

Sharmila ending fast to fight polls



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In yet another landmark development in the [Manipur](#)'s poll political landscape, Irom Sharmila on Tuesday announced to end her fast to [fight](#) the upcoming assembly polls.

Talking to reporters at the [Imphal](#) 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](#) the draconian [Act](#) 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](#)'s political scenario in the north eastern [state](#) hardly a year ahead of the assembly polls.

She started the fast unto death in November 2000 in protest [against](#) the Malom incident near [Imphal](#) airport.

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

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