Second Wave of Catastrophic Flooding in Chennai (Tamil Nadu), India



Last month saw Chennai's wettest November in a century. Home to 4.3 million people, the city's rainfall of 490 mm on 1 December was the highest in 100 years. The result has been widespread flooding with many parts of the conurbation under water. Over 250 people are feared dead, with many more made homeless. On Thursday Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi surveyed the submerged state capital and adjoining areas and announced an immediate relief of 300million USD for flood-hit Tamil Nadu. Other areas of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh are also affected by floodwater.

IWMI in cooperation with Sentinel Asia in particular Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) activated disaster charter for December 03, 2014 at 16:43hours using ALOS-2 PALSAR-2 images. The images clearly highlight areas of standing water in and around Chennai city. Approximately 25sq.km is still inundated by extreme rainfall between Nov 30 and Dec 2, 2015. Further the JAXA made new satellite acquisition for December 09, 2015 to get update on the flood condition. The areas around Chennai namely Thiruvallur, Ponneri are still with flood water.





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