



## **Smt. M. C. Mary Kom OLY**

### **Indian amateur boxer, politician, and former Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha**

Smt. Mangte Chungneijang Mary Kom OLY, known famously as **M. C. Mary Kom**, is an Indian amateur boxer, politician, and former Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha. She is the only woman to win the World Amateur Boxing Championship six times, the only female boxer to have won a medal in each one of the first seven World Championships, and the only boxer (male or female) to win eight World Championship medals. Nicknamed Magnificent Mary, she was the only Indian female boxer to have qualified for the 2012 Summer Olympics, where she competed in the flyweight category and won a bronze medal. She had also been ranked as the world's No. 1 female light-flyweight by the International Boxing Association (amateur) (AIBA). She became the first Indian female boxer to win a gold medal in the Asian Games in 2014 at Incheon, South Korea and is the first Indian female boxer to win gold at the 2018 Commonwealth Games. She is also the only boxer to become Asian Amateur Boxing Champion for a record six times.

She was awarded the Arjuna Award (Boxing) in 2003, Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award in 2009, and Padma Vibhushan, India's second highest civilian award, in 2020. On 25 April 2016, the President of India nominated Smt. Mary Kom as a member of the Rajya Sabha, the upper house of the Indian parliament. In 2008, (Amateur) International Boxing Association, AIBA named her "Magnificent Mary" in recognition of her exceptional achievements.

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