

PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT

PRESS WING

*

PR. No. 62/2021

Islamabad; May 25, 2021: President Dr Arif Alvi has called for increasing forestation in the country so as to cope with the harmful effects of climate change and global warming. He emphasised the need for enhanced tree plantation to reduce pollution and improve air quality in urban areas. The President gave these remarks at a briefing, given by Senior Vice President, Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company (SECMC), Syed Zaheer Mehdi, on Miyawaki Forest, at Aiwan-e-Sadr, today.

Syed Zaheer Mehdi gave a presentation on Miyawaki tree plantation technique and highlighted its advantages, saying its growth is 10 times faster and 30 times denser than normal trees. He said that his organization would plant 4000 saplings in the area of Aiwan-e-Sadr. The President said that the Government was making serious efforts to enhance forest coverage by undertaking plantation drive to plant 10 Billion trees in the country. He said that Miyawaki forest was best suited for Pakistan as its trees grew faster and denser which would enormously help reduce pollution in the country. He stated that modern plantation techniques could help provide healthier environment to the residents of urban centres and Miyawaki forest would greatly help in this regard. The President also called for maximizing the utilization of all available resources and spaces in urban areas to achieve a "Clean and Green" Pakistan.

The President appreciated the initiative of SEMC to plant 4000 trees at Presidency.
