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# WEATHERING THE STORM AT ERSAMA CLASS IX MOMENTS

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# Value point

6. He decided to help the victims and work for the improvement, organised a group of youths for this purpose and put pressure on the merchants to give rice. They made fire and cooked food for the victims.
7. Then they cleaned the village and removed dead bodies floating on water.
8. They made helicopters drop the packets of food.
9. Prashant was the leader of the youth. He made shelter for the orphan .
- 10.He arranged work for women and children. She worked for the rehabilitation of the orphans and the widows.
- 11.Prashant worked for the welfare of cyclone victims. He became the leader of the village.



## Word Meanings

- ▶ eyes brimming: eyes were full of tears
- ▶ Motley: incongruously varied in appearance or character
- ▶ Battered: injured
- ▶ Tumult: uproar of a disorderly crowd force
- ▶ Triumphantly: victoriously
- ▶ Orphaned: a child whose parents are dead
- ▶ Stigma: disgrace
- ▶ foster families: a family that provides custody or guardianship for children whose parents are dead or unable to look after them

# Message

This lesson conveys the message that when a natural calamity strikes, the members of the community should help themselves. They should not be totally dependent upon the government to provide help. It also gives the message that the youth have a major role to play in organising the community to help themselves. We should provide a leadership role to solve the problems of the common people. In this lesson we see the leadership provided by Prashant during the super storm in Odisha village. We should specially concentrate our efforts on women and children who form the most vulnerable section of society.

# Justification of the title

A super storm happens in Ersama in Odisha state 1999. A boy called Prashant sees nearly 2,500 people in a pitiable condition in a storm shelter. He mobilised the people to help themselves and provided succour to them. He arranged accommodation and food for them even after the storm was over. For several months he was involved in rehabilitation work for the community .Since the article speaks about the efforts of the people to overcome the destruction caused by the storm the title is appropriate.

# Character sketch of Prashant

Prashant is a young boy, just 19 years old. He finds himself in a village devastated by the super storm in Orissa in 1999. He visits the storm shelter in his village and decides to help them out. He takes up a leadership role and starts organising the people. For several months, he helps the people to overcome their difficulties and come back to normal life. He becomes a saviour of orphans and widows. Thus we find Prashant to be a born leader who is ready to work hard to help people to solve their problems. The people of his village are grateful for all his efforts. He is a role model for the youth of our country.



A person's most beautiful asset is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, an ear ready to listen and a hand willing to help others.

