

Kom's words to Amdavadi youth pack inspiring punch

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Ahmedabad: Mary Kom knocked out mediocre thinking on Sunday in an interaction with young people in Ahmedabad. Kom, a Padma Bhushan awardee and Olympic bronze medalist, urged youth to get involved in sports to make India shine in international tournaments.



(From left to right) Rahul Bose, Mary Kom and former captain of Indian hockey team, Viren Rasquinha

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The five-time World Boxing champion said: "Let your patriotism soar high with the Tricolour in international sporting events. We have the potential, the only thing we need to do is to infuse young blood in our endeavours." Inspiring youth to dream boldly, Kom said: "As a mother of three children, I strive to teach my kids to be

change-makers... one has to think differently and unconventionally to succeed." Then, unassumingly, she told the kids, "If I can, then you can". She said that the country would "cross all hurdles to glory" if children became change-drivers.

The star boxer was in the city to open the final day of 'Be The Change' conference at the National Institute of Design

(NID). "As a child things were not easy as I come from a poor family. A lot of hard work was put in. I was born at Kangathei in Churachanpur district of Manipur. My parents worked in jhum fields," she said adding that the resolve to fight challenges was necessary to prevail in tough situations. "As a wife and mother, it was not easy to maintain a balance," she said.