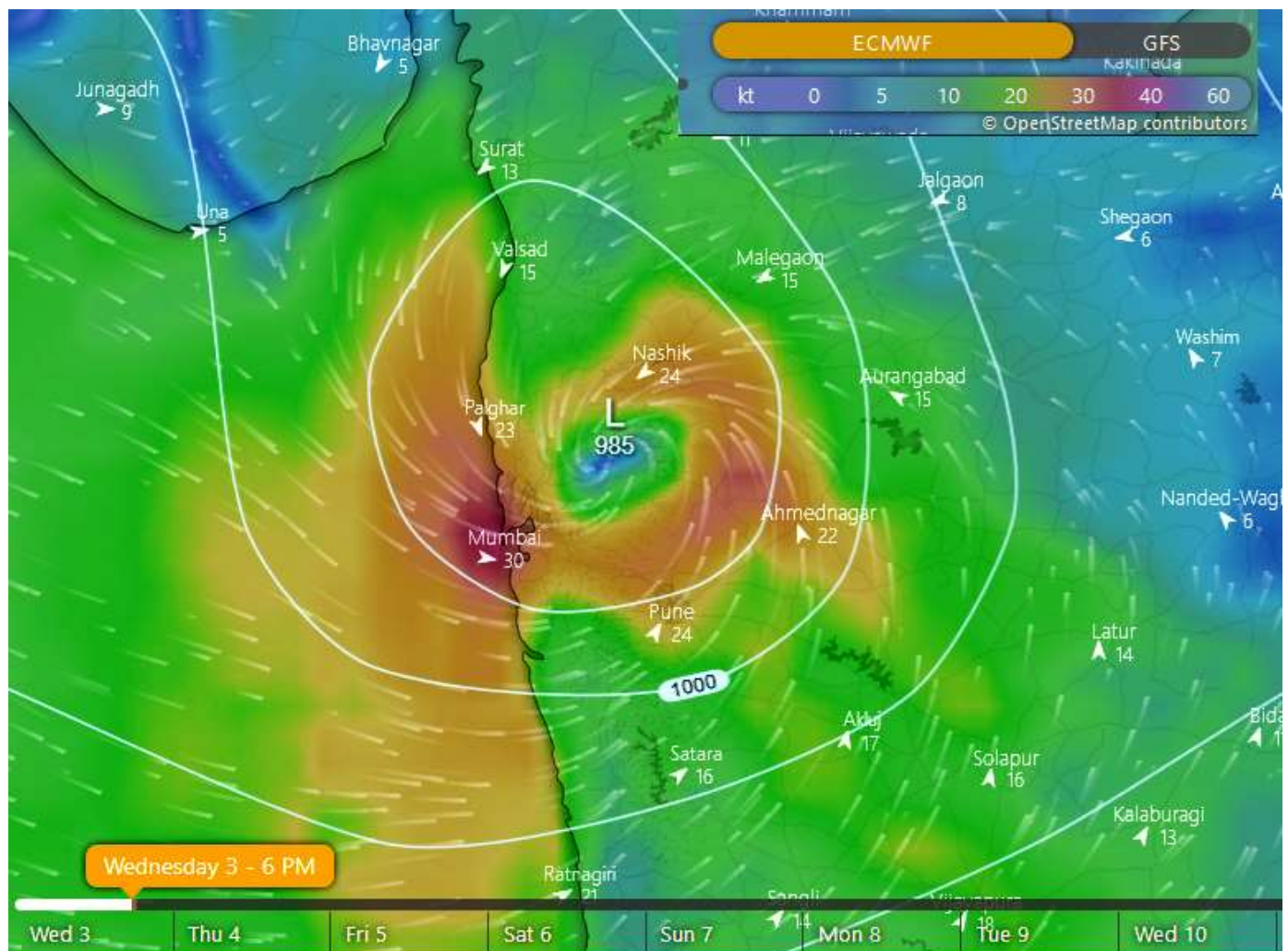


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Cyclone Nisarga-IMD warns people of north Maharashtra & adjoining south Gujarat to stay indoors next 24 hours

