

N.S.S. College Pandalam reaccredited at 'A' grade by NAAC

N.S.S. College, Pandalam, one of the premier first grade educational institutions, under the corporate management of Nair Service Society is reaccredited at 'A' grade in 2014 by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), Bangalore. The top grade 'A' given by the NAAC has achieved by the college based on the self study report of the institution submitted to NAAC during December 2013 and subsequent physical verification in the college during 13, 14 and 15 March 2014. The assessment was based on several parameters such as teacher quality, teaching-learning process, curricular, co-curricular and extracurricular activities and achievements, pass percentage of the students during last five years, research outputs such as research publications, Ph.D. produced and ongoing research activities, minor and major research projects undertaken by the faculty; awards and recognition of faculty in the State and National levels, participation in community development, ecofriendly practices inside the campus and ecological awareness programmes among the community outside the college, modern infrastructure facilities inside the campus, innovative methods adopted by the institution in curricular and co-curricular aspects, management strategies, including financial management and resource mobilization, library and IT infrastructure of campus, student support facilities, consultancy and extension work of the faculty, etc.

This 64 years old premier education institution in Kerala has a 28 acre campus by the side of MC road in the heart of Pandalam town adjacent to other educational complexes of N.S.S. Management. The college offers 16 UG courses, 7 PG courses and Ph.D. courses in various disciplines. In addition to this, 26 certificate courses are also offered by the college to inculcate soft skill development and self employment capability in students. A total of 2450 students are studying in this college which are predominated by girl students. 90 % of faculty members possess research degrees. The faculty published a total of 278 standard research papers in national and international reputed journals and published 20 books during the last

five years. Three faculty members received national awards for excellence in research. The college produced 10 Ph.D's during the last five years and presently 15 scholars are pursuing their research programme leading to Ph.D. under the guidance of various faculty. The college produced 26 ranks in the University level during the last five years and the pass percentage of various subjects in the college is very high. At present, four members of faculty represent University bodies like Syndicate, Senate and Academic council and are engaged in curricular restructuring and implementation. The National Service Scheme unit of the college were selected as the best N.S.S. unit in Kerala University and the unit also bagged the best programme officer award from Kerala University, last year. The best N.S.S. Volunteer award at National level from the Indian President was also received by the unit of this college. The college harbours modern seminar hall and a sophisticated computer lab. The faculty mobilized a total of 1.5 Crores as research grant from various funding agencies during past five years and the college has several modern research labs. The college is publishing an international multidisciplinary science journal "Science Chronicle". The college is conducting various community development programmes and ecofriendly practices like river safety study, giving food packet to poor, helpless and needy. The college has constructed two houses for homeless which could be considered as one among the healthy practices of the institution.

The NAAC peer team members Dr.M.Gangadhara Rao (Former Vice Chancellor, GITAM University, Andhra Pradesh), Dr.Jayprakash Mukundlal Trivedi (Professor & Head, Sardar Patel University, Gujarat) and Fr.Dr.A.Albert Muthumalai (Former Principal, Loyola College, Chennai) expressed satisfaction in the overall analysis and recommended the institution for attaining autonomous status and centre with potential for excellence. The Principal-in-charge Prof.S.Janardhana Kurup and NAAC Co-ordinator Dr.M.G.Sanalkumar expressed that, with this 'A' grade, the institution has risen to a level of higher education standard, what the founder and the farsighted visionary Padmabhushan Bharatha Kesari Late Mannathu Padmanabhan dreamt.