North-eastern India, southern Nepal and Bangladesh received heavy rainfall during the last few days, which caused widespread flood claiming 160 human lives and displacing millions of people from their homes. The floods imposed economic hardships among thousands of farmers due to the destruction of rice crops in the ongoing Kharif season. According to the official’s reports, at least 2.5 million people had been affected, including some 200,000 now staying in 440 relief camps. Second time in this monsoon season, large areas of Assam’s Kaziranga National Park are also under water, forcing endangered rhinos and wild animals to move to higher ground. Kokrajhar, Dhubri and Bongaigaon in western Assam and Kaliabor, Dhemaji and Dibrugarh in Upper Assam are the worst hit districts.

District wise flood extent using satellite data (without river mask) – Golaghat 1290 sq.km, Jorhat 1352 sq.km, Lakhimpur 1158 sq.km, Nagaon 758 sq.km, Sibsagar 147 sq.km and Sonitpur 1774 sq.km respectively.