

TS lads scale summit of fame

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A farmer's son and a tribal youth created history of sorts for Telangana when they scaled Mount Everest on Wednesday. Gunathala Tirupathi Reddy (24), a native of Yellakonda village of Nawabpet mandal, and Amgoth Tukaram (20), from Takkallapally village of Yacharam Mandal in Ranga Reddy, reached the summit of Mount Everest. Tirupathi conquered the peak first followed by Tukaram, 30 minutes later.

What makes the achievement all the more memorable is that the two reached the summit from the South column side. Speaking to *Telangana Today* from the base camp, Shekar Babu Bachenapally, a seasoned mountaineer from Telangana and founder of Transcend Adventures Mountaineering and Trekking Services, confirmed that



Amgoth Tukaram

Tirupathi reached the summit with the guidance of Sherpa Pemba Dorje. Since his father is a small farmer, Tirupathi sought donations support of philanthropists to raise money to realise his dream. He managed to muster Rs 15 lakh, but needed a total of Rs 30 lakh.

His father Gopal Reddy subsequently pledged his agriculture land to fund his son's mountaineering journey. Former sarpanch of



Tirupathi Reddy

Shankarpally, Athmalingam (Rs 10 lakh), Winners Foundation-BDL (Rs 2 lakh) and several others helped him. Arikepudi Raghu, president of Winners Foundation, was all praise for Tirupathi, who used to drive an auto to eke out a livelihood.

The second hero of the day, Tukaram, also took the assistance of Transcend Adventures Trekking and Mountaineering Services, to reach the summit of fame.



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