At least 165 people have lost their lives as heavy rains resulted in floods in Tamil Nadu. Chennai has been badly affected by floods as around 59 people have been killed in the capital so far. As per media reports, the incessant rains are caused due to a depression in the Bay of Bengal coast near Tamil Nadu. The heaviest rainfall in over a century caused massive flooding across Tamil Nadu, driving thousands from their homes, shutting auto factories and paralysing the airport in capital Chennai.

To determine the extent of severity in the flood-affected areas, Sentinel-1 satellite images referring to 24th November 2015 were obtained from European Space Agency to map the inundated areas. Dark areas in black refer to standing water. In total an estimated 567 sq.km were inundated of which the severely affected districts include Cuddalore (360 sq.km), Nagapattinam (113 sq.km), Ariyalur (70 sq.km) and Perambalur (24 sq.km). Agriculture damage assessment at district level are Cuddalore (307 sq.km), Nagapattinam (82 sq.km), Ariyalur (50 sq.km) and Perambalur (16 sq.km).