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# Jana Neta Hijam Irabot

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**Why is in news?** Manipur: Jana Neta Hijam Irawat Day 2023 is observed

In Manipur, Jana Neta Hijam Irawat Day 2023 is being observed on September 30.

Hijam Irabot (30 September 1896 – 26 September 1951), also known as Jana Neta Hijam Irabot, was a politician and leader of Communist party of India and **revolutionary social activist** from Manipur.

He fought **against the social evils of the society**. He later was jailed for **supporting the second Nupi Lan, 1939**.

In the June/July 1948 election to the Manipur Assembly, Irabot won from the Utlou Constituency.

## Nupi Lan:

The Nupi Lan were **two demonstrations led by women in Manipur, British India** against the colonial authorities.

In 1904, the first Nupi Lan broke out in response to an order by the colonial authorities to send Manipuri men to the Kabow Valley to fetch timber for re-building the then Police Agent's bungalow.

The second Nupi Lan broke out in 1939 in response to the export of rice during the Second World War.

It sowed the seeds of **economic and political reforms**.

It was a turning point to the political lives of leaders like Jan Neta Hijam Irabot whose major focus had, until then, been social reforms. Irabot later turned a firebrand communist and founded the Communist Party in Manipur.

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