



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 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.



NIRMAN Application Form

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 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. कृपया पुढील प्रश्नांची थोडक्यात पण स्पष्ट शब्दात उत्तरे द्यावी.

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?
शिक्षण पूर्ण झाल्यावर तुम्ही काय काम करू इच्छिता/ सध्या काम करत असल्यास, काय काम करत आहात? हेच काम करावे असा निर्णय घेताना काय विचार केला ?
2. How did you come to know about NIRMAN? Why are you interested in being a part of NIRMAN?
तुम्हाला निर्माणबद्दल कुठून, कसे कळले? तुम्हाला निर्माणमध्ये का सहभागी व्हावेसे वाटते?
3. Today, what are the questions about your life whose answers you are searching for?
आजच्या घडीला तुम्हाला स्वतःच्या आयुष्याबद्दल पडलेले असे कुठले प्रश्न आहेत ज्यांचा तुम्हाला शोध आहे?
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?
सामाजिक क्षेत्राशी अथवा सेवाकार्याशी संबंधित तुमचे प्रत्यक्ष अनुभव वर्णन करा. नसल्यास, मनातील इच्छेला प्रत्यक्षात आणण्यात तुम्हाला आजवर काय अडचण जाणवली आहे?
5. List 5 books that you have read and liked the most. (Title and author)
तुम्ही वाचलेली व तुम्हाला आवडलेली अशी 5 पुस्तकांची नावे लिहा. (शीर्षक व लेखक)
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)
तुमच्या जीवनकाळात तुम्ही काय प्रकारचा सामाजिक बदल घडवून आणू इच्छिता? तुमच्या कृतीतून नेमका कोणाला फायदा / उपयोग होईल? (शक्य तितक्या नेमक्या शब्दात लिहा)
7. Please tell us about a person (apart from your parents) who has had a major influence on you. Why do you think so?
तुमच्यावर ज्यांचा खूप प्रभाव पडला आहे अशा एका व्यक्तीबद्दल (तुमचे आई - वडील सोडून) सांगा. असे तुम्हाला का वाटते हे देखील सांगा.

C) About Society समाजाविषयी:

