



Magnificent Mary

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Magnificent Mary-With a sixth World Championship gold, Kom affirms her place as one the greatest boxers

- M.C. Mary Kom enhanced her already legendary status when she defeated Ukraine's Hanna Okhota in the 48 kg segment of the Women's World Boxing Championship in Delhi.
- It was her sixth gold across World Championships, drawing her level with Félix Savón, the Cuban great who ruled amateur boxing in the 1980s and 1990s.
- Kom has always defied the odds and has busted gender stereotypes, and overcome the odds posed by the lack of resources and poor infrastructure that hold back so much athletic talent in India.
- In doing so, she firmed up Manipur's place on India's talent map, brought India on the world boxing landscape, and reinforced women's sport by winning consistently with exceptional determination and grace.
- Kom will switch to the 51 kg weight class in the pursuit of a medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.
- As a Rajya Sabha member of Parliament and idol for many upcoming women boxers, she has a full schedule, and will be aware that it will take all she has to fight with younger and stronger rivals in a higher weight category.
- Hailed as 'Magnificent Mary' by the International Boxing Association, which has chosen her as its representative in the International Olympic Committee athletes' forum, Kom has been an inspiration globally.
- Kom's rise from a humble background to be an international role model has inspired a book and a Hindi movie chronicling her life.

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