

FIST OF FURY TO HAPPY HIGH-FIVE



Mary Kom interacts with students of The Newtown School on Monday. The 32-year-old Olympic bronze medalist was welcomed with a *tilak* ceremony and gifted a sketch by one of the students. The champion pugilist shared with the children her experiences in the boxing ring and beyond. "I had to face challenges at every step but I managed to fight all odds. If I could realise my dreams, so can you," she told the children. "There are girls like me who struggle hard every day to fulfil their dreams, I will do my bit to support them in every way possible."

Speaking about life after boxing, Mary Kom said she would like to set up a boxing academy to nurture talent. "I plan to train students at my academy and spend time with my kids after retirement," she said. Right now, of course, she is busy preparing for next year's Rio Olympics.

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