

#### **5.4 Alumni Engagement**

**There is a registered Alumni Association that contributes significantly to the development of the institution through financial and/or other support services**

##### **Establishment of the Alumni Association**

The Alumni Association of MERI College was established with the aim of fostering a strong bond between the institution and its graduates. Since its inception, the association has grown in strength and now boasts a considerable number of active members who are deeply committed to giving back to their alma mater.

##### **Financial Contributions**

One of the most notable contributions made by the MERI College Alumni Association is its consistent financial support to the institution. Our institution maintains a strong connection with our alumni network. Institute organizes fundraising campaigns and events that encourage alumni to contribute to the institution's growth and development. Their contributions help us enhance our resources significantly. Fund is utilized to recognize the alumni every year through alumni meet “Splice”.

##### **Mentorship and Career Guidance**

The alumni association actively engages in mentoring and providing career guidance to current students. Alumni who have excelled in their respective fields return to the college to conduct workshops, seminars, and interactive sessions. This not only benefits the students by providing them with practical insights but also creates a bridge between academia and the professional world. The alumni's industry experience and knowledge are invaluable resources for current students seeking guidance on their career paths. Various events are being organized where alumni are invited to address the students. College organize guest lecture of alumni as “21 Step Initiative” for resume writing and mock interviews for existing students.

##### **Networking Opportunities**

The association organizes networking events, alumni reunions, and professional meet-ups where alumni and current students can connect and network. These interactions provide students with opportunities to build connections with experienced professionals, potentially leading to internships, job placements, and collaborations on research projects. The alumni

network serves as a valuable resource for students as they transition from academia to the workforce.

### **Academic and Research Collaborations**

The registered alumni association actively promotes academic and research collaborations between the college and its graduates. Alumni who have gone on to pursue advanced degrees or have established themselves as experts in their fields often collaborate with faculty members and students on research projects. This synergy between current students and alumni contributes to the academic growth and research output of the institution.

### **Promotion of Institutional Values and Traditions**

The alumni association plays a crucial role in preserving and promoting the values and traditions of MERI College. Through their involvement in cultural events, sports meets, and other college activities, alumni help instill a sense of pride and belonging among current students. This continuity of institutional values strengthens the college's identity and creates a sense of unity among its stakeholders.



