

Presentism on Sustainability on the effect of Multiple Flood in Chennai Tamil Nādu during Nov and Dec 2021 month

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Abstract: Presentism is an attitude where practice can only make the people and community strong.

The study aimed at bringing the different situation of flood from Tsunami in 2004 to flood in Chennai in 2015 to the two near floods hit in Nov 2021 to show how people practiced presentism in uncertain conditions through the mother nature. The study focused first on real life scenario of flood situation in Chennai in Dec 2015 where it articulated the devastation caused by the flood to the life of human being and the properties and other assets of the public. It also emphasizes on the help given by the army personnel to the public and how public has sustained themselves for lot of days without power, mobile and internet connection.

The next part focused on the real-life scenario of flood situation in Chennai in Nov 7,2021 where the study depicted on the flood accumulated from overnight rain and how it flooded the streets of the city thus causing catastrophic situation for the life of human being causing damage to life and property.

It also encompasses the covid situation on those dates of flood thus endangering the life of human beings in double fold one through the flood and other through the covid and the difficulty faced by the people for going to hospital and getting ambulances in emergency. The last part focused on the repeated flood which came one week after Nov 7,2021 flood and how people adjusted their mindset and practiced presentism resulting in becoming calmer and more composed by the repeated natural disaster in the city of Chennai and helped the people to curb the damages of life and property caused by the earlier floods.

Keywords: Flood, Tsunami, Water logging, Remodeling

Introduction

What is Presentism?

As defined in website or in various literature: Presentism is the philosophical doctrine that only events and entities—and, in some versions of presentism, timeless objects or ideas like numbers and sets—that occur in the present exist. According to presentism, events and entities that are wholly past or wholly future do not exist at all

Case Discussion: Real Life Case Scenario

Dec 2015

Chennai which is a coastal city in the state of Tamilnadu is considered a quiet city with business and other establishment running their business as usual. The city over the past has experienced several turmoil's starting with tsunami in 2004.

It was havoc at that point of time with lot of damage to property and valuables.

The people over a period forgotten about Tsunami for long years till another flood came in Dec 2015 which lasted for couple of days giving a nightmare to people. Majorily Army people helped the citizen and over a period thing smoothened off.

This study is in continuation of disaster caused by flood in Dec 2015. The entire Chennai soaked in water. Much before that the tsunami came in Chennai in 2004 and people were having bare minimum presentism that any type of similar situation can occur again in 2015.

Those deadly days of Dec 2015 made havoc in Chennai city and created a presentism of situation present over that point of time. People were not geared to understand the situation. Shocked to see the distressed condition of people, Family members and relative's dead body floating in water, waterlogging in streets ,water inside the house damaging the property and other valuable things .The presentism of people was in shocked state not knowing what to do. Where to get the food, whom to communicate no internet, no phones etc.

Nov 7, 2021

Things were going ok till the fresh scene of flood came on Nov 7,2021.Since this flood came after 2015 December, people/citizens were in the present situation of handling the chores of covid and the lockdown and this has created a additional burden on their present situation.

People /Citizen were thinking about the past and were trying to solve the present situation of drainage water, movement of goods , movement of people from one location to another just to name a few.

Just at the time everything was settling down to be ok the next wave of flood came on Nov 15,2021. Electricity which came for some days also got cut off in several places which created lot of disturbance in household activities.

With a blink of eye festival of Christmas came and people in Chennai want to forget the flood and want to celebrate the Christmas holidays and within couple of couple after Christmas again another wave of Flood came around Dec 31,2021 which ruined the new year 2022.

This continuous calamity of Covid, Omicron and the series of floods has given a vision and made headstrong to Chennai citizens to look and handle the present situation and act on it for any type of situation.

The rain again hit the same city Chennai and within couple of hours in night when entire Chennai city was sleeping the water logging happened in various part of Chennai. This time the presentism of people was mixed. Some knows that it will be dangerous and chaotic. Some levelheaded with full of presentism understood the situation and started taking action to handle that. This situation is happening almost after 6 years. People struggled and at that state of mind they were biased with opinion and option as what is to be done. Myself and my family after seeing the water entering the house, understood that we must take quick step further and to move to relative house who were in quite safe zone.

Soon water was mixed with drainage water and came inside the house causing damaged to property. After 5 days with all presentisms, hoping that rain has stopped we continued to clean our house for 4 days and when we were about to settle for new routine of work in another 4 days again rain hit and flooded the city.

This time my personal experience says that people were much prepared with the presentism of what is going around them, and they were very well organized in handling this situation.

I believe with good presentism people must have saved lot of their valuables and property.

Now Chennai is geared for any kind of situation of flood and presentism is also utilized and levelled with the situation and experience.

I also want to add some more points is that during the covid peak the entire country and the world initially were not knowing as how to cope up with the covid situation and the lockdowns.

In first lockdown there was lot of issue with travelling , buying groceries and other issues.

Presentism was at the lowest at that point of time in 2020.People practiced and understood the tough situation going on their daily life and work life and slowly understood the new situation and challenges in life and continued to practice presentism through controlling their emotion through brain.

This practice helped them to cope with second lockdown where people were mentally prepared and the impact of second lockdown were of lesser impact in the emotions of the people as people practiced their presentism.

The latest news which says that there will be another possible lockdown may come in Dec 2021 or Jan 2022 will give much more lesser impact on the emotions of the people in India and around the world.

Conclusion: I want to conclude this paper saying that at every practical day to day living situation of human being in India or around the world no matter whatever tough situations come by understanding presentism can reduce the destruction of professional and personal life.

Annexures: Some of the Pictures taken during Nov 2021 First Flood in Chennai and Second Flood in Chennai.

Link in you tube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yq1r4fn2go>



