National Champion in Kickboxing from Salesian College Siliguri



2015 was a blessed year for Deepak Chhetry, a third year Psychology Honours student from Salesian College, Siliguri campus, as he secured the bronze medal in the National level Kickboxing Tournament in Pune held from 21st to 23rd August and went on to become the winner of the Professional Kickboxing National Championship held in Siliguri in December.

It all began with Deepak being selected to participate in the National level Kickboxing Open Tournament organized by Indian Association of Kickboxing Professional (IAKO Pro) held in Pune International stadium from 21st to 23rd August, 2015. With participants from various states in India, Deepak was among the sixteen fighters representing West Bengal. He went on to win the bronze medal in the 60 kg Welter weight (senior) category.

"The tournament made me realize my weaknesses; I needed to work on my stamina and gain strength in my arms and legs and I started training as soon as I returned to Siliguri", said Deepak.

In the month of December 2015, Deepak received an opportunity to test his training when IAKO(Indian Association of Kickboxing Organisations) organized a Professional Kickboxing National Championship on 28 December, in City Center Siliguri. The participants were from Kolkata, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Siliguri, Darjeeling and Sikkim.



Deepak won the National Championship title after defeating the likes of Mr. Rahim Ali (5 times gold medalist and Professional kickboxer from Kolkata), Mr. Sanjeev Rai (Black belt holder and Sensei from Siliguri) and Mr. Md. Tohib Hussain from Kolkata.

"I owe my victory to my mother, my college, my teachers, Richa Ma'am and friend Wati who have been a source of constant encouragement and strength", said Deepak Chhetry.

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