From 18th November 2015, heavy rainfall from the annual northeast monsoon season caused widespread flooding across the coastal regions of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh and in the union territory of Puducherry. On 23rd November, the deep depression crossed the north Tamil Nadu coast near Cuddalore, reaching the towns of Neyveli, Cuddalore, Chidambaram and Chennai. For the past two days, several parts of Tamil Nadu have been deluged in record breaking rains. Chennai and its suburbs have been flooded by what has been referred to as the heaviest rains in over 100 years, severely disrupting flights, train and bus services and affecting thousands.

Tamil Nadu has so far received an average of 53 cm rainfall, which is almost twice the amount of its average rainfall for December.

Chennai has recorded 34.5 cm rainfall, which is almost twice the amount of its average rainfall for December.

Power supply has been suspended in nearly 60% of the Chennai’s neighbourhoods.

2,000+ huts submerged in Saidapet area along the Adyar river. Informal settlements along the river are the worst affected.

188 people died in rain-related incidents.

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