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## Overview

- Gold steadies ahead of key inflation data this week
- Oil settle lower amidst bumper US Stockpiles
- Core PCE Index and GDP data from the US will be important this week to gauge the dollar

## Precious Metals

Gold prices climbed, as expectations of interest rate cuts by the U.S. Federal Reserve firmed, while investors waited for data due later in the week for underlying inflation trends that will help gauge the timing of these cuts. Dollar index is trading near its one week high above 104 mark, similarly US 10Y Yield is also hovering above 4.2% mark, capping some gains for the metal price. On data front, US Core durables goods orders data was reported better than expectations at 0.7% v/s 0.1%, however US consumer confidence was slightly below estimates at 104.70 v/s 106.90. Gold prices also continue to find support from elevated physical demand from Chinese households, where gold's record rally has not tarnished the buying appetite. Central bank purchases also sustain their support for gold, with China's central bank steadily building its gold reserves. Updates regarding recent development in the geo-political tensions, tussle between Russia-Ukraine and Israel - Hamas is keeping market participants on the edge. Gold tread water in anticipation of PCE price index data- the Fed's preferred inflation gauge- due later this week. Focus this week will also be on the US GDP and comments from Governor Powell. Gold, on domestic front, is expected to trade in a range of Rs. 65,800- 66,600.

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2178.5	0.0%
Silver	24.46	0.1%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	157467	-2093
Silver	37819	11158
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	1943.2	-1.09
Silver ETF	24698	37.59
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	104.24	0.2%
US 10Y Yields	4.24	-0.4%

## Base Metals

Copper prices touched their lowest in almost two weeks as investor's awaited signals that demand was recovering in top metals consumer China. Dollar Index is also inching higher, hovering currently around its one week high above 104 mark. Copper inventories in warehouses registered with the Shanghai Futures Exchange (SHFE) fell only slightly last week after the strongest seasonal surge since 2020. The discount on LME cash copper against the three-month contract expanded to a record high of \$115.37 a ton, indicating abundant near-term supply. The absence of strong policy signals from Beijing fuelled uncertainty over construction activity. Prices were also under pressure after Glencore announced that it would return to normal operations at the McArthur River zinc mine. The operation had closed earlier this month after a cyclone hit the region. The pace of aluminium smelters in drought-hit Yunnan province restoring 500,000 metric tons of annual production, as dry weather continues to restrict hydropower supply is also supporting the metal. Focus this week will be on the US inflation and GDP data, which could trigger some volatility in Dollar Index.

## Energy

Oil prices settles slightly lower as markets weigh in Russian supply woes and surging crude stockpiles. API data showed U.S. crude stocks unexpectedly increased last week, contradicting the recent trend of greater drops spurred by the ongoing recovery in refinery activity. U.S. crude stocks grew by nearly 9.3 million barrels for the week ending March 22, compared to a 1.5-million-barrel fall recorded by the AP the previous week and an expected decrease of about 1.2 million barrels. Strength in the dollar also weighed on oil prices ahead of more cues on U.S. inflation and interest rates later this week. Natgas fell again on Tuesday as weather-driven demand drops seasonally. With LNG feedgas demand wavering, the low-demand shoulder season is adding to recent price weakness.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	756	0.6%
Aluminium	2090	2.0%
Nickel	1473	0.0%
Lead	176	-0.1%
Zinc	216	0.5%

Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	117400	-500	MT
	Shanghai	285090	-1305	MT
Aluminum	LME	555775	-3825	MT
	Shanghai	199757	-6660	MT
Nickel	LME	77076	-378	MT
	Shanghai	15348	12	MT
Lead	LME	267850	100	MT
	Shanghai	53631	-13504	MT
Zinc	LME	266000	-3375	MT
	Shanghai	121873	2289	MT

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	80.92	-0.5%
Natural gas	1.79	-2.5%

Inventory ( EIA)	Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Crude oil	445.04	-1.95	Mnbl
Gasoline	230.77	-3.31	Mnbl
Distillate	118.52	0.62	Mnbl
Natural Gas	3.13	-0.21	bcf

CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Crude oil	219965	50072
Natural Gas	-87438	10604

MT- Metric Ton, MNBL – Million Barrel, BCF –Billion Cubic Feet.

