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Overview

- Gold and silver hover near highs
- Oil prices steadied after renewed ceasefire talk
- Focus today remains on minutes of the Fed policy meeting and pivotal inflation data due later in the day

Precious Metals

Gold and Silver prices continue to mark all time high mark, as safe haven demand for the metals remained upbeat amidst the geopolitical tensions and in anticipation of more cues on U.S. inflation and interest rates. Dollar index and US Yields remains firm, hovering above 104 and 3.4% respectively. Markets were now focused squarely on US CPI for March, the reading is expected to show U.S. inflation remaining sticky, and also comes just days after a blowout nonfarm payrolls report. Bets for rate cut in the month of June is currently at 50%, dropped from 65% in last week weighing on safe haven assets. Along with inflation, the minutes of the Fed's March meeting is also due later today, while the bank had offered up some dovish signals on interest rate cuts during the meeting, a string of Fed officials speaking after warned regarding sticky inflation will delay any potential rate cuts this year. Gold on domestic front could trade in the range of Rs. 70,800- 71,700.

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2351.0	-0.1%
Silver	28.11	-0.2%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	178213	20493
Silver	34084	3902
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	1960.3	-17.88
Silver ETF	25237	-46.07
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	104.15	0.0%
US 10Y Yields	4.36	-1.3%

Base Metals

Copper traded near a 15-month high as supply concerns amid brighter demand prospects boost sentiment. Prices are up more than 15% over the past two months as mine disruptions force the Chinese smelting industry to slow down. The same issue is now faced by the zinc market, with treatment charges on imports hitting a six-year low, daily production of refined zinc has already fallen since hitting an all-time high. Reports suggest many smelters are scheduling out of season maintenance and upgrades, which could impact output further, increasing the supply tightness. Cash copper was trading at a record discount of \$134.75 to three-month prices in another sign of ample copper availability. The sharp rally in LME copper futures created a price gap with SHFE in China, home to the world's largest copper smelters, the gap reached its widest since 2013.

Energy

Crude Oil prices settled lower amidst talks for a ceasefire in Gaza and traders keeping an eye out for any progress, although the latest round of negotiations appeared to be making little headway. The American Petroleum Institute reported U.S. oil stockpiles increased by more than expected 3 million barrels in the week to April 5 suggesting that supplies in the world's largest fuel consumer were possibly not as tight as markets were hoping for but a sustained draw in gasoline inventories showed fuel demand remained robust. EIA in its short term energy outlook, cut 2024 world oil demand forecasts and on the other hand sees higher US production. Today's inflation print from the US will be important to look out for which is forecasted to come in higher than expectations. Natural gas rose to a 1 month high, on an increase in flows to the Freeport LNG export plant and a drop in output as pipeline maintenance trapped gas in the state and producers reduced drilling after prices fell in February and March to 3-1/2-year lows.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	819	1.8%
Aluminium	2230	-0.1%
Nickel	1506	0.6%
Lead	188	0.7%
Zinc	239	1.3%

Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	124225	9950	MT
	Shanghai	291849	1621	MT
Aluminum	LME	529625	-3525	MT
	Shanghai	219474	2634	MT
Nickel	LME	75420	-1728	MT
	Shanghai	17669	369	MT
Lead	LME	271525	-1075	MT
	Shanghai	51781	2558	MT
Zinc	LME	259925	-200	MT
	Shanghai	123846	954	MT

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	85.27	-0.1%
Natural gas	1.90	1.5%

Inventory (EIA)	Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Crude oil	451.42	3.21	Mnbl
Gasoline	227.82	-4.26	Mnbl
Distillate	116.07	-1.27	Mnbl
Natural Gas	3.13	-0.21	bcf

CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Crude oil	229484	12045
Natural Gas	-83182	2254

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		
-9.8%	486	303	1655	68000	233.5	3021	2052	51.0%	
-44.6%	36	28	1398.5	68500	337.5	256	104	7.2%	
-5.4%	767	1680	1076	69000	472	3169	1320	92.7%	
14.1%	146	1031	843	69500	667	222	116	0.0%	
68.2%	903	4850	624.5	70000	865	1504	577	1127.7%	
600.0%	98	260	453	70500	1149	8	4	0.0%	
165.9%	569	2417	330.5	71000	1399.5	62	25	0.0%	
0.0%	0	0	92.5	71500	1475.5	0	0	0.0%	
0.0%	0	0	320.5	72000	2113	0	0	0.0%	

