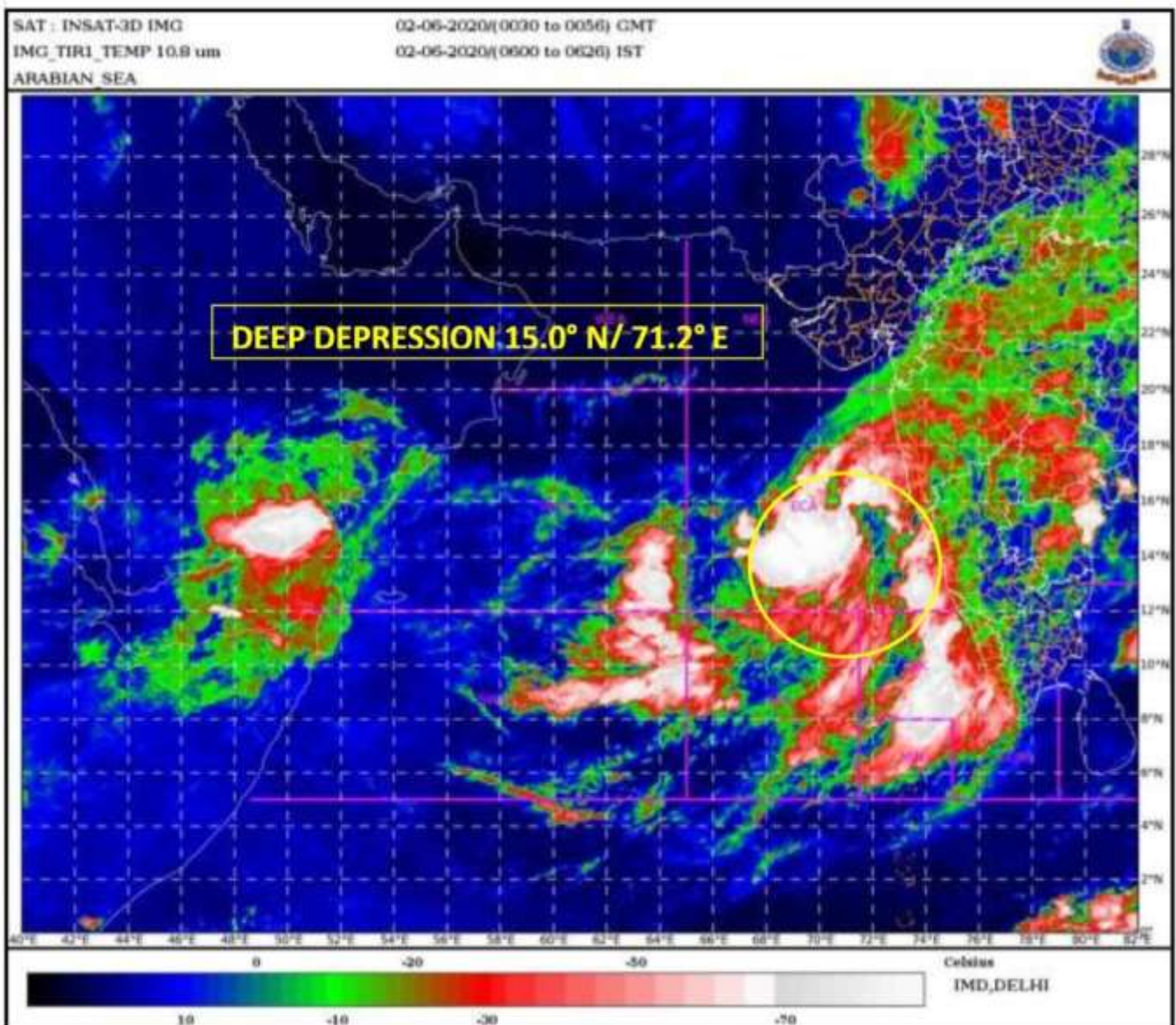


Cyclone 'Nisarga' to intensify: Mumbai on red alert for the first-ever cyclone in its history

