**5.4.1 The Alumni Association / Chapters (registered and functional) contributes significantly to the development of the institution through financial and other support services.**

HBNI is a research university and a predominant fraction of its students are research scholars. Alumni of HBNI have occupied several key positions, particularly in academics. In the DAE units, a significant number of the students are employees. The contributions of alumni of HBNI, therefore needs to be seen from the perspective of nuclear energy development also. Several alumni are leading R&D programs in DAE units and mission-oriented activities such as nuclear reactor design, development of fuel cycle, mining of nuclear materials, etc. The alumni of HBNI have also provided leadership to professional bodies.

Many of the CIs/OCC of HBNI maintain an active alumni program, regularly interact with them through email networks, track their progress and invite them to programs organised in the institution so that the current students can be inspired by the interactions. The DAE units under HBNI being central government funded national laboratories, do not have any provision for accepting the financial and non-financial contribution from alumni towards the development of the institute. However, some of the CIs/OCC, which are Grant-in-aid institutes of DAE, do obtain financial support from the Alumni for various programs in the respective institutions.

SINP Alumni Association, formed in 2007, is a registered society which organizes seminars and lectures on popular and contemporary topics on a regular basis.

The alumni association of ACTREC/TMC is registered under the Society Registration Act 1860 as well as Mumbai Public Trust Act 1950. The alumni association, launched in 2006, regularly organises meetings of alumni.

TMC has an active Alumni association, though it is not a registered Society. The members usually gather for the Foundation Day celebrations around the last week of February/ 1st week of March, annually. This is the time when an Evidence-Based Management Conference on some aspects of Oncology/ Disease Site is held at the Tata Memorial Hospital. It is attended by several past students as well as by other oncologists across the country. In addition, there are certain meetings that are held every year by different departments in the hospital which are also well attended by faculty. The alumni, in addition to being registered participants, sometimes act as faculty in these meetings, depending on their expertise and the theme of the meeting. Additionally, when alumni visit the institute, they are invited to share their experiences and academic work through talks organised at the TMH. In addition, non-academic gatherings are also organised during such visits. The purpose is to hear and learn from their experiences, both curricular and extra-curricular and also to create an opportunity for present students and residents to interact with the alumni regarding opportunities available for career advancement and the ways to apply for fellowships and similar opportunities abroad in institutes of repute.

**HBNI Alumni Association Activities:**

1. HBNI Alumni Network: Almost 1600 alumni’s information is available in our database. The information is regularly updated with their recent photo and affiliation in the Alumni section of HBNI webpage. Also link of Alumni page of CI/OCC is visible in HBNI webpage.

2. Alumni Webinar: Monthly HBNI alumni webinar is being conducted by HBNI Central office. Nine alumni webinars have been conducted from February 2024-November 2024. This will help to make a close connection of alumni with their alma mater, to benefit HBNI students for the career guidance and placement and making strong bond between alumni and current HBNI students.

3. Alumni and alumni Ambassador WhatsApp group: Almost 250 alumni are part of this WhatsApp group. The aim is to quickly share the recent information, program and achievements of HBNI to alumni and vice versa.

4. Job posting: Alumni can post jobs in HBNI Placement Cell webpage by logging in. The provision has been implemented so that alumni can help students in getting suitable placements.