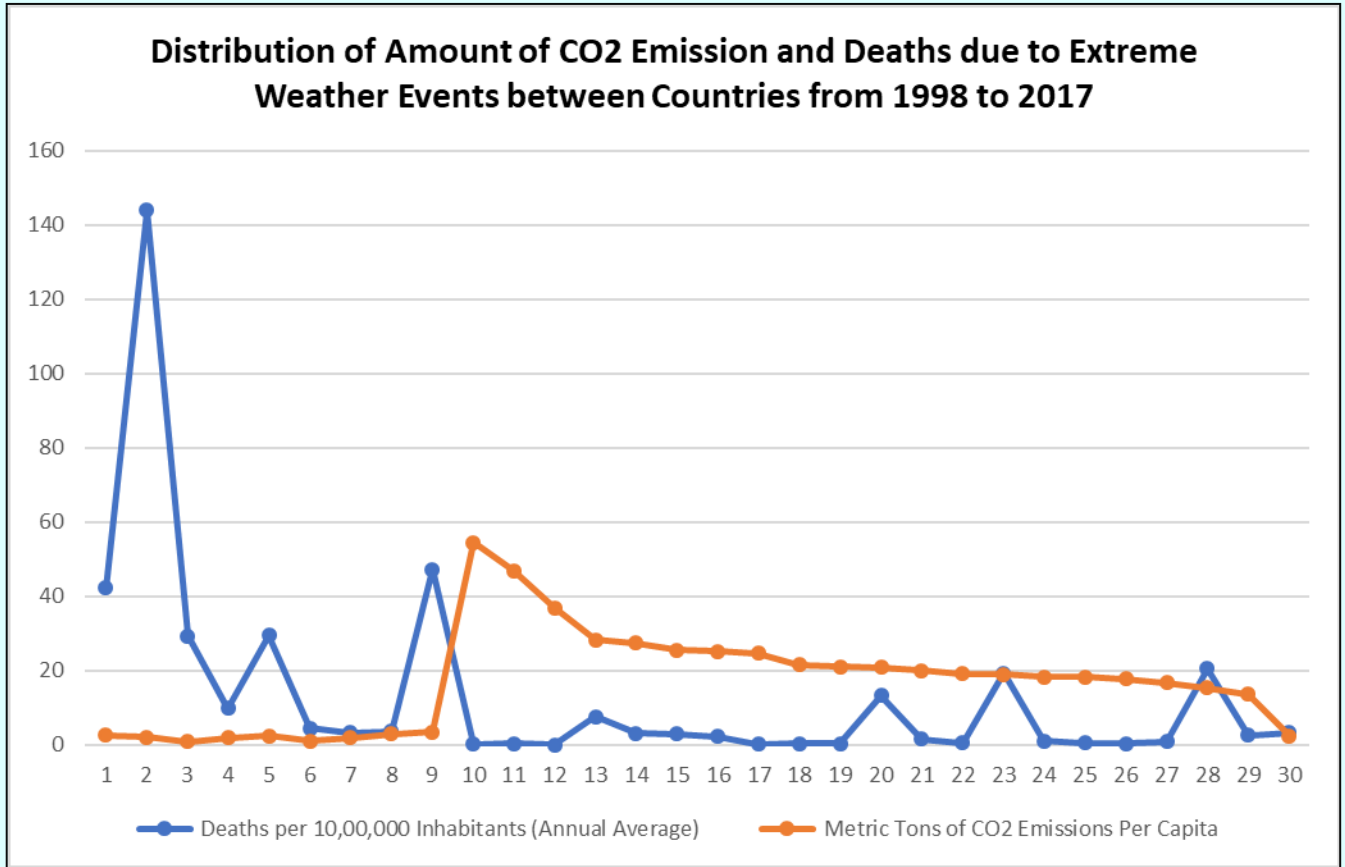
This section is about society and social problem solving. You can make use of any available resources to find out relevant facts and information as per the need. या विभागामधील प्रश्न सोडवताना तुम्हाला गरज भासल्यास माहिती मिळवण्यासाठी कुठल्याही ज्ञानस्रोतांचा वापर करायला हरकत नाही.

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 वर्षी, आरोग्यसेवेवरील खर्च न झेपल्यामुळे सुमारे 5 कोटी भारतीय जनता ही दारिद्वरेषेखाली ढकलली जाते. तुमच्या मते अशी परिस्थिती उद्भवण्याची 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?

खाली दिलेल्या ग्राफ व तक्त्याकडे बघा. त्यावरून तुमचे प्रमुख निष्कर्ष काय? ही परिस्थिती न्याय्य आहे का? यामध्ये बदल करण्यासाठी काही संभाव्य उपाय काय असू शकतात?



No.	Country	No.	Country	No.	Country	No.	Country	No.	Country
1	Honduras	7	Pakistan	13	Belize	19	Canada	25	Kazakhstan
2	Myanmar	8	Vietnam	14	Oman	20	Luxembourg	26	Estonia
3	Haiti	9	Dominica	15	Baharin	21	USA	27	New Zealand
4	Philippines	10	Kuwait	16	Australia	22	Trinidad & Tobago	28	Russia
5	Nicarugua	11	Brunei	17	UAE	23	Grenada	29	Mongolia
6	Bangladesh	12	Qatar	18	Libya	24	Saudi Arabia	30	India

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 निर्माणतर्फे एक फेलोशिप देण्यात आली ज्याअंतर्गत एक वर्षासाठी पूर्ण वेळ एका सामाजिक प्रश्नावर/समस्येवर काम करायची संधी आहे. तुम्ही काम करण्यासाठी कुठला नेमका प्रश्न व जागा निवडाल आणि एका वर्षामध्ये तो प्रश्न सोडवण्याच्या दृष्टीने काय पावले उचलाल? तुमचा एका वर्षाचा ढोबळ कृती कार्यक्रम सांगा.

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, ~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!

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. त्यांची उत्तरे लिहिणे ऐच्छिक आहे.

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?
