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Overview

- US economy grows at a slowest pace in 2 years
- Bank of Japan keeps policy rates unchanged
- Gold steady ahead of US core PCE index
- Shortages to keep copper supported

Precious Metals

Gold prices kept to a tight range, as further losses in the metal were limited by a weaker dollar, although anticipation of more cues on interest rates kept market participants on the edge. Bullion also witnessed a drop in the past few trading sessions as easing tensions over a war between Iran and Israel sapped away safe-haven demand. Updates regarding missile strike and tensions are still being reported however, market participants are waiting for any further escalation in the situation. The dollar eased slightly after softer-than-expected purchasing managers index data for April. Preliminary manufacturing and services PMI from the US was reported slightly below the 50 mark supporting an up-move in bullions. However, durable goods order data, in the yesterday's session, was reported better than the previous month. Fed official's hawkish comments have been preparing the market for further delay in rate cuts as the US central bank need further evidence regarding an ease off in inflation, bets for rate cut have shifted now to September from the month of June. Focus now shifts to US GDP, weekly jobless claims and PCE Price index data scheduled this week. Gold on domestic front is expected to trade in the range of Rs. 70,700-71,700.

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2332.8	0.0%
Silver	27.44	0.0%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	172861	-6281
Silver	40962	2466
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	1960.7	-40.24
Silver ETF	24800	-5.69
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	105.60	0.0%
US 10Y Yields	4.70	1.1%

Base Metals

Copper continued to trade higher primarily as the dollar fell against its major crosses after the US economy reported lower GDP growth. Initial reaction posts the release of the GDP data most metals fell but later gained from the intraday lows. Driven by renewed interest in commodity assets, copper prices rallied 10% since the start of this year on LME. Copper inventory in China, the top consumer of the industrial metal, typically declined every April as factory activity picked up after Lunar New Year. But copper inventory is yet to retreat so far, remaining at multi-year high of close to 300,000 metric tons. In China, the Yangshan premium has dropped to zero for the first time on record, indicating weak appetite to import copper into China, the world's biggest metals consumer. Today, focus will be on the core PCE index number from the US and that could trigger volatility for the base metals pack.

Energy

Crude oil prices settled higher as the market weighed the weaker-than-expected US economic growth data against a potential geopolitical risk from a looming Israeli invasion of the southern Gaza city of Rafah. The largest drawdown in inventories since mid-January also helped prices. GDP figures expanded at an annualized rate of 1.6% in Q1 2024, below forecasts of 2.5% showing the US economy has slowed sharply and pressure grew on the dollar. While a war with Iran did not exceed, the Israel-Hamas conflict showed few indications of easing. The US was also preparing to deploy further military help for Israel after President Biden signed a bill earlier this week. Gas prices fell to their lowest in over two months, weighed by seasonal weakness and bigger-than-expected storage build as data showed US utilities added 92 bcf of gas into storage during the week ended April 19th, the biggest rise in six months, compared with market expectations of an 87 bcf increase. Along with this, the benign weather and LNG hiccups continue to pressure prices. Focus was now on upcoming PCE price index data.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	848	0.7%
Aluminium	2480	0.8%
Nickel	1615	0.8%
Lead	188	0.1%
Zinc	251	-1.1%

Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	120400	175	MT
	Shanghai	300045	322	MT
Aluminum	LME	494875	-1675	MT
	Shanghai	228537	-3228	MT
Nickel	LME	77622	744	MT
	Shanghai	18443	42	MT
Lead	LME	266950	1725	MT
	Shanghai	51746	-8469	MT
Zinc	LME	254500	-600	MT
	Shanghai	131747	4113	MT

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	83.84	0.1%
Natural gas	1.63	-0.9%

Inventory (EIA)	Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Crude oil	453.63	-6.37	Mnbl
Gasoline	226.74	-0.63	Mnbl
Distillate	116.58	1.61	Mnbl
Natural Gas	3.13	-0.21	bcf

CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Crude oil	203897	-34253
Natural Gas	-114389	-26003

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		
-90.1%	28	32	2355	69000	270.5	901	350	-33.2%	
-100.0%	0	0	1978.5	69500	423.5	1	3	-96.8%	
-60.3%	151	121	1591.5	70000	526	1647	646	-57.1%	
-71.4%	2	0	1327	70500	844	3	1	-99.5%	
378.6%	335	1963	1097.5	71000	943	1918	394	-37.6%	
-80.4%	22	118	931	71500	1350	2	2	-99.2%	
13.1%	552	3433	716	72000	1544.5	321	194	-20.8%	
-98.4%	8	36	566.5	72500	1761.5	0	0	-100.0%	
-38.4%	747	1477	478	73000	2231	35	55	-67.3%	