MCX Crude Oil

% Chg in OI	Call			Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI		
-43.1%	2895	16478	202.1	7000	55.6	69949	10101	-15.8%	
-6.1%	1069	3346	171.6	7050	68.8	12252	930	-2.7%	
-28.0%	3249	54282	150.8	7100	89.4	86628	8517	-7.3%	
-2.9%	1268	14167	130.5	7150	106.5	19626	1909	62.1%	
-10.4%	4304	154832	111.7	7200	133.8	148265	7513	165.7%	
77.1%	595	35789	93.8	7250	159.1	14734	807	3568.2%	
-17.7%	3545	102423	82.1	7300	185.5	59458	3369	791.3%	
-16.3%	437	11155	67.4	7350	218.5	240	25	400.0%	
-12.1%	1918	57142	55.7	7400	245.3	6442	556	186.6%	

MCX Natural Gas

% Chg in OI	Call			Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI		
0.0%	0	0	34.4	115	0.25	554	283	8.8%	
0.0%	37	1	24.65	125	0.55	4448	930	10.5%	
-12.1%	109	384	16.95	135	1.85	5583	1713	-8.0%	
12.3%	1607	16128	13.1	140	3.05	30039	8691	25.0%	
-0.3%	3010	17943	9.9	145	255	23252	4074	13.2%	
38.9%	10972	64354	7.35	150	6.85	50891	9033	4.1%	
51.3%	5505	28299	5.4	155	9.7	13530	1918	-10.1%	
-5.6%	2885	8098	2.7	165	16.2	900	201	-6.1%	
25.0%	1732	2775	1.35	175	23.9	0	8	0.0%	

Level Playing Sheet

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	Apr	5,908	5,854	5,881	5,908	5,935	5,962	Bearish	Moderate	5868 - 5922
Cocudakl	NCDEX	Apr	2,589	2,549	2,569	2,582	2,602	2,615	Bearish	Moderate	2576 - 2609
Cotton	NCDEX	May	61,520	61,000	61,260	61,480	61,740	61,960	Bearish	Moderate	61370 - 61850
Dhaniya	NCDEX	Apr	7,656	7,584	7,620	7,662	7,698	7,740	Bearish	Moderate	7602 - 7680
Jeera	NCDEX	Apr	23,935	23,652	23,793	23,957	24,098	24,262	Bearish	Moderate	23723 - 24028
Guar Seed	NCDEX	Apr	5,413	5,336	5,374	5,435	5,473	5,534	Bearish	Moderate	5355 - 5454
Guar Gum	NCDEX	Apr	10,730	10,535	10,632	10,803	10,900	11,071	Bearish	Moderate	10584 - 10852
Mentha Oil	MCX	Apr	912	902	907	911	916	919	Bearish	Moderate	909 - 918
Turmeric	NCDEX	Apr	17,062	16,707	16,885	17,127	17,305	17,547	Bearish	Moderate	16796 - 17216

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Gold	MCX	Apr	71340	70605	70972	71356	71723	72107	Bullish	Moderate	71164 - 71915
Gold Comex	Comex	Apr	2344	2322	2333	2349	2360	2376	Bullish	Moderate	2341 - 2368
Silver	MCX	May	82450	81111	81781	82409	83079	83707	Bullish	Moderate	82095 - 83393
Silver Comex	Comex	May	27.98	27.33	27.66	28.05	28.37	28.76	Bullish	Moderate	28 - 29
Crude	MCX	Apr	7102	6991	7047	7141	7197	7291	Bearish	Moderate	7019 - 7169
Crude Nymex	Nymex	May	84.46	83.16	83.81	84.94	85.59	86.72	Bearish	Moderate	83 - 85
Nat Gas	MCX	Apr	155	150	153	156	159	163	Bullish	High	155 - 161
BullDex	MCX	Apr	18137	17938	18038	18139	18239	18340	Bullish	Moderate	18089 - 18290
Copper	MCX	Apr	818.55	797	808	825	836	853	Bullish	Moderate	816 - 844
Zinc	MCX	Mar	238.75	231	235	238	242	245	Bullish	Moderate	236 - 243
Lead	MCX	Apr	188	184	186	188	190	192	Bullish	Moderate	187 - 191
Aluminum	MCX	Mar	223.30	218	221	223	226	228	Bullish	Low	221 - 226

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