

Best Practice I

1. Title of the Practice - **Campus Community Connect**

2. Objectives of Practice–

- Groom students into proactive citizens.
- Promote awareness on environmental issues.
- Facilitate holistic development of students, facilitating closer bonds between faculty , students and their families

3. The Context

This is inspired by ‘SCOPE’, an institution-neighborhood-community network established for the benefit of the neighbouring Shammugham colony decades ago.

4. The Practice

- Voluntary Blood Donation
- Free Blood detection and pathological investigations
- Visiting the houses of the aged, the destitute, the differently abled, participating in adult education, literacy mission
- 5 Villages adopted
- Houses built for 41 poor families
- Counselling services offered by DARSANA, the counselling centre
- Awareness programs, surveys etc. on women related issues
- College Sports Academy for promotion of sports awareness
- Mental health training provided for National / International athletes
- Faculty as members of Justice Forum
- Sr. Mary Franco Memorial Educational Charitable Trust
- CDRL for promotion of health awareness
- Faculty @ Home healthy Practice
- E-popularization classes.
- Biodiversity programs, ‘Bird Friendly Campus’ and ‘Veedinu Oru Kaadu’
- Green audit by external experts.
- ‘A Tree for Every Home’, ‘ Pathayora Thanal Mara Samrakashana Program’, ‘Amritha Palliative Home Care’, ‘Love Locks Mision’ & ‘Fast A Meal, Feast a Meal’

5. Evidence of Success

- Forges a link with the beneficiary communities
- Brings the students face to face with social and environmental concerns
- Harnesses youth power for national development

6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required

- Time-consuming
- Financial involvement
- Safety of the girl students

7. **Notes:** This is a necessary practice which instils in students a sense of responsibility to the community.