VELS INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ADVANCED STUDIES (VISTAS)

UNIVERSITY ETHICAL COMMITTEE (NON-RESEARCH)

MINUTES OF THE ELEVENTH MEETING

Meeting No.: UEC/11/2025-26
Academic Year: 2025–2026

Date

20 May 2026

Time

11.00 A.M.

Venue

Ratan Tata Block

Chairperson

Member Secretary

Members Present

The Chairperson welcomed all members to the Eleventh Meeting of the University Ethical Committee (Non-Research). The quorum being present, the meeting commenced. The Member Secretary presented the Action Taken Report (ATR) of the previous meeting and informed the Committee that Green Campus initiatives, environmental awareness programmes, Green Audit recommendations, waste management activities, energy conservation measures, and sustainability projects had been implemented successfully across the University.

Agenda

1. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Tenth Meeting.
2. Review of the Action Taken Report (ATR).
3. Review of Community Outreach and Extension Activities.
4. Evaluation of Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR) initiatives.
5. Review of NSS activities, health camps, environmental campaigns, and village adoption programmes.
6. Discussion on Alumni Engagement and Alumni Mentoring initiatives.
7. Review of Industry Collaboration, Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), internships, consultancy, and collaborative projects.

8. Strategies to strengthen ethical leadership, stakeholder engagement, and community partnerships.
9. Alignment with **NAAC**, **NIRF**, **IQAC**, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), National Education Policy (NEP 2020), Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA), and **QS World University Rankings**.
10. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Proceedings of the Meeting

The Chairperson emphasized that higher education institutions have an ethical responsibility to contribute to society through community engagement, outreach programmes, social responsibility initiatives, and collaborative partnerships. Members agreed that meaningful interaction with society strengthens institutional relevance, promotes experiential learning, and develops socially responsible graduates.

The Committee reviewed the **Community Outreach Programmes** conducted during the academic year through the National Service Scheme (NSS), Youth Red Cross (YRC), institutional clubs, and various Schools and Departments. Activities included blood donation camps, free medical camps, eye screening camps, health awareness programmes, environmental awareness campaigns, cleanliness drives, tree plantation activities, road safety campaigns, voter awareness programmes, and educational outreach in adopted villages. Members appreciated the active participation of students and faculty in these initiatives.

The NSS Programme Officer presented a report on **Extension Activities** and village adoption programmes carried out under **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)**. Members reviewed programmes related to sanitation, nutrition, digital literacy, women empowerment, financial literacy, school education support, health awareness, environmental conservation, and skill development. The Committee appreciated the University's sustained efforts in promoting rural development and community welfare.

The Committee reviewed various **Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR)** initiatives undertaken during the year. Members discussed programmes supporting underprivileged communities, disaster relief activities, environmental sustainability, healthcare services, educational assistance, and social awareness campaigns. It was resolved that each School should continue organizing at least one major community engagement programme every semester to strengthen institutional social responsibility.

The Committee discussed the role of **Alumni Engagement** in institutional development. Members reviewed alumni guest lectures, mentoring programmes, career guidance sessions, entrepreneurship mentoring, placement assistance, scholarship support, curriculum feedback, and networking activities. The Committee recommended strengthening the Alumni Association through regular interactions, professional networking events, international alumni engagement, and industry mentorship initiatives.

The Committee also reviewed **Industry Collaboration** through Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), internships, industrial visits, faculty exchange programmes, and expert lectures. Members emphasized that strong industry partnerships improve student employability, curriculum relevance, innovation, and entrepreneurship. Departments were encouraged to establish new collaborations with national and international organizations.

The Chairperson highlighted the importance of **Ethical Leadership** in promoting integrity, accountability, inclusiveness, transparency, and service to society. Members discussed the need to integrate leadership development, professional ethics, community service, and social responsibility into student development programmes and faculty training initiatives.

The Committee further discussed the significance of community engagement, alumni relations, industry collaboration, and institutional social responsibility in achieving excellence under **NAAC**, **NIRF**, **IQAC**, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), National Education Policy (NEP 2020), **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)**, and **QS World University Rankings**. Members emphasized maintaining comprehensive documentation of outreach programmes, NSS reports, alumni activities, industry collaborations, MoUs, consultancy projects, extension activities, and social impact initiatives for accreditation, ranking, and quality enhancement.

Resolutions Passed

The Committee unanimously resolved to:

1. Strengthen Community Outreach and Extension Activities through NSS, institutional clubs, and departmental initiatives.
2. Enhance Institutional Social Responsibility (ISR) programmes focusing on health, education, environment, rural development, and social welfare.
3. Expand village adoption and community development initiatives under **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)**.
4. Strengthen Alumni Engagement through mentoring, career guidance, networking, entrepreneurship support, and curriculum feedback.
5. Increase Industry Collaboration through MoUs, internships, and expert interactions.
6. Promote Ethical Leadership, community service, and social responsibility among students, faculty, and staff.
7. Maintain systematic documentation of outreach programmes, extension activities, industry collaborations, alumni engagement, and social impact initiatives.
8. Align all community engagement initiatives with **NAAC**, **NIRF**, **IQAC**, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), National Education Policy (NEP 2020), **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)**, and **QS World University Rankings**.

Action Points

Sl. No.	Action Item	Responsibility	Timeline
1	Organize at least one major community outreach programme in every School each semester	Heads of Schools & NSS Unit	Every Semester
2	Strengthen village adoption and extension activities	NSS Unit & UBA Coordinator	Continuous
3	Expand alumni mentoring, networking, and career guidance programmes	Alumni Relations Cell	Quarterly
4	Establish new industry collaborations and MoUs	Corporate Relations Cell	Continuous
5	Organize ethical leadership and social responsibility workshops	IQAC & Student Affairs	Every Semester
6	Submit annual reports on outreach, alumni engagement, and industry collaboration	Member Secretary	June 2026

Expected Outcomes

The Committee expects the following outcomes:

- Increased student participation in community engagement and social responsibility programmes.
- Stronger institutional partnerships with local communities, industries, alumni, and government agencies.
- Enhanced employability through industry collaboration, internships, and professional networking.
- Improved alumni engagement and contribution to institutional development.
- Greater awareness of ethical leadership, social responsibility, and civic engagement among students and faculty.
- Comprehensive documentation supporting accreditation, quality assurance, institutional audits, and global rankings.

- Improved institutional performance under **NAAC**, **NIRF**, **IQAC**, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), National Education Policy (NEP 2020), **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)**, and **QS World University Rankings**.

Conclusion

The Chairperson appreciated the dedication of all members in promoting community engagement, institutional social responsibility, alumni participation, and industry collaboration. The Committee reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening ethical leadership, sustainable community partnerships, and stakeholder engagement as essential components of institutional excellence and societal development.

The Chairperson further directed all Schools and Departments to continue documenting outreach activities, collaborative initiatives, and social impact programmes systematically to support quality enhancement, accreditation, and international ranking objectives.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks proposed by the Member Secretary.

Prepared by

Member Secretary

Reviewed and Approved by

Chairperson

Date: 20 May 2026