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Overview

- US PPI was reported better than expectations
- Natural gas storage sees greater decline than anticipated
- China stimulus uncertainty weigh on metals
- U.S. dollar rose to a 2-1/2-week high hovering near 107

Precious Metals

Gold slipped over 1% as investors booked profits after it briefly reached a five-week high earlier in the session, prices were also weighed after stronger than US producer prices, stoked concerns about a hawkish Fed rate cut next week, boosting the dollar. U.S. producer prices rose more than expected in November amid a surge in the cost of food. This was followed by headline US CPI data which was reported 0.1% higher than expectations at 2.7%, rising by most in seven months in November. Meanwhile, Jobless claims rose in the latest week pointing towards an easing labