

Mary Kom: An Inspirational Biographical Movie of a Lady Boxer

A daughter, wife, mother and a fighter are different roles played by “the women” in her life. Every woman possesses a distinct feature which lets her shine in the crowd. A woman is an epitome of strength, courage, love, affection, determination and honesty. She has a unique power to withstand every situation with a smile on her face, and some are just unbeatable in this male chauvinist society. Among those some, “Mary Kom” is a name that comes in our mind when we conclude all the above adjectives in one woman.

Who is Mary Kom?



Mangte Chungneijang Mary Kom also known as MC hails from Manipur, a Northeastern state in India. Her parents worked in Jhum fields. Since her childhood only she had a keen interest in athletics, it was the success of Dingko Singh that (an Indian boxer who won the gold medal at 1998 Asian Games. He hails from Manipur.) inspired her to become a boxer in 2000. She started her training under the close eye of M. Narjit Singh, Manipur State Boxing Coach at Khuman Lampak, Imphal.

Being a girl that too from North Eastern state was a setback for her, but the 32-year-old boxer made it her strength and fought back with every debacle and proved her mettle at every stage. Since the time she took a pledge to become a boxer till date she has only made India proud.

Today she is a five-time World Amateur Boxing champion, and the only woman boxer to have won a medal in each one of the six world championships. She is the only Indian woman boxer to have qualified for the 2012 Summer Olympics, competing in the flyweight (51 kg) category and winning the bronze medal. She has also been ranked as No. 5 AIBA World Women's Ranking Flyweight category.

During her struggling period, the love brewed in her life and after dating for 4 years with the same man she married K Onler Kom in 2005 and has twin sons. In 2013 she launched her autobiography, *Unbreakable* and took an initiative to teach girls to defend themselves against sexual violence in India through female-only fight club at Imphal. In the same year art director Omung Kumar decided to depict Mary Koms life and her struggle through his debut film with the same name "Mary Kom".



Living in a male chauvinist society, a director needs guts and a good story to make a full fledged female centric film that too on epic personality i.e. Mary Kom. Choosing the actor to play Mary's character was a more difficult task, many a listers heroines were considered, but the director decided to choose Priyanka in a lead role. The decision seems to be so obvious as Chopra is well established actress in the Bollywood from a long time and moreover the actor has always portrayed different characters either of Meghna Mathur, an aspiring fashion model in *Fashion* or Sweety in *Kaminey* so smoothly.

Accepting the role was a challenge for ex Mis India, but Chopra is known for taking challenges. In a group interview **Priyanka Chopra** told that the role took a toll on her health as she has to make her body similar to Mary. The director of the film faced many criticisms regarding his decision to choose Priyanka but it is quite evident from the trailers and posters that Priyanka has left no stones unturned to prove her mettle in her upcoming film *Mary Kom*.

The film is directed by Oumang Kumar and produced by Sanjay Leela Bhansali on a story and screenplay written by Saiwyn Quadras. Rob Miller of ReelSports, the sports action director for *Chak De! India* and *Bhaag Milkha Bhaag*. Apart from Priyanka, the other cast includes Sunil Thapa, Darshan Kumar, Minakkshi Kalitaa, The film is slated to release on **5th September**

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