

Irom Sharmila interview



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[Journalist](#) Anuradha Sengupta recently interviewed Human Rights Activist Irom Sharmila who ended her almost sixteen-year-long fast in August. In the candid conversation, Irom talked about her struggles and acknowledged the fact that since her unique way of protesting for getting the draconian Armed Forces Special Powers [Act](#) repealed from [Manipur](#) did not fetch her the desired results, she decided to enter electoral politics. In her first full-length [TV](#) interview, Irom also talked about the hardships faced by [Manipur](#) residents and her future strategy to achieve what she has been aiming for nearly two decades.

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KOKRAJHAR, September 22, 2026 — The All Bodo Students' Union (ABSU) on Tuesday burnt copies of a book titled *Hamkoshar Parishista* during protests held at several locations across Assam, including Gauhati University, objecting to what it described as the use of the Assamese script to represent the Bodo language.

Hamkoshar Parishista is a multilingual appendix containing learning resources for indigenous languages of Assam, including Bodo, Rabha, Mising and Karbi.

During the protests, ABSU members alleged that Bodo has been represented in the publication using the Assamese script instead of Devanagari, the script used for Bodo.

The organisation asserted that Bodo is recognised under the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution of India and is an Associate Official Language of Assam. ABSU demanded that Bodo be represented in its recognised script in educational and learning resources.

ABSU president Khwrrwmdao Wary said the use of the Assamese script to represent Bodo in the publication was disrespectful to the Bodo language and literature.

He said Bodo is an Associate Official Language of Assam and a language recognised under the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution.

Wary demanded the immediate withdrawal of the publication in its present form and called for the use of the Devanagari script for Bodo in the book.



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