Nellore, came into being, fulfilling the long-cherished dream of the people of Nellore district, re-christened Potti Srramulu Nellore district since 2008, by G.O.Ms. No. 89, Higher Education (U.E.II) Department, dated 25.06.2008. This GO makes history in the field of Higher Education in Andhra Pradesh since it paves the way for the establishment six new Universities in six districts in Andhra Pradesh. Vikrama Simhapuri University, Nellore, in its seminal role as a higher institute is grooming the careers of the youth to create a think-tank of resourcefulness for macro stakes in nation-building. The University is currently offering eleven courses keeping in view the resources of the region and the employability of the graduates. The University was established by Act No. 29/2008 enacted by the Legislature of the State of Andhra Pradesh on 25th June 2008. It started offering six Postgraduate courses of contemporary relevance from August 2008. Research programmes leading to the award of the Ph.D. degree have been launched on 29.08.2010.

Giving the University a full-fledged status, the Government of Andhra Pradesh in a letter from the Principal Secretary to Government, Higher Education Dept.No.9855/UE-II/2008-4 dated 09.04.2010, has authorized the University to exercise its powers of affiliation under the A.P. Universities Act, 1991, to bring UG/PG/ MBA & MCA (Professional)/Oriental, B.Ed, Law, colleges and one Engineering college, in Sri Potti Sreeramulu Nellore district under its jurisdiction from the academic year 2010 - 11. Thus 127 colleges, hitherto affiliated to Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, have been brought under the fold of Vikrama Simhapuri University, Nellore. Meanwhile the University Grants Commission conferred recognition on the degrees awarded by Vikrama Simhapuri University under Section 22 of the UGC Act, vide its communication No. F.9.2/2010 (CPP-I/PU) dt. 20 Jan 2010. The Association of Indian Universities has brought the University under its fold, vide its communication Meet/Mem/2010 dt. June 2, 2010.

The courses are designed keeping in view the demand for the subject, scope for the intellectual development of the student within the disciplinary boundaries, the relevance of the course broadly for the region and the nation, employability of the student, and his ability to contribute, through the skills and practical training acquired at the University, to regional and national development and to national wealth. That Nellore is fast metamorphosing itself into an industrial city with a concentration of major industries around a twenty kilometer zone of the area where the University is going to be located and that the district administration is gearing itself up to prepare a HR Atlas for the purpose are also factors taken into the reckoning in the matter of course design.