

IBA World Women Boxing Championship 2023

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In news– India has bagged four gold medals in 13th edition of the championships, held in New Delhi, India from 15 to 26 March 2023.

About IBA World Boxing Championship-

- The International Boxing Association (IBA) World Boxing Championships, and the IBA Women's World Boxing Championships (previously known as AIBA), are biennial amateur boxing competitions organised by the International Boxing Association (IBA), which is the sport governing body.
- Alongside the Olympic boxing programme, they are the highest level of competition for the sport.
- The championships were first held for men in 1974 and the first women's championships were held over 25 years later in 2001.
- Both championships are held separately on biennial schedules.
- Since 1989 the men's championships are held every odd year; the women's championships were held in even years between 2006 and 2018 and switched to a nominal odd-year schedule in 2019.
- 13th edition of World Women Boxing Championship was boycotted by multiple nations due to participation of athletes from Russia and Belarus.
- In the 13 edition medal winners were awarded prize money; gold medallists earn \$100,000, silver medallists \$50,000, and bronze medallists \$25,000. The overall prize fund was \$2.4 million.

India's performance-

- **Nitu Ghanghas** bagged gold by defeating Lutsaikhan Altansetseg of Mongolia in the 48kg final at the IBA.
- Nitu became only the sixth Indian boxer, male or female, to become a world champion.
- Three-time Asian medallist **Saweety Boora** defeated Wang Lina of China in the 81kg final via a split verdict.
- **Nikhat Zareen** won her second Women's World Boxing Championships Gold medal by defeating Thi Tham Nguyen of Vietnam in the 50kg final via a unanimous decision (5-0) to defend her title.
- Nikhat has become only the 2nd Indian female boxer after Mary Kom to win multiple gold medals at the IBA Women's World Championships.
- Mary, who won the Olympics Bronze in London, scripted history by winning 6 World Championships gold medals with her last coming in New Delhi in 2018.
- India's **Lovlina Borgohain** won her maiden World Championships gold medal. The Tokyo Olympics bronze medalist defeated Australia's Caitlin Parker via a split decision in a closely-fought 75kg final bout.

International Boxing Association (IBA)-

- The IBA, previously known as the Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur (AIBA), is an independent sport organization that sanctions amateur (Olympic-style) boxing matches and awards world and subordinate championships.
- IBA consists of five continental confederations – AFBC, AMBC, ASBC, EUBC, OCBC. The association includes 203 national boxing federations.
- The IBA was recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) as the international governing body for the sport of boxing until 2019, when the IOC suspended its recognition of the federation.