

## Best Practice II

### 1. Title of the Practice: **Learn with Nature**

#### 2. Objectives of Practice

- Train students to become protectors of Nature.
- Translate classroom – knowledge into life – application
- Participate in the nation – building process

#### 3. The Context:

- The earlier ‘Green Campus, Clean Campus’ practice has now been expanded into a larger umbrella, ‘Learn With Nature’, incorporating the initiatives of the Nature and Biodiversity Clubs.

#### 4. The Practices

- Conscientisation talks & seminars
- Environment related activities, cleaning campaigns
- Planting and greening drives
- Active participation in Swatch Bharat, Save Energy Campaigns and the Haritha Keralam Project
- Release of the manuscripts ‘Haritha’ & ‘Thusharam’
- De-plasticised campus
- Campus divided into Zones and entrusted to various departments for cleaning and greening
- Green Campus with fruit trees, ornamental plants, medicinal garden, botanical garden, & space for cultivation
- Celebration of environment related days
- Production and sale of bio-control agents, bio – pesticides, & bio – fertilizers
- Distribution of Paper Bags
- Composting
- Mushroom Cultivation from wastes
- Sorting biodegradable and non- biodegradable wastes for disposal
- Solar energy upgradation
- A Green Brigade
- A course on Environment Protection

#### 5. Evidence of Success:

- Audit observations vouchsafe the installation of solar panels, training in vegetable cultivation, composting practices, green campus, environmental awareness programs and well – maintained gardens.

#### 6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:

- Availability of time.
- More space to be created.
- Revenue to be generated.

#### 7. Notes:

- ‘Learn with Nature’ is a practice that all institutions can adopt, in view of environmental degradation.