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Sharmila ending fast to fight polls



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In yet another landmark development in the Manipur (/taxonomy/term/64)'s poll political landscape, Irom Sharmila on Tuesday announced to end her fast to fight (/taxonomy/term/2073) the upcoming assembly polls.

Talking to reporters at the Imphal (/taxonomy/term/72) Court premises, she said that she is waiting for August 9 to break her 15 year long fast.

She observed that during her 15 year long she got no response from the people in power and that there is hardly any hope a positive response in near future.

She said that she has no option but to politically fight (/taxonomy/term/2073) the draconian Act (/taxonomy/term/1974) that empowers the armed forces to unleash reign of terror on the common people.

The decision is bound to have a huge impact on the state (/taxonomy/term/2332)'s political scenario in the north eastern state (/taxonomy/term/2332) hardly a year ahead of the assembly polls.

She started the fast unto death in November 2000 in protest against (/taxonomy/term/1929) the Malom incident near Imphal (/taxonomy/term/72) airport.

Since then she has been declining food and drink demanding the real of the Act (/taxonomy/term/1974). During this period she has been arrested and rearrested. A couple of years back, the government has been nose-feeding her and spnt over (/taxonomy/term/2166) Rs 80,000 for her security, medication and nose feeding.



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