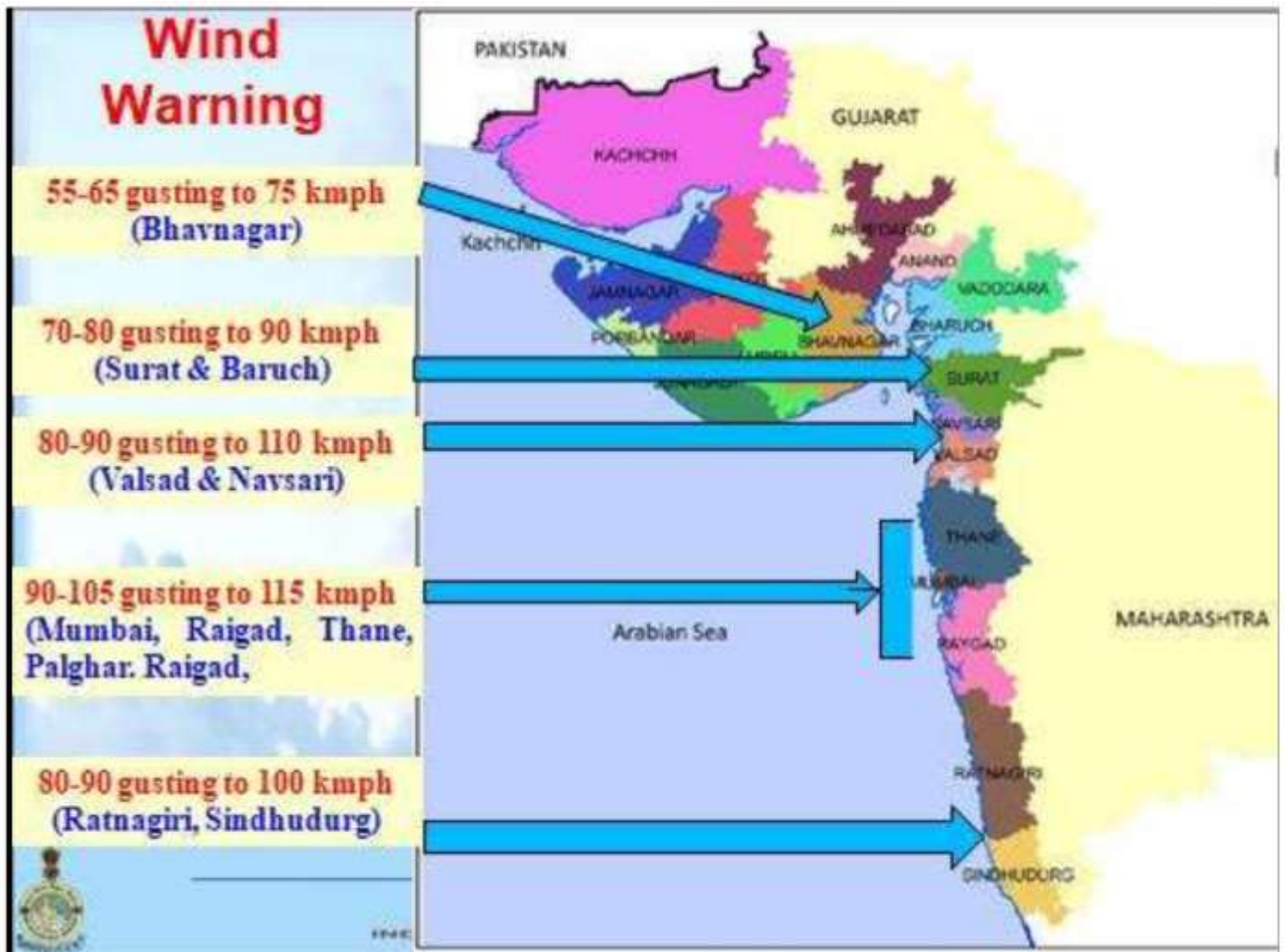
The ESSO-Indian National Center for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) and the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has been tracking cyclonic storm 'Nisarga' using Doppler weather radar. The severe cyclonic storm is expected to move from the East-central Arabian Sea towards northwards in the past six hours at a speed of 11 kmph. This has intensified into a deep depression lay centered at 0530 hrs IST today, June 02, 2020, over East-central Arabian Sea latitude 15.0°N and longitude 71.2°E, about 280 km west-southwest of Panjim (Goa), 490 km south-southwest of Mumbai (Maharashtra) and 710 km south-southwest of Surat (Gujarat).



According to the IMD, Nisarga is likely to make landfall between Harihareshwar in Maharashtra's Raigad and Daman during the afternoon of June 03.

North Konkan, North Madhya Maharashtra and South Gujarat region, Daman, Dadra & Nagar Haveli to witness very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall on June 03. INCOIS-IMD issued a red alert for the Mumbai warning possibility of widespread damage in Palghar, Thane, Raigad, Dhule, Nandurbar, and Nashik, between June 3 and 4 due to cyclone Nisarga.

INCOIS-IMD has warned of winds reaching 60-70 kmph gusting to 80 kmph along the south Maharashtra coast from June 2 Noon and further becoming 95-105 kmph gusting to 115 kmph over Maharashtra ((Raigad, Mumbai, Palghar, Thane) from June 3 morning.



IMD has warned people in these areas to remain indoor and postpone fishing operations until 03 May 2020.