N.S.S. College, Pandalam is one among the three premier institutions of higher education, established by the Nair Service Society, the leading educational agency and social organization. The founder, the Late Padmabhooshan Mannathu Padmanabhan was a great visionary and social reformer who believed that education is the most effective means of social reforms. The college keeps its tradition and identity in the higher education scenario through its vision "Sreyohi Jnanam Abhyasath". The college is moving forward with a mission to educate and illuminate the young generation with values and tradition. The college was established in the month of February 1949 and started functioning as a second grade college in the year 1950 offering intermediate courses of the University of Travancore. More courses in the Degree and Post Graduate levels were introduced in the successive years and at present, with a total of sixteen Degree Courses and seven Post Graduate Programmes and the research programme in Zoology, the college is recognized as a special grade Post Graduate College affiliated to University of Kerala. In its long history that spans over 65 years, the College has been trying to cater to the academic needs of the student community along with the social and cultural warmth that it has been spreading to the larger world outside. The institution has an impeccable record of providing value added and value-based education displaying sensitivity to the changing educational, social and market demands. Research being the most potential area of higher education, the college takes maximum care and attention to promote a research culture among the faculty and students. The college concentrates on total quality through a holistic approach in its academic pursuit. The College provides quality education by assuring a peaceful, learner friendly, progressive, and democratic ambience in fulfilling its noble vision, mission, and goal. College was recognized by the Department of Science & Technology, Govt. of India for financial assistance under FIST Scheme to improve facilities in the PG Science departments.

The institution offers sixteen degree programmes, seven post graduate programmes and three Ph.D programmes. In the academic year 2021-2022, 922 students were admitted in the college. Bridge courses were conducted by the individual departments to familiarise the basic aspects of the course. There were 91 teaching staff and 23 non-teaching staff working in the college during 2021-2022. The internal examinations were conducted as per the academic calendar in online mode. The University Examinations were conducted as per the schedule of University of Kerala. 994 students appeared for the final year end semester examination and 380 students passed.

There were twenty two research guides and fourty one research scholars in the college during 2021-2022. Sixty Six research papers were published in scopus indexed/UGC listed/peer reviewed journals.

There were about 1594 students were benefited by the scholarships and freeships provided by the government. 72 students were benefited by the scholarships and freeships provided by the institution. 262 students were benefitted by guidance for competitive examinations and career counselling offered by the institution during the year. 29 students won medals for outstanding performance in sports activities at university/state/ national level during the year 2021-2022. 31 teachers attended professional development Programmes viz., Orientation / Induction Programme, Refresher Course, Short Term Course during the year.

Various National and international commemorative days are observed and celebrated. Speeches by Principal and Guests on National festivals- Independence and Republic Day and reading of the preamble to the Constitution recapitulate and enhance National pride. There are also many cultural events including dance, skits and songs which reflect our national pride and pave way for introspection and realization of our obligation towards the nation. Other commemorative days such as Women's day, Teachers' Day, Gandhi Jayanti, Unity Day, Environment day etc. are also celebrated. World Environment Day- 5th June- Various programmes are organized by students for spreading environmental concern and Independence Day-A programme is organized to celebrate India's consciousness. Independence day through reliving our past and paying tribute to the heroes who laid their lives for their motherland. Teachers Day- Students organize programmes for the teachers to celebrate the Birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishan. Women's day celebration-8th March each year is celebrated by various programmes on women empowerment by Women's Study Unit of the college. Earth Day- 22nd April is celebrated as Earth Day by planting saplings by students of N.S.S in various areas of the city.