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THINK ABOUT IT

1. What havoc has the super cyclone wreaked on the life of the people of Orissa?

Ans

The super cyclone caused high speed winds and floods which took many lives and left many people injured. It also uprooted many trees, destroyed the houses and killed the cattle and domestic animals of the people of Orissa. The people who survived the super cyclone were homeless, wounded and hungry.

2. How has Prashant, a teenager, been able to help the people of his village?

Ans

Prashant took the initiative to help the people of his village and became the leader of his village. ~~He organised~~ They tended the wounds and fractures of the injured people. The youth task force deputed some children to lie down in the sand with utensils on their stomach so that the passing helicopters could be communicated that they are ~~by~~ hungry.

3. How have the people of the community ~~not~~ helped one another? What role do the women of Kalikuda play during these days?

Ans The youth and elder men of the community formed a group and pressurised the grain merchant to give rice for the hungry people. The group cooked food by collecting the broken branches of trees. They also cleaned the shelter and tended to the wounds and fractures of the injured people. They helped the orphans and widows to pick the broken pieces of their lives.

The widowed women of Kalikuda took care of the orphaned children. The other women worked for the food-for-work programme of an NGO so that they could get food in return for the work done by them.

4. Why do Perashant and other ~~are~~ volunteers resist the plan to set up institutions for orphans and widows? What alternatives do they consider?

Ans Perashant and other volunteers resisted the plan to set up institutions for orphans and widows as they felt that in such institutions children

would grow up without love and widows would suffer from stigma and loneliness.

Prashant's group considered the alternative of resettling the orphans in their own community. They planned to create foster families made up of childless widows and children without adult care.

5. Do you think Prashant is a good leader? Do you think young people can get together to help people during natural calamities?

Ans Yes, I think Prashant is a good leader. He was courageous, confident and had good delegation, persuasion and communication skills.

I think that young people can get together to help people during natural calamities. They are energetic and enthusiastic and if they channelise their energies in helping people in distress.