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

The IIPS Alumni Association (IIPSAA) is a registered society since 01-12-2011 under Societies Registration Act, 1860. Its motto is '*Demographers Fraternity Matters*'. It is actively involved in organising academic activities such as research-related workshops, skill building and supporting PhD students to attend international conferences, summer workshops, etc. Members of IIPSAA serve as resource persons in the above-mentioned activities. IIPSAA publishes annual e-Newsletter starting from 2013. It contains an account of the annual activities undertaken by the IIPSAA, writings by eminent alumni, information about general body meeting and membership of IIPSAA.

During the year, IIPSAA organized an online Global Alumni Meet (GAM) during 24-26 September 2021. The theme for the event was 'Reconnect, Reinvigorate and Rejoice'. Altogether there were 15 sessions comprising three academic sessions, three sessions for students and researchers, three cultural/extra-curricular programmes, three interaction sessions, ten parallel cohorts meet, and inaugural and closing sessions. The GAM events were scheduled for continuous 72 hours where live and pre-recorded sessions were played for global coverage. The live sessions were streamlined on YouTube. Interviews of former faculty members of IIPS, short videos showing life at IIPS and recorded programmes were played. The event brought nearly 1200 alumni together covering 28 countries.