

VIKRAMA SIMHAPURI UNIVERSITY

First Convocation



VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REPORT
Prof. G. Rajarami Reddy

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SRI VENKATESWARA KASTURBA KALAKSHETRAM

Dargmitta, NELLORE
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Your Excellency, Shri E S L Narasimhan, Chancellor of this University, Distinguished Guest, Dr. V. Bhujanga Rao, Distinguished Scientist, DRDO, Visiting Dignitaries, revered guests, Members of the Monitoring and Development Committee of the University and Academic Senate of the University, the Faculty, supporting staff, students, the new graduates, ladies and gentlemen, I extend a cordial welcome to all of you on the First Convocation of Vikrama Simhapuri University.

On this occasion, the University takes legitimate pride in honouring the Distinguished Scientist, Dr. V. Bhujanga Rao. He is one among the leading architects of the frontline Defence Systems and Advanced Combat Machines of the Country. It is gratifying that our University has now the opportunity of honouring him on the First Convocation.

I wish to present a brief report on the activities and achievements of the University and apprise you of the major highlights during the last six years.

VIKRAMA SIMHAPURI UNIVERSITY, Sri Potti Sreeramulu Nellore district, 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 August 2010. The University is given affiliating status by the Government on 09th April 2010, to exercise its powers of affiliation under the A.P. Universities Act, 1991, to bring UG/PG/ Professional/Oriental, etc., colleges in Sri Potti Sreeramulu Nellore district under its jurisdiction from the academic year 2010 – 11. Thus 127 colleges, hitherto affiliated to Sri Venkateswara University, have been brought under the fold of Vikrama Simhapuri University, Nellore. The UGC conferred recognition on the degrees awarded by the University under Section 22 of the UGC Act, dated 20th January 2010. The University is admitted into the Association of Indian Universities on 02nd June 2010. The Post Graduate Centre, Kavali, with 77.8 acre campus, established in 1979, was transferred to the University by the Higher Education Department on 06th January 2011.

The first Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. C.R. Visweswara Rao laid down his office on July 27, 2011. The University achieved several milestones including development of infrastructure, setting up laboratories, implementing Choice Based Credit System, succeeded in getting land allotted, and a grant of about Rs. 15 crores for the construction of the University buildings. The University is carefully nurtured to attain the ennobled vision and mission during his term of office.

The University has two campuses. The Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has allotted 83.31 acres of land to the University at Kakuturu (Venkatachalam Mandal, Nellore). The PG Centre at Kavali has 77.8 acre campus established in 1979. As the District administration has recently handed over the land in Nellore, construction activity has been initiated, and very hopefully, the University operates from its new campus from the next academic year.

The University has grown from 06 regular departments to 17 departments in all, at both the campuses. From 06 courses, the University College, Nellore is now offering 12 courses under regular stream, while from 04 courses offered at PG Centre, Kavali, two more courses, Botany and Mathematics have been brought under regular stream from 2013.

The Post-Graduate Centre, Kavali, has been given its due share of development with 1.65 crores of construction and beautification activity undertaken during the past two years. The first floor of the Women's Hostel at the Centre has been completed to accommodate 90 students in the annexe. The Seminar Hall, Open-Air Auditorium, modernization of the Science Laboratories in Physics and Zoology Departments, Dining Hall Renovation in Men's Hostel and laying the internal roads of the Centre have been done along with the cosmetization of the Centre.

The University is given a block grant of Rs. 2.75 crores and 3.48 crores for VSU PG Centre, Kavali, for the 2011 – '12 financial year. The State Government has granted Rs. 15 crores for the construction of the buildings at the site allotted and Rs. 5 crores has been received as catch-up grant from the University Grants Commission.

For the 2012 – '13 financial year, the University is allotted Rs. 9.78 crores out of which Rs. 4,78 crores has been granted for its maintenance and Rs. 5 crores has been granted for the purpose of constructing buildings in the site allotted.

For the Financial Year 2013 – '14, the University is allotted Rs. 10.38 crores, which is solely for the maintenance of the institute inclusive of PG Centre, Kavali.

Three International Conferences have been organized in two years with Environmental Pollution and its allied areas in focus. Scientists from six countries have attended the first International Symposium on "Environmental Impacts, Health Implications and Therapeutic Approaches, (ISEHT-2012), July 15 -17 2012. Five hundred scientists from all over the country presented their research insights on the myriad themes of the Symposium.

- o The second International Symposium "Current Trends in Environmental Toxicology and Experimental Therapeutics", (ISETET- 2012) was organized during 18-19 December 2012, with the Department of Chemistry playing an active role. International Scientists from the USA, South Africa, and Panama attended the event. The International Symposium on
- o The Third International Symposium, "Environmental Pollution, Nutrition & Genetics and a Special Symposium on "Cancer Biology and Therapeutics" is jointly organized by the University Health Science Centre, University of Texas, USA along with our University, during 27-29 December 2013. International Scientists from the USA, Germany, Malaysia, and SAARC countries attended this Symposium along with over 500 participants, delegates and scientists from all over India.

Doctoral study for PhD was extended to 04 more subjects in addition to the 05 subjects in which the programme was offered. VSURESET-2012 was conducted on 14th October 2012. A new batch of PhD students had been admitted in its aftermath.

The University departments are almost full with the increase in the admissions into the departments going up from 184 in 2011 to touching the 300 mark in the University College.

The University for the First Time conducted its own Common Entrance Test VSUPGCET- 2012, for admissions into its PG Programmes. The examinations were conducted on 27, 28, 29 May 2012.

Two PG Diploma courses have been introduced in June 2012 through an MoU with Krishnapatnam Port Security Services Private Limited. Post Graduate Diploma in Fire & Safety and Health and PG Diploma in Environment Health and Safety. These diplomas are started with an intention to provide decent job opportunities to the higher secondary and under graduate students. The first batch of students passed out with job orders in hand.

Padma Vibhushan Prof. MS Swaminadhan, the architect of Indian Green revolution visited the University on 22nd July 2012. He said that the objective pursuit of Science is for social fulfillment through improving the living standards by quality solutions and technological applications.

A New website for the University is launched with an even mix of static and dynamic features on 27th December 2012.

Hostel facility is provided to both the boys and girls and transport facility is also extended to those accommodated in hostels.

Offers for financial and academic support have always been encouraging as a Young Entrepreneur, Sri Prathap Bheemireddy, founder of a US based Software firm, Business Intelli Solutions, has handed over \$ 10 K (six lakh odd in Indian currency), in a formal occasion in the University on 20th January 2014.

INSPIRE, a DST sponsored career-modeling programme, was organized consecutively for two years. INSPIRE will also be launched in July this year.

Prof. M. Srinivasulu Reddy and Prof. P.R. Siva Sankar, received the A.P State Best Teacher Award for meritorious teachers during 2012 and 2013 respectively.