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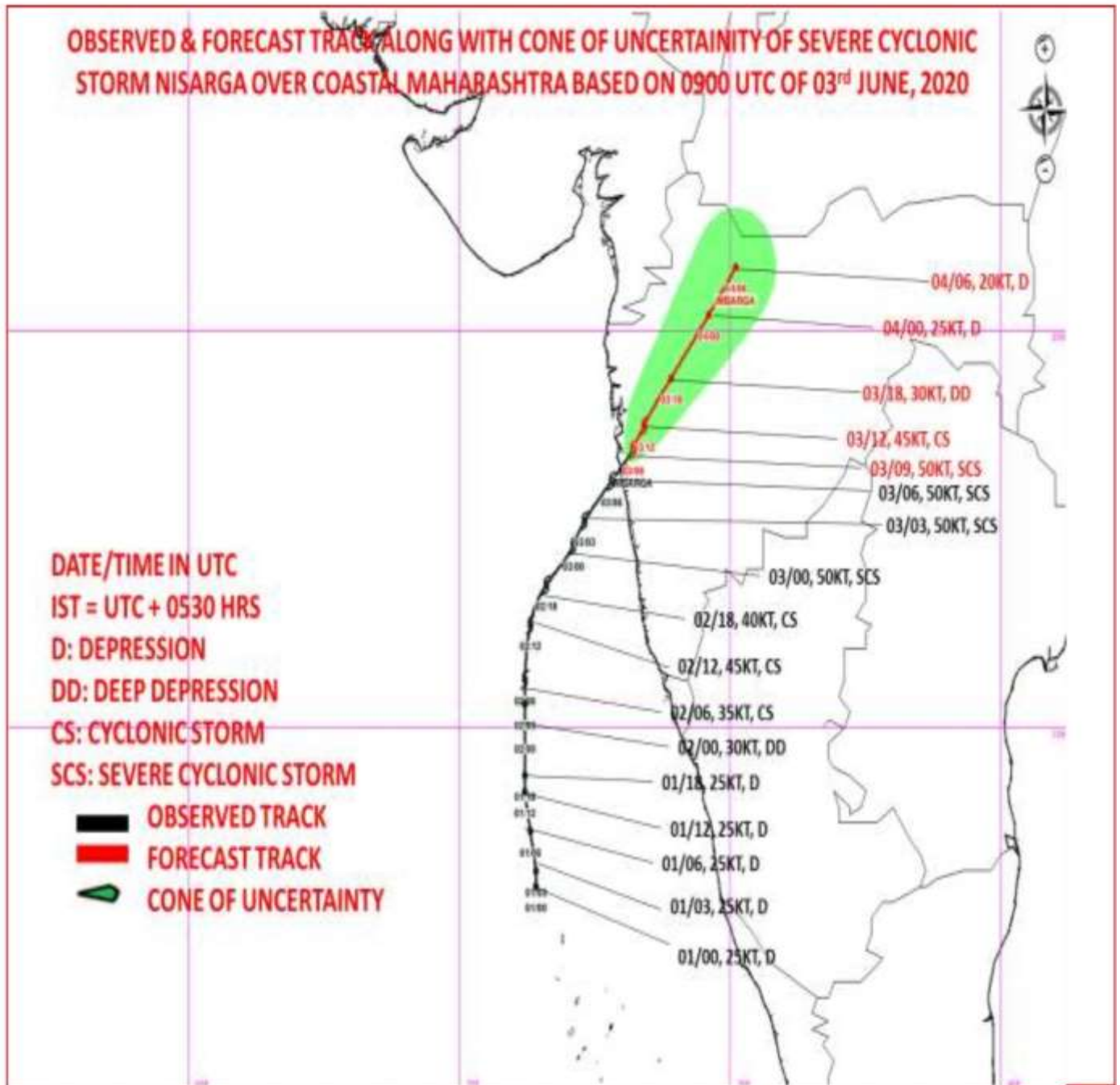
IMD is issuing red alert for north Maharashtra & adjoining south Gujarat coasts warning possibility of widespread damage in interior districts of Maharashtra (Pune, Ahmednagar, Nashik, Aurangabad, and adjoining areas due to cyclone Nisarga developed over a low pressure area over the Arabian Sea. Cyclone Nisarga, which intensified into a "severe cyclonic storm" this morning, has made landfall on the Maharashtra coast.



3-6 PM Simulation of Cyclone Nisarga based on ECMWF data at:

<https://www.windy.com/?19.508,76.103,7,i:pressure>

As per the latest weather forecast issued by India Meteorology Department (IMD), Nisarga has moved from east central Arabian Sea to northeast at the speed of 13 kmph in the past six hours and lay centred at 0830 hours IST of today 03 June, 2020 over the east central Arabian Sea near latitude 17.6°N and longitude 72.3°E, about 140 km south-southwest of Alibaug (Maharashtra), 190 km south-southwest of Mumbai (Maharashtra) and 415 km south-southwest Surat (Gujarat).



The severe cyclonic storm also expected to move north-northeastwards across the north Maharashtra coast close to the south of Alibaug (Raigad District, Maharashtra) during the afternoon of today the 03 June 2020 with maximum sustained wind speed of 100-110 kmph gusting to 120 kmph.

North Konkan (Mumbai, Palghar, Thane, Raigad districts) and North Madhya Maharashtra to witness very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall during the next 24 hours, the weather office said. IMD has warned of winds reaching 100-110 kmph gusting to 120 kmph along the south Maharashtra coast and over north Maharashtra coast (Raigad, Mumbai and adjoining Thane) from June 03 Noon.

Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the East central and Northeast Arabian Sea as well as the Karnataka-Goa-Maharashtra-south Gujarat coasts during next 24 hours.