Dear Friends, NIRMAN is Youth Development Initiative conceived by Padma Shri Dr. Abhay & Dr. Rani Bang to Contribute to the Flourishing of Indian Youth, Facilitate their Search for Purpose and Nurture them as Social Change Agents.

We believe that NIRMAN is not just a program but a thought process, a way of living. We hope you will get a glimpse of it while filling up this introspective application form.

Best wishes to you for this journey towards a life filled with purpose & impact.

Look forward to meeting you soon!

Instructions

- **Eligibility:** 18 – 29 years
- Please write the answers in a separate word document/paper. Be specific in your answers.
- Answers can be written in either Marathi, Hindi or English. Please maintain the order of the questions and write answers to all of them.
- Please email the filled application form to nirmaanites@gmail.com or send the hard-copy by post to “NIRMAN, SEARCH, Gadchiroli – 442605”. Please DO NOT send us photos by WhatsApp.
- After scrutinizing the application form, the selected candidates will be informed by email/phone about the interview, to be conducted at your location or on Skype.
- NIRMAN workshops will be conducted at the campus Shodhgram of SEARCH, Gadchiroli.
A) About Self: स्वतःविषयी:

1. Name (नाव):
2. Birth date (जन्मतारीख):
3. Gender (लिंग):
4. Contact No. (फोन नंबर):
5. E-mail id (ई-मे ल):
6. Current Address (सध्याचा पत्ता):
7. Permanent Address (मूळ पत्ता):
8. Education (शिक्षण):
9. Institute/College (कॉलेज):
10. Current Job Profile (if any) [नोकरी/व्यवसाय (असल्यास)]:
11. Write about your family background in brief (तुमचे कुटुंब व त्यातील व्यक्तिविवरण शोधक्यात लिहा):

B) About Self: Thoughts, Emotions, Action: स्वतःविषयी: विचार, भावना, कृती

Please answer the following questions in a clear and concise manner; your answers need not be long, but should clearly convey your viewpoint.

1. What kind of work do you intend to do after your education/ if already working, what are you doing? What was your thought process while taking the decision?
2. How did you come to know about NIRMAN? Why are you interested in being a part of NIRMAN?
3. Today, what are the questions about your life whose answers you are searching for?
4. Describe your own service experience(s) or any past experiences relevant to the social sector. If you have no such experience, what has stopped you till today?
5. List 5 books that you have read and liked the most. (Title and author)
C) About Society समाजाविषयी:
This section is about society and social problem solving. You have to answer at least any 3 out of the 5 questions in this section. You can make use of any available resources to find out relevant facts and information as per the need. या विभागामधील एकूण 5 प्रश्नांपैकी तुम्ही कुठल्यास किमान सोडवणे गरजेचे आहे. प्रश्न सोडवताना तुम्हाला गरज भाषांत्यास माहिती मिळवण्यासाठी कुठल्याही जानस्वीतूनचा वापर करायला हरकत नाही.

1. Every year in India, ~5 crore Indians are pushed below poverty line due to expenditure on healthcare. What according to you are the reasons for this disaster? Explain.

2. Should same-sex marriages be legally allowed in India? Explain briefly your take on this matter.

3. Check the Global Burden of Diseases data visualization tool [https://vizhub.healthdata.org/gbd-compare/] Under Settings, put India in the Location tab and select DALYs as the Measure. What are your major observations/inferences from the data?

4. Visit any one Public Work Place or a Government Institution (e.g. Government hospital, Tehsil office, Zilla Parishad, Ration shop, Grampanchayat, R.T.O., S.T. Bus stand, MGNREGS worksite, Court, etc). Spend at least an hour there, talk to people around. Describe your main observations and what do you think are the problems/difficulties that people face over there.

5. Suppose after completing your formal education, you are given NIRMAN Fellowship under which you have the opportunity to work fulltime for 1 year on any one social problem. Which specific problem and place would you choose to work on and what concrete steps will you take in the period of one year to solve that problem? Describe your proposed action plan of one year.

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D) NIRMAN Youth Purpose Questionnaire:
You are almost done now! To complete this last part, please visit [NYPQ Questionnaire]. Please enter the exact same personal details as filled in this form which will enable us to track and match your answers. You will then be prompted with a series of thought-provoking self-rating questions. Please choose the rating/options that are most applicable to you and finally click the submit button. Your answers will reach us and at the same time you will get an interesting report about yourself!
Important Note:
Your application will be considered complete only after you have finished answering all the above questions in this Application Form as well as the NIRMAN Youth Purpose Questionnaire.

Hope you enjoyed thinking and answering the questions in the NIRMAN Application Form! Over the years, ~8000 youth across India have responded to these questions (or their earlier version) and have often told us that irrespective of their further selection in the NIRMAN process, the questions helped them contemplate about their lives. We trust that you too had a similar experience! Look forward to meeting you soon in the interviews!

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Thank you for your time, energy & dedication!
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