species planted and is evidenced with luxuriant growth with diversified tree species.

Carbon dioxide is one of the most commonly produced greenhouse gas and to reduce the percentage of Co 2 from the environment, we should go for planting of tree species with efficient carbon sequestration. Certain tree species have the highest potential to sequestrate the atmospheric carbon. To create awareness about the importance of trees in the

carbon sequestration, the plantation of tree species in the college campus was organized by Thiru V. M. Muralidharan, Chairman, Ethiraj College for Women and Dr. S. Uma Gowrie, Principal, Ethiraj College for Women, Dr. A. S. Saranya, Vice Principal and Dr. M. Jeyanthi, Vice Principals Self supporting. Enviro club Convenor, Dr. M. Kanimozhi, NCC Convenor, Dr. S. Deepa Rani, NSS convenors Dr. K. Anjalai and Dr. A. Rajkala along with the students representative distributed the saplings to the public. All the students have actively participated with zeal and enthusiasm.

