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DAY'S DIARY

Mount Rushmore

Mount Rushmore National Memorial, was completed on this day in 1941. It took around 400 workers and 14 years to carve the sculptures

THE IDEA

This is a colossal sculpture carved into the granite face of Mount Rushmore in the Black Hills in Keystone, South Dakota. Historian Doane Robinson conceived the idea in 1923

THE SCULPTOR

Sculptor Gutzon Borglum created the sculpture's design and oversaw the project's execution from 1927 to 1941 with the help of his son, Lincoln Borglum

PRESIDENTS

The sculpture features the 60-foot heads of Presidents George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln representing the nation's birth, growth, development and preservation, respectively.

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TNPL BATS FOR SMALL-TOWN DREAMS

Varun Chakravarthy has been selected in the Indian squad for the tour of Australia | SPORTSPICS

After proving their mettle at the TNPL and IPL matches, bowlers Varun Chakravarthy and T Natarajan are making their way to the big leagues

PUTTING PLAYERS UNDER THE LIMELIGHT

TNCA has provided a platform to put the players in the limelight and let the world know the reservoir of talent the state has. With TNPL's glamour and razzmatazz — all matches are telecast live — recognition is inevitable.

SRINIDHI PR

THE Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL) began in 2016 with two simple objectives — one, to give a proper direction to the state players, who carry the hopes of emulating their national-level cricket heroes, and two, transforming them into players, who are capable of playing T20 matches at a high level (like IPL). The other unsaid agenda, of course, was to improve infrastructure in the districts.

After four seasons, it is fair to say that the league has served at least one of its objectives, as three TNPL players are in the national scheme of things. A shadow of the cash-rich Indian Premier League (IPL), the state's flagship T20 tournament has helped zoom into the otherwise unseen talents from the obscure towns of Tamil Nadu.

Emerging from the margins and making the leap from the hinterland to centre stage, their performances at TNPL have helped them to be fast-tracked to bigger leagues. Take the example of Washington Sundar. After a successful stint in the inaugural season, the off-spinner was picked by Rising Pune Supergiant in 2017. By the end of the IPL, he was the talk of the town and soon, he made his debut for India in T20Is. Likewise, recently, mystery spinner Varun Chakravarthy earned his maiden India call-up for the upcoming tour of Australia, which also has Washington in the squad. Left-arm pacer T Natarajan too could follow this route; he will be travelling to Down Under as a reserve bowler.

Making a mark

It was in the 2018 TNPL that Varun made heads turn with his assortment of variations — flipper; zooter and carrom ball to name a few. With around five variations under his belt, it was difficult even for some experienced batsmen to read him. In the following year, he was picked by the IPL franchise Kings XI Pun-

jab for ₹8.4 crore. Though the 29-year-old missed the majority of the 2019 season due to an injury (he played only one match), the architect-turned-cricketer has made a statement in the UAE for Kolkata Knight Riders — 15 wickets in 12 games.

Natarajan's story is no different. Hailing from Chinnappampatti, a small village near Salem, the bowler was picked for ₹3 crore by Kings XI Punjab in 2017 after his sterling performances in the first season of TNPL. After warming the bench for the last two seasons with Sunrisers Hyderabad, he has made a name for himself, this IPL, with his death-bowling skills and ability to bowl toe-crushing yorkers and became a regular in the playing XI.

"All these boys came to the fore because of TNPL. A small-town boy like Natarajan performing well on the big stage is an inspiration to many," says RS Ramasaamy, Tamil Nadu Cricket Association secretary, who was part of the TNPL governing council in 2016.

"These players were playing in the TNCA lower divisions before the TNPL. The league has given them the platform to shine. N Srinivasan's (former TNCA president) vision of starting the league should be appreciated. Having started the tournament four years ago, it is paying dividends now," says Ramasaamy.

The secretary says the only way for TNPL is upwards. "T20 leagues are held in many states across the country but not on this scale. The tournament succeeding is one thing but the end result we all need is players getting recognition to climb up the ladder. In the years to come, I'm sure TNPL is going to produce more players for India," he added.

Not all those who don the TNPL jersey can represent India at the highest level. Like anywhere else, the cream will rise to prominence. But what TNCA has done is, it has provided a platform to put them in the limelight and let the world know the reservoir of talent the state has. With TNPL's glamour and razzmatazz — all matches are telecast live — recognition is inevitable. The stories of Washington, Varun and Natarajan (a few others from the state have also made it to the IPL) now serve as reminders that there is no excuse to not dream big.

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CHENNAI DIGEST

Shankar IAS students shine

The preliminary results of Civil Services Examination 2020-2021 conducted by Union Public Service Commission were released recently. A total of 11 lakh candidates from all over the country had applied for the examination and about 4.5 lakhs appeared in the examination. About 10,564 candidates have cleared the preliminary examination. Of them, 657 candidates of Shankar IAS Academy from all branches (Chennai, Delhi, Thiruvananthapuram and Bengaluru) have been selected in the preliminary level. The Main Examination will be conducted from January 8, 2021.

Five stars for HITS

A unique recognition was conferred by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India on Hindustan Institute of Technology & Science (HITS), Chennai, and Hindustan Technology Business Incubator & Hindustan Entrepreneurship & Innovation Center for the active participation and promoting culture of innovation. HITS was awarded with 5 stars for instituting innovation cell activities. The performance was judged on various innovative entrepreneurial programs conducted throughout the year. The event was graced by Minister for Education Ramesh Pokryal Nishank, AICTE chairman, Sanjay Dhotre, and MHRD IIC Core Officials.



A mela for earrings

EF-IF Diamond Jewellery recently launched their Diwali special 'Thodu Thiruvizha'. It was inaugurated by Vanitha Sampath, IG-Railways, Anuradha Sriram, Carnatic and playback singer, and Vimala Raman, actress and model. The Thodu Thiruvizha will be held till November 15. Customers have the option of shopping from their homes through the EF-IF website.

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