

General Meeting of Indian Amateur Boxing Federation (IABF)
Venue: Hotel Sopan Heights, Karol Bagh, New Delhi

Press Note

Dr. Rakesh Mishra Elected President of Indian Amateur Boxing Federation; Felicitated by State Bodies and Boards

New Delhi, June 1st, 2025 —

The General Meeting of the Indian Amateur Boxing Federation (IABF) was convened on Sunday, June 1, 2025, at Hotel Sopan Heights, Karol Bagh, New Delhi. The event brought together officials from 27 state boxing associations, 6 Union Territories, and 5 sports boards, marking a significant moment in the Federation's calendar.

In a unanimous and unopposed decision, **Dr. Rakesh Mishra was elected as the new President of the Indian Amateur Boxing Federation** for the term 2025–2029. His election was overseen by Election Officer Dr. Anupam Goyal, former Additional District and Sessions Judge, and conducted in full compliance with the National Sports Development Code of 2011, the Indian Olympic Association's directives, and the IABF Constitution.

Following his election, Dr. Mishra was warmly felicitated by all participating state associations, Union Territories, and sports boards, acknowledging his longstanding commitment to the sport and his visionary leadership. Several dignitaries praised his dedication and expressed confidence in his ability to guide Indian boxing towards a more dynamic and progressive future.

After assuming office, Dr. Mishra held consultations with the member associations to appoint chairpersons and members for various key committees and commissions within the Federation. The list of newly elected office bearers and committee members has been officially released.

During the meeting, Dr. Mishra announced that many state associations had expressed their interest in hosting national-level boxing events. As a result, the **Sports Calendar for 2025–2026** was finalised in collaboration with all stakeholders, with details now available in the official release.

To incentivise hosting, the IABF will provide a financial grant of ₹2,00,000 to each state association conducting national championships. In addition, through a partnership with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, equipment support will be provided on a 75:25 cost-sharing basis. This includes

a boxing ring, 50 pairs of gloves, headgear, a computerised scoring system, and four digital weighing machines.

Dr. Mishra also shared India's achievements at the **Asian U-22 and Youth Boxing Championships**, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from May 10 to 24, 2025. The Indian contingent, comprising 19 boxers, 2 coaches, 2 managers, 5 technical officials, and 4 administrative staff, brought home 1 gold, 6 silver, and 10 bronze medals. Additionally, five technical officials appeared for international certification examinations during the event.

The President personally congratulated and felicitated the medal winners and the support staff, applauding their outstanding performance and commitment.

In his closing remarks, **Dr. Rakesh Mishra expressed heartfelt gratitude to Election Officer Dr. Anupam Goyal** for his fair and efficient conduct of the elections. He also thanked the Indian Olympic Association, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, and the Sports Authority of India for their continuous support in strengthening Indian boxing.

With renewed vision and collective determination, Dr. Mishra affirmed that the Federation will work tirelessly to institutionalise excellence, promote inclusivity, and elevate Indian boxing to new national and international heights.