MCX Crude Oil

% Chg in OI	Call			Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI		
-26.1%	65	1015	259.2	6750	105.8	11273	848	-9.9%	
-20.8%	2159	60069	230.6	6800	125.4	90971	6475	6.6%	
0.9%	2038	24932	201.9	6850	147.5	28655	1070	21.2%	
-13.2%	8460	171183	180.7	6900	171.7	148281	6047	-7.4%	
-20.1%	2555	31790	156.7	6950	195.2	18078	702	11.8%	
-8.3%	10015	100101	137.3	7000	223.4	43517	3019	7.4%	
4.7%	1063	10286	119.3	7050	260	223	21	61.5%	
-3.0%	8186	47724	105.5	7100	288.7	5385	388	7.5%	
5.4%	933	7946	91.1	7150	317.4	1	18	0.0%	

MCX Natural Gas

% Chg in OI	Call			Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI		
0.0%	2	6	37.8	130	0.8	8097	1662	160.1%	
85.5%	475	2407	29.45	140	1.9	18319	3243	46.1%	
-4.6%	1300	5142	21.45	150	4.05	18542	4023	7.8%	
106.9%	120	3131	17.9	155	5.65	7995	1105	81.7%	
31.3%	1721	16942	14.75	160	255	29848	4469	16.6%	
61.0%	1734	18022	12	165	10.1	15264	1400	49.1%	
14.2%	4776	27953	9.6	170	12.9	15813	3686	2.1%	
16.6%	4049	15896	6	180	19.45	2583	942	0.9%	
-1.8%	2297	8361	3.65	190	27	479	395	12.2%	

Level Playing Sheet

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	May	5,787	5,734	5,760	5,782	5,808	5,830	Bearish	Moderate	5771 - 5819
Cocudakl	NCDEX	May	2,555	2,470	2,512	2,561	2,603	2,652	Bearish	Moderate	2491 - 2582
Cotton	NCDEX	May	58,620	58,167	58,393	58,627	58,853	59,087	Bearish	Moderate	58280 - 58740
Dhaniya	NCDEX	May	7,532	7,340	7,436	7,548	7,644	7,756	Bearish	Moderate	7388 - 7596
Jeera	NCDEX	Apr	22,665	22,195	22,430	22,695	22,930	23,195	Bearish	Moderate	22313 - 22813
Guar Seed	NCDEX	May	5,581	5,526	5,553	5,592	5,619	5,658	Bearish	Moderate	5540 - 5606
Guar Gum	NCDEX	May	11,198	11,017	11,108	11,221	11,312	11,425	Bearish	Moderate	11063 - 11267
Mentha Oil	MCX	Apr	929	916	922	931	937	945	Strong	Moderate	919 - 934
Turmeric	NCDEX	June	19,082	17,649	18,365	18,941	19,657	20,233	Bullish	Moderate	18007 - 19299

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Gold	MCX	June	71214	70193	70703	71142	71652	72091	Bearish	Moderate	70923 - 71872
Gold Comex	Comex	Apr	2330	2289	2310	2327	2348	2366	Bearish	Moderate	2318 - 2357
Silver	MCX	May	80684	79079	79882	80504	81307	81929	Bearish	Moderate	80193 - 81618
Silver Comex	Comex	May	27.35	26.71	27.03	27.32	27.64	27.93	Flat	Moderate	27 - 28
Crude	MCX	May	6911	6796	6853	6900	6957	7004	Flat	Moderate	6877 - 6981
Crude Nymex	Nymex	May	82.75	80.61	81.68	82.34	83.41	84.07	Flat	Moderate	82 - 84
Nat Gas	MCX	Apr	135	130	132	136	139	143	Bearish	Moderate	131 - 138
BullDex	MCX	Apr	18032	17777	17905	18007	18135	18237	Bearish	Moderate	17956 - 18186
Copper	MCX	Apr	848.40	838	843	847	852	856	Bullish	Moderate	845 - 854
Zinc	MCX	Apr	250.60	243	247	250	254	256	Bullish	Moderate	248 - 255
Lead	MCX	Apr	188	186	187	188	189	191	Bearish	Moderate	187 - 189
Aluminum	MCX	Apr	248.45	234	241	247	254	260	Bullish	Moderate	244 - 257

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