



Press Release

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Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur today inaugurated the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships in New Delhi. The Boxing Federation of India is hosting the prestigious tournament from the 15th to the 26th of March.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Thakur said, 324 women boxers from about 65 countries are taking part in the championship in 12 weight categories. He said, India has risen to the third position from 44th position in the latest International Boxing Association, IBA world rankings. The Boxing Federation of India is the nodal body responsible for the development of boxing in India and the government of India is supporting in all possible ways either for the organization of the tournament or training of the athlete. Mr Thakur said, the championship is the most prestigious women boxing championship globally, which is being held in India in sync with the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for women empowerment - Nari Shakti

The Championship is taking place in India for the third time after 2006 and 2018. Indian team of 12 boxers for the event includes 2020 Tokyo Bronze medallist, Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) and the current world champion in the 50kg category, Nikhat Zareen. Prize pool of 20 crore rupees has been announced by the BFI. Gold medallists will receive prizes from pools of 10 crore rupees, while silver and bronze medallists will receive their prizes from pools of 5 crore rupees.

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