



Freedom Fighter Hemam Neelmani Singh

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Union Home Minister recently paid tribute to **Hemam Neelmani Singh**, a prominent freedom fighter from **Manipur** associated with the [Indian National Army \(INA\)](#), during a posthumous felicitation event organized by the **Bharat Vikas Parishad**.

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- **About:** Hemam Neelmani Singh was a **freedom fighter, social reformer, and former Deputy Education Minister of Manipur**. He played a crucial role in India's **independence struggle**, especially in the **Northeast**, and contributed significantly to **post-independence educational and linguistic reforms**.
- **Early Life & Role in INA:**
 - Born in 1915, Singh was **influenced by a blend of Gandhian and Bose principles** but was more oriented towards the principles of [Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose](#) and joined the INA in 1944.
 - He played a key role in the [Battle of Imphal, 1944](#) and the **unfurling of the Indian tricolour at Moirang** on **14th April 1944**, the **first time** it was raised on Indian soil.
 - He **evaded arrest until 1945**, was later imprisoned by the British, and released in **1946**.
- **Post-Independence Contributions:**
 - **As Deputy Education Minister of Manipur**, he led key initiatives in **education reform and women's empowerment**, advocating for **improved access to higher education**.
 - **Donated his residence at Moirang Konjengbam** for use as the **INA headquarters**.
 - Promoted **Hindi as a unifying language** in Manipur to **foster national integration**, and **lived austere, eating only one meal a day** until the **Science stream was introduced at Moirang College**.
- **Legacy:** Often remembered alongside **Mairembam Koireng Singh** (Manipur's first Chief Minister) as **inseparable figures in the state's freedom movement**, Hemam Neelmani Singh was **posthumously honored** by the **Bharat Vikas Parishad** and the **Government of Manipur** for his contributions.

Bharat Vikas Parishad

- **Bharat Vikas Parishad** is a voluntary organisation inspired by [Swami Vivekananda](#), originally founded as the **Citizens Council** by **Lala Hans Raj and Suraj Prakash** during the **1962 India-China war** to mobilize public support.
- It was renamed **Bharat Vikas Parishad** in **1963**.

Freedom Fighters from North-East India

State	Freedom Fighters
Arunachal Pradesh	Matmur Jamoh
Assam	Maniram Dewan (Maniram Dutta Barua)
	Tarun Ram Phukan
	Nabin Chandra Bordoloi
	Hem Barua
	Kushal Konwar
Meghalaya	Tirot Singh
	U Kiang Nongbah
	Pa Togan Nengminza Sangma
	Sonaram R. Sangma
Manipur	Bir Tikendrajit Singh
	Major General Paona Brajabashi
	Haipou Jadonang
	Rani Gaidinliu

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