



**Mr. Minar Pimple**  
**1979-1982 & 1984-86**

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My years at Nirmala Niketan 1979-86.  
– a journey of self-exploration and evolution.

It was one of the significant steps in my life, Joining NN College of Social Work in 1979 for BSW. I came to professional Social Work after having some experience doing charity work and engaging in radical student activities; hence scepticism was a natural accompaniment. Though my years during Bachelors as well as Masters years showed me the importance of openness, contestation of ideas, importance of empathy in all spheres of life. My evolution as a professional, national and international roles I played from a grassroots organisation, YUVA to UN, national campaigns for housing rights, child rights to global human rights work with Amnesty International would not have been possible without the formative years that I spent at Nirmala Niketan. I have been deeply influenced by teachers like Dr Armiaty Desai, Dr Hazel D'lima, Dr Arhana, to name few, some of the teachers like Dominic, Nafisa, Farida have become friends and colleagues among many others.

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