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#### **Overview**

- ISM Services PMI tumbled to four-year low of 48.8
- Gold climbs on reinforced expectations for interest rate cuts
- Oil fell following soft US economic data despite inventory draw
- US Markets to remain shut today on account of Independence Day holiday.

#### **Precious Metals**

Gold prices rose more than 1% to a near two-week high while silver was up by more than 2%, on the back weak US economic data which increased rate cut bets by Fed, fall in Dollar index and rally in industrial metals. US private payroll data was reported lower than expectations at 150k v/s 163k; similarly, first-time applications for U.S. unemployment benefits increased last week, signaling an ease off in the labor market. A measure of U.S. services sector activity slumped to a four-year low in June amid a sharp drop in orders. Following the U.S. data, the dollar slipped against it major crosses to a two-week low, while the yield on the benchmark U.S. 10-year Treasury note slid. In the FOMC meeting minutes, Governor Powell reiterated that inflation concerns still exists and Fed is in no hurry to raise rates. Few months of data will be required to make a call for interest rate path ahead. Despite these comments, market now sees a 66% chance of the Fed cutting interest rates in September. US market remains shut today on the back of Independence day holiday. Focus now shifts to the nonfarm payrolls report due tomorrow, for more clarity on U.S. rate cuts.

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2359.7	0.2%
Silver	30.45	-0.1%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	184710	-4823
Silver	32990	831
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	1924.6	-3.68
Silver ETF	25100	102.39
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	105.40	-0.1%
US 10Y Yields	4.35	-1.0%

#### **Base Metals**

Copper prices gained almost 2% in yesterday's trading session, buoyed signs of firming demand in China and a weaker dollar caused by softer than expected US economic data that boosted hopes of interest rate cuts. Fund buying has helped copper climb, but worries about demand prospects in top consumer China and an inventory uptrend in warehouses registered with London Metal Exchange (LME) are likely to cap prices. Stocks of copper in LME-registered warehouses have climbed nearly 80% since mid-May to reach 186450 tons for their highest levels since December. Chilean copper mining giant Codelco expects copper output to tick up the second half of this year, as reported by the state-run miner's Chairman.

## **Energy**

Oil prices retreated from two-month highs, as traders booked profits from this week's robust rally, while soft US economic data stoked concerns about long-term demand. However, prices remained supported by a significantly larger-than-expected decrease in inventories. Oil stockpiles declined by 12.157mb in the week to June 28, well exceeding estimates of a 0.4 mb draw. Outsized draws in gasoline and distillate stocks also indicated that demand was increasing during the summer season. A record number of Americans are expected to travel by road this week, on account of the Independence Day holiday today in the US. Persistent concerns over geopolitical disruptions in the Middle East, showed little signs of deescalating. The ISM Non-Manufacturing index plummeted to a four-year low of 48.8 in June, significantly below the consensus of 52.5, due to a severe drop in orders. Potential supply disruptions to Hurricane Beryl have also kept prices elevated, although concerns eased after the U.S. National Hurricane Center said the storm was expected to weaken by the time it entered the Gulf of Mexico. Natural gas prices were dampened by EIA's report of a 32bcf storage build, slightly above the expected 29 bcf. Gas in storage is now 18.8% above the seasonal norm.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	863	0.1%
Aluminium	233P	-0.1%
Nickel	1476	0.7%
Lead	189	0.5%
Zinc	273	0.4%

Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	186450	1975	MT
	Shanghai	319521	-3389	MT
Aluminum	LME	1009825	-5100	MT
	Shanghai	234871	6132	MT
Nickel	LME	95994	492	MT
	Shanghai	19599	-95	MT
Lead	LME	222875	-3200	MT
	Shanghai	53843	-244	MT
Zinc	LME	259025	-750	MT
ZIIIC	Shanghai	126413	-1694	MT

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	83.40	-0.3%
Natural gas	2.43	-0.7%

Inventory ( EIA)	Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Crude oil	459.65	3.73	Mnbl
Gasoline	233.51	2.57	Mnbl
Distillate	123.37	0.88	Mnbl
Natural Gas	3.13	-0.21	bcf

CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Crude oil	235816	45151
Natural Gas	34625	-4017

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

# **Options Monitor**

## **MCX Gold Mini**

	Call			Particulars		P	ut	
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
-10.2%	115	149	1799	70000	105.5	1973	961	32.4%
0.0%	0	0	1484.5	70500	181.5	206	77	-3.8%
-11.3%	329	887	1135	71000	271	3811	1675	68.2%
-33.3%	166	682	897	71500	424.5	911	461	24.3%
-57.4%	1016	9638	683.5	72000	619.5	5835	1137	150.4%
107.4%	112	774	521.5	72500	987.5	10	7	0.0%
2.1%	1166	5206	399.5	73000	1156	588	322	87.2%
300.0%	8	13	219	73500	1544	0	0	0.0%
27.4%	763	1939	237.5	74000	1912	0	1	0.0%

### **MCX Crude Oil**

	Call			Particulars		P	ut	
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
-5.2%	5718	60284	220.2	6800	59.2	125039	19132	8.5%
-2.6%	1959	21693	188.3	6850	75.4	41419	4649	9.8%
68.8%	7729	209557	161.6	6900	95.3	215171	11698	34.7%
57.1%	3444	78590	136.6	6950	118.6	61924	1782	100.4%
31.5%	14336	168792	115	7000	144.3	113181	4619	-5.1%
75.5%	3119	33555	95.2	7050	174.2	6619	507	-39.2%
0.5%	4647	64787	78.3	7100	208.4	21786	1399	-8.4%
-30.2%	887	11259	63.6	7150	247	1	6	0.0%
19.7%	4339	37608	53	7200	282.1	3795	352	-16.0%

#### **MCX Natural Gas**

	Call			Particulars		Pu	t	
% Chg in OI	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	% Chg in OI
0.0%	0	0	30.2	175	1.5	1230	620	4.4%
0.0%	0	0	22	185	3.3	4841	927	50.2%
51.5%	103	4766	16	195	6.5	11103	1241	72.8%
34.5%	2575	33869	13.15	200	8.75	38488	4662	20.2%
99.1%	2073	32577	10.8	205	255	24112	2177	49.5%
37.5%	6228	40292	8.75	210	14.25	19075	3865	1.2%
34.7%	3202	14228	6.95	215	17.55	4654	636	-14.7%
2.7%	4034	7700	4.5	225	25.1	291	972	-7.4%
5.6%	3878	3424	2.9	235	33.85	82	613	-9.1%

# **Level Playing Sheet**

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	<b>S1</b>	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	July	5,835	5,785	5,810	5,845	5,870	5,905	Bearish	Moderate	5798 - 5858
Cocudakl	NCDEX	July	2,832	2,805	2,819	2,836	2,850	2,867	Bearish	Moderate	2828 - 2859
Cotton	NCDEX	July	58,720	58,640	58,680	58,740	58,780	58,840	Bearish	Moderate	58710 - 58810
Dhaniya	NCDEX	July	7,248	7,149	7,199	7,239	7,289	7,329	Bearish	Moderate	7219 - 7309
Jeera	NCDEX	July	28,930	28,303	28,617	28,838	29,152	29,373	Bearish	Moderate	28728 - 29263
Guar Seed	NCDEX	July	5,351	5,256	5,303	5,336	5,383	5,416	Bearish	Moderate	5320 - 5400
Guar Gum	NCDEX	July	10,501	10,187	10,344	10,452	10,609	10,717	Bearish	Moderate	10398 - 10663
Mentha Oil	MCX	July	961	925	942.87	955	973	986	Bullish	Moderate	949 - 979
Turmeric	NCDEX	Aug	16,168	15,760	15,964	16,304	16,508	16,848	Bearish	Moderate	15862 - 16406

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Gold	MCX	Aug	72403	71332	71868	72220	72756	73108	Bullish	High	72044 - 72932
Gold Comex	Comex	July	2360	2320	2340	2351	2371	2381	Bullish	High	2345 - 2376
Silver	MCX	Sep	92021	88930	90475	91438	92983	93946	Bullish	High	90957 - 93465
Silver Comex	Comex	Aug	30.67	29.22	29.95	30.37	31.10	31.52	Bullish	Moderate	30 - 31
Crude	MCX	July	6951	6851	6901	6935	6985	7019	Bullish	High	6876 - 6960
Crude Nymex	Nymex	Sep	83.02	81.08	82.05	82.56	83.53	84.04	Bullish	Moderate	82 - 84
Nat Gas	MCX	July	204	199	201	204	207	210	Bearish	Moderate	200 - 206
BullDex	MCX	July	18386	18265	18325	18388	18448	18511	Flat	Moderate	18295 - 18418
Copper	MCX	July	863.30	841	852	859	870	877	Strong	Moderate	856 - 874
Zinc	MCX	July	272.80	266	269	271	275	277	Bullish	High	270 - 276
Lead	MCX	July	189	188	189	189	190	190	Bearish	Moderate	189 - 190
Aluminum	MCX	July	233.40	229	231	233	235	236	Strong	Moderate	232 - 236

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