Ashish Kumar (boxer)

Ashish Kumar (born 18 July 1994) is an Indian amateur boxer who competes in the middleweight category. He won a silver medal at the 2019 Asian Championships and a gold medal at 2019 Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament held in Bangkok. He also won bronze medal at 2020 Asia/Oceania Olympics Qualifier and represented India in middleweight category at 2020 Olympics held in Tokyo, Japan.

Ashish Kumar	
Statistics	
Weight(s)	75 kg (165 lb)
Height	1.85 m (6 ft 1 in)
Nationality	Indian
Born	18 July 1994[1] Dhanotu, Mandi district, Himachal Pradesh, India
Stance	Orthodox
Medal record	
Men's amateur boxing	
Representing 🇮🇳 India	
National Games	
G 2015 Kerala	Middleweight
Asian Championships	
S 2019 Bangkok	Middleweight
Asia/Oceania Olympics Qualifier	
B 2020 Jordan	Middleweight

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Early and personal life

Ashish Kumar was born on 18 July 1994 in Dhanotu, Mandi district, Himachal Pradesh to Bhagat Ram Dogra and Durga Devi.[1] His father was a farmer and played kabaddi at the national level. Kumar was inspired to take up boxing by his brothers and cousins who have competed at national and international levels in Boxing, Wrestling and Wushu.[2][3]

Kumar's father passed away a month before Kumar competed at the 2020 Olympic Qualification Tournament in Amman, Jordan. He went on to reach semifinals of the event and won a bronze medal and therefore qualified for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo.[2]

Career

Kumar won his first National Games Gold medal in 2015 in Kerala. He won his debut international medal as a silver medalist at the 2019 Asian Amateur Boxing Championships in Bangkok in the middleweight category.[4] He won Gold medal in 2019 at Thailand Open International Boxing Tournament held in Bangkok. He played in middleweight category for Gujarat Giants in maiden Big Bout Indian Boxing League held in 2019. Gujarat Giants won the league and Ashish Kumar was declared Player of the Tie in the final match. In March 2020, Kumar reached the semifinals of the 2020 Asia & Oceania Boxing Olympic Qualification Tournament in Amman, Jordan and qualified for the 2020 Summer Olympics.[5][6] He is the first boxer ever from Himachal Pradesh to qualify for Olympics.

Awards and Recognition

- **Parshuram Award** (2019): Parshuram Award is the highest award in the field of sports given by Himachal Pradesh Government. It was presented to Ashish Kumar by the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh on the occasion of 49th statehood day.

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