

Manipur polling ends with huge turn out



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The first phase of assembly polls ended in [Manipur](#) with a massive 84 per cent turn out on Saturday. The turn out figure is tentative which is expected to go up after the receipt of all information from the remote areas.

The fate of altogether 168 candidates is sealed in the electronic voting machines in this phase covering 38 seats where voting started at 7 in the morning in 1643 booths and the polling peacefully ended at 5 in the

Electorates in large numbers started making long queues in front of 1643 polling booths from [7](#) in the morning covering 38 assembly constituencies.

Initially, the voting started with a dull note but gradually serpentine queues were seen in front of the booths.

Economic blockade and territorial integrity are two prominent issues that would matter this time. Chief minister Okram [Ibobi](#) Singh, who is contesting again is expected to gain mileage from the growing [fear over](#) territorial integrity.

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