

## CBSE Class 09 English Language and Literature

### Revision Notes

#### Moments Chapter-6

#### **Weathering the Storm in Ersama by Harsh Mander.**

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- Prashant went to Ersama, a small town in coastal Orissa, on 27 October, 1999 to meet his friend.
- In the evening, a violent storm hit the area.
- The storm caused widespread devastation. People and houses were washed away.
- Prashant was worried about his family.
- He returned to his village, Kalikuda. The scenes he witnessed there were heart breaking.
- At the Red Cross shelter he found his family who hugged him tight in relief.
- Prashant became the leader of the village.
- He appointed a group of volunteers to clean the shelter, help the injured people and sent a delegation to get full rice quota.
- On the 5<sup>th</sup> day, a military helicopter dropped some food parcels. After that it made regular rounds of the shelter, airdropping food and other basic needs.
- Women took care of the orphans while men secured food and materials for shelter.
- He helped the widows and children to make up their lives.
- Even after six months, the widows and orphans seek Prashant in their darkest hour of grief.