

After Women's Cricket Glory, Spotlight Turns to Women's Wrestling: Pro Wrestling League Set to Redefine the Future

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As the nation celebrates the Indian Women's Cricket Team's historic World Cup victory, another sport is preparing to step into the limelight – women's wrestling. Just days before the cricket triumph, the Pro Wrestling League (PWL) was officially announced at a grand press conference in New Delhi, confirming its much-awaited return in January 2026. Together, these two milestones signal a powerful new chapter in Indian sports – one where women athletes are leading the nation's success stories across disciplines.



Announcement of Pro Wrestling League-2026 in New Delhi at a Press Conference

Pro Wrestling League 2026: A New Beginning

The revived Pro Wrestling League (PWL) promises to bring wrestling back to center stage with a vibrant, professional, and gender-inclusive model. Supported by the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI), the league will follow an IPL-style franchise format, featuring a mix of top Indian and international wrestlers. A WFI spokesperson at the launch event said, *"The return of PWL is not just about entertainment – it's about giving India's women wrestlers a global platform to shine. After the phenomenal success of our women cricketers, wrestling is ready to script the next chapter in India's sporting revolution."*

Special Focus on Women's Participation

One of the most exciting aspects of PWL 2026 is its dedicated focus on promoting women's participation and leadership in wrestling. The league organizers have committed to ensuring:

Equal representation of women athletes across teams. Prime-time telecasts for women's matches to boost viewership. Mentorship programs pairing emerging wrestlers with senior champions. Equal prize money and sponsorship opportunities for female competitors. This emphasis aligns with India's growing movement toward gender parity in sports and aims to make wrestling an aspirational career choice for young girls across the country.

CEO of PWL Mr. Akhil Gupta said, *"The return of the Pro Wrestling League is not just about reviving a sport, it's about reigniting a dream. Our women wrestlers have the talent, grit, and fire to stand tall on any global stage. With equal opportunities and stronger visibility, we're building a future where wrestling inspires every young girl to believe she can. This is more than a league, it's India's movement of strength and sisterhood."*

Cricket's Inspiration, Wrestling's Opportunity

The Indian women's cricket team's World Cup win has redefined how fans and sponsors perceive women athletes. Sports analysts believe this newfound enthusiasm will now spill over into wrestling – opening doors for corporate investments, endorsements, and mass fan engagement in PWL. With India already home to world-class wrestlers like Sakshi Malik, Antim Panghal, and Vinesh Phogat, the Pro Wrestling League could become a turning point – transforming wrestling from a rural pursuit to a national prime-time sport.

Grassroots Empowerment and Broader Vision

The PWL revival also carries a developmental goal. Training

academies in Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, and Maharashtra are gearing up for talent scouting programs to identify and support young women wrestlers. Simultaneously, government initiatives and CSR-backed sports foundations are aligning resources to expand coaching, nutrition, and international exposure. This dual approach – professional platform plus grassroots growth – is expected to establish wrestling as one of India's strongest medal hopes for the Paris 2028 Olympics and beyond.

Conclusion: The Rise of a New Sporting Sisterhood

As India basks in the glow of its women cricketers' triumph, the return of the Pro Wrestling League 2026 marks the beginning of another inspiring journey. It's more than a league – it's a movement, symbolizing strength, equality, and opportunity for India's women athletes. From the pitch to the mat, India's daughters are not just competing – they're changing the face of Indian sports forever.

