Dear friends, 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 – 28 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 nirmanites@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.
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A) About Self स्वतःविषयी:

1. Name (नाव):
2. Birth date (जन्मतारीख):
3. Gender (लिंग):
4. Contact No. (फोन नंबर):
5. E-mail id (ई-मेल):
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 व्यक्तीविषयी थोडक्यात माहिती लिहा):

B) About Self: Thoughts, Emotions, Action स्वतः विषयी: 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)
6. In your productive lifetime, what kind of social impact do you imagine bringing about? Who would likely benefit from your work? (Be as specific as possible)
7. Please tell us about a person (apart from your parents) who has had a major influence on you. Why do you think so?

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C) About Society समाजाविषयी:
This section is about society and social problem solving. You can make use of any available resources to find out relevant facts and information as per the need. या विभागामध्ये प्रश्न सोडवताना तुम्हाला गरज भासल्यास माहिती मिळवण्यासाठी कुठल्याही ज्ञानस्रोतांचा 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.
   दर वर्ष, आरोग्यसेवेवरील खर्च ने झेपण्यामुळे सुमारे 5 कोटी भारतीय जनता ही दाररद्र्यरेषेखाली ढकलली जाते. तुमच्या मते अशी परिस्थिती उद्दर्श्याची काय कारणे आहेत? स्पष्ट करा.

2. Look at the following graph and table. What are your conclusions? Do you think this situation is fair? What could be some possible ways to remedy it?
   खालील दिलेल्या ग्राफ व तक्त्याकडे बघा. त्यावरून तुमचे प्रमुख लक्षण का? ती परिस्थिती न्याय्य आहे का? यामध्ये बदल करण्यासाठी काही संभाव्य उपाय काय असू शकतात?

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Source: Pravin Mulay, Alumnus NIRMAN 9, M.Tech. IIT Bombay, Research Associate at Farmers for Forests
3. 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.

असे समजा की तुमचे शिक्षण पूर्ण झाल्यानंतर तुम्हाला निर्माणतर्फ एक फेलोशिप देणयात आली ज्याांतर्गत एक वर्षासाठी पूर्ण वेळ एका सामाजिक प्रश्नावर/समस्यावर काम कराची संधी आहे. तुम्ही काम करण्यासाठी कुठला नेमका प्रश्न व जागा निवडाल आणि एका वर्षामध्ये ती प्रश्न सोडवण्याच्या दृष्टीने काय पावेलं उचलालं? तुमचा एका वर्षाचा ढोबळ कृती कार्यक्रम सांगा.

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D) NIRMAN Youth Purpose Questionnaire:
You are almost done now! To complete this last part, please visit NIRMAN Youth Purpose 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.

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Hope you enjoyed thinking and answering the questions in the NIRMAN Application Form! Over the years, ~7500 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!
E) Optional Questions ऐच्छिक प्रश्न:
The following questions are designed to help you introspect/act. Writing your responses is optional. खालील प्रश्न तुम्हाला विचार/कृती करायला प्रवृत्त करण्यासाठी आहेत. त्यांचे उत्तरे लिहिणे ऐच्छिक आहेत.

1. Write about any one film that has impacted you. Why do you think so?

2. What is your conception of “being a responsible adult”? What part of your personality, behavior would you like to change / work upon the most in order to meet your own criteria of becoming such an adult?

3. NIRMAN is committed to the flourishing of Indian Youth. To know where you are on the Flourishing Spectrum, check the novel NIRMAN Youth Flourishing Questionnaire.

4. Describe any incident in your personal / professional life where you took a moral stand and stuck to your values against convenience and/or opposition from others.

5. At the age of 65, looking back, what would you have done during your productive lifetime that would make you feel that you have lived a meaningful life? (try to be as specific as possible)

6. Read these two articles from the Food For Thought section of the NIRMAN website - Sevagram to Shodhgram (Marathi or English) and The Why of Social Sector – Share your learning/reflections from them in 1 page each.

7. Talk about experiences or situations happening in society, which evoked the feeling of righteous anger and/or empathy in you.

8. Do you think measuring a country’s progress in terms of increase in GDP (Gross Domestic Product) alone is sufficient? If yes, why? If no, why & what specific additional things should be given consideration too?

9. 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 a few hours there, talk to people around. Describe your main observations and what do you think are the problems/difficulties that people face over there.

10. What according to you are the three most significant challenges in front of India for this decade? Explain.

11. 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?

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