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WEATHERING THE STORM AT ERSAMA

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INTRODUCTION

Weathering the Storm in Ersama is based on a true story of the adventures of a teenager Prashant. Prashant showed extraordinary courage in the face of the great natural calamity. He saved his own life and came in the forefront to lead the disaster management in his village.

ABOUT AUTHOR

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FACT FILE

Profile: Ersama in coastal Orissa was once a land of lush paddy fields and coconut groves where 1.2 lakh farmers and fishermen made a living.

- 35 of the 200 villages have been wiped out.
- 80 per cent of Orissa's 10,000 dead lived here.
- No more than 20 boats are distributing food.



THEME OF COURAGE

Weathering the storm in Erasma is the story of our main protagonist, Prashant who displayed great courage at the time of the super cyclone. The story teaches us about the importance of being patient when a cyclone hits us. Teamwork and co-operation are the qualities displayed by the group of young volunteers who led the rescue operations under the leadership of Prashant.

VALUE POINT

1. Prashant went to his friend's house in Ersama
2. The evening turned into a super storm accompanied by heavy and continuous rain. Many trees were uprooted and water entered his friend's house.
3. Super storm destroyed everything. Water spread everywhere. Several houses were broken. Dead animals as well as humans were floating everywhere. His friend's family had taken shelter on the roof and the fallen coconut trees kept them alive for several days.
4. Prasad was worried about his parents. He took a strong stick and started his journey to his village. He waded through the water and had to push many dead bodies on the way. He was worried about his family members. Perhaps they were not alive.
5. He reached his village Kalikuda. He found only broken houses in the village .He went to the Red Cross shelter and met his family there.

WORD MEANING

- Menacing: dangerous and harmful
- Incessant: unceasing, continuous
- Rent: filled
- Swirled: moved or flowed along with a whirling motion
- Mortar: a mixture of lime, cement, sand and water used to construct buildings
- Waded: walk with effort through water
- Macabre: horrible
- Fractured: broken
- Bloated: swollen
- Animal carcasses: dead bodies of animals
- Huddled : together in a group
- Bereaved: to have lost a family member or a friend to death
- Surge: gush
- Refuge: shelter
- Catastrophe: sudden and widespread disaster



We can not heal the world today
but we can begin
with a voice of
compassion, with a heart of
love, an act of kindness.

THANK YOU