## Options Monitor

## MCX Gold Mini

% Chg in OI	Call			Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI		
-13.9%	229	52	1828.5	64000	4	2053	1990	41.9%	
0.0%	10	0	1312	64500	7	68	190	-17.0%	
-12.6%	229	138	732.5	65000	8	2318	2049	25.0%	
-10.8%	83	131	353	65500	36.5	1349	412	72.4%	
26.1%	1135	6031	94	<b>66000</b>	269	3324	616	22.2%	
40.6%	620	1637	34	66500	639.5	0	54	0.0%	
2.3%	1671	2240	25.5	67000	1108	5	5	-28.6%	
0.0%	17	31	26	67500	1637.5	0	0	0.0%	
1.5%	1021	461	5	68000	2137.5	0	0	0.0%	

## MCX Crude Oil

% Chg in OI	Call			Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI		
-15.1%	1213	7911	267.9	6600	92.9	25286	6265	28.5%	
-8.2%	67	577	235.9	6650	107.2	2912	792	30.0%	
-5.9%	3421	34520	208.4	6700	125.3	47405	8146	30.0%	
-9.5%	1436	12459	181.8	6750	143.2	12183	2309	50.4%	
-29.9%	5757	68026	159.4	<b>6800</b>	166.7	63013	5998	74.7%	
-11.7%	1176	9474	135.9	6850	189.1	6883	755	633.0%	
1.3%	5470	40660	119	6900	218.4	17434	1386	177.2%	
-0.8%	658	4114	101	6950	248	339	28	180.0%	
-10.4%	4072	31169	89.3	7000	280.2	3907	447	59.1%	

## MCX Natural Gas

% Chg in OI	Call			Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI		
0.0%	0	0	47.9	105	0.05	0	0	0.0%	
0.0%	0	0	38.05	115	0.7	134	41	41.4%	
0.0%	0	2	28.5	125	1.9	995	308	55.6%	
77.8%	256	937	25.75	130	2.65	6785	2264	19.7%	
305.0%	81	709	21.7	<b>135</b>	255	5980	1275	104.7%	
13.9%	1570	6392	17.8	140	5.1	12778	3354	9.6%	
35.7%	464	4265	14.5	145	6.9	6350	1034	27.5%	
14.2%	2587	8953	9.05	155	11.9	4643	730	2.8%	
-2.8%	1635	2996	5.4	165	18.4	135	88	44.3%	

## Level Playing Sheet

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	Apr	6,023	5,921	5,972	6,051	6,102	6,181	Bearish	Moderate	5947 - 6077
Cocudakl	NCDEX	Apr	2,571	2,520	2,546	2,590	2,616	2,660	Bearish	Moderate	2533 - 2603
Cotton	NCDEX	Mar	62,520	61,653	62,087	62,353	62,787	63,053	Bearish	Moderate	62220 - 62920
Dhaniya	NCDEX	Apr	7,628	7,569	7,599	7,647	7,677	7,725	Bearish	Moderate	7584 - 7662
Jeera	NCDEX	Mar	23,540	23,133	23,337	23,618	23,822	24,103	Bearish	Moderate	23235 - 23720
Guar Seed	NCDEX	Apr	5,082	4,982	5,032	5,100	5,150	5,218	Bearish	Moderate	5007 - 5125
Guar Gum	NCDEX	Apr	9,891	9,593	9,742	9,911	10,060	10,229	Bearish	Moderate	9668 - 9986
Mentha Oil	MCX	Mar	939	933	936	939	941	944	Flat	Moderate	935 - 940
Turmeric	NCDEX	Apr	17,466	16,661	17,063	17,625	18,027	18,589	Flat	Moderate	16862 - 17826

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Gold	MCX	Apr	66114	65585	65850	66144	66409	66703	Bullish	Moderate	65997 - 66556
Gold Comex	Comex	Mar	2176	2172	2174	2178	2180	2185	Bullish	Moderate	2173 - 2179
Silver	MCX	May	74518	73717	74117	74681	75081	75645	Bearish	Moderate	73917 - 74881
Silver Comex	Comex	Apr	24.50	24.15	24.33	24.60	24.77	25.04	Bearish	Moderate	24 - 25
Crude	MCX	Mar	6817	6753	6785	6822	6854	6891	Bullish	Moderate	6769 - 6838
Crude Nymex	Nymex	Apr	81.04	80.01	80.52	81.15	81.66	82.29	Bullish	Moderate	80 - 81
Nat Gas	MCX	Mar	151	148	149	151	153	155	Strong	Moderate	148 - 152
BullDex	MCX	Mar	16898	16748	16823	16861	16936	16974	Bullish	Low	16842 - 16955
Copper	MCX	Mar	757.70	753	756	758	761	764	Bearish	Moderate	754 - 760
Zinc	MCX	Mar	215.90	213	214	216	218	220	Bearish	Moderate	213 - 217
Lead	MCX	Mar	177	177	177	177	178	178	Bearish	Moderate	177 - 178
Aluminum	MCX	Mar	208.90	207	208	209	211	212	Bullish	Moderate	207 - 210

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