Incessant rainfall since Dec 1, 2015 has led to one of the worst flooding in the history of Tamil Nadu and the nearby coastal areas. An estimated 1 million people have been affected by the disaster.

**UPDATED HIGHLIGHTS***

- Death toll risen to 269
- More than 2 lakh people have been displaced
- Financial losses expected to be around INR 15,000 Crore
- About 40% of the mobile and telephone connections are not working
- 72,119 people housed in 432 relief camps
- Rescue operations by the NDRF, Army, IAF and the Navy are in full swing

**IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

- WASH: Water Bottles / Jerry Cans, chlorine tablets, soaps, sanitary napkins
- Food Items: Dry Ration (rice, pulses, tea leaves, sugar, milk powder), biscuit packets
- Non-Food items: Tarpaulins, Raincoats, Blankets and bedsheets, Torch, Mosquito Nets
- First Aid-boxes, essential medicines, crutches

*Source: BBC / The Indian Express / The Hindu*