

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

Arul Anandar College Alumni Association (AACAA) is an affiliating member of **Jesuit Alumni Associations of Tamandu (JAAT) / Jesuit Alumni Associations of India (JAAI)**. It has membership comprising of alumni and staff of the College. The Rector and the Secretary of the College are the patrons and the Principal is the Chairperson.

A group of **illustrious alumni** from educational institutions and corporate firms spearhead the activities of AACAA. The team aims at fostering spirit of loyalty to the institution, friendly interactions among members and promotion of optimism among students.

The **General Body Meeting** of the Association is convened once in a year and the future activities are planned for the concurring year.

The **alumni chapters** are organised regularly at different places like **Chennai, Theni and Kodaikkanal**.

The Association also arranges annual **department-wise meetings** facilitating the alumni to renew their bonds with their respective departments.

The Association offers its help to the Management in **mobilizing resources** for the development of the institution. It identifies students from deprived economic background and supports them by providing scholarship.

The alumni lent a helping hand to the College for raising funds on the occasion of **Golden Jubilee**.

The **alumni of the Department of Physics, History and Mathematics** have contributed a sum of **3.95 lakh** for the establishment of endowments and the interest of which is utilized to support the deserving students of the institution.

The alumni generously contribute financially for relief and rehabilitation at times of **natural calamities**. It exhibited its munificence by donating a sizeable sum of amount towards the **Relief Fund** pooled by the Management for the Covid-19 affected.

On the occasion of every **Graduation Ceremony**, the Association is magnanimous enough to host lunch for all the new graduates. The Alumni Association sustains its supporting spirit to the college by means of both monetary & non-monetary contributions.

The alumni of all the departments render their **intellectual resource and expertise** during seminars and conferences that are organised by the Institution. They also enlighten the students periodically by offering guest lectures. As a mark of respect for their dedicated service and contributions, AACAA proudly honours the retiring teaching and non-teaching staff of its alma mater. The income and expenditure of the association is duly audited by a Chartered Accountant every financial year.

**Arul Anandar Health Centre** is partially supported by the Arul Anandar College Alumni Association. The Centre attends to the health care of the students and also provides medical assistance to the people in the nearby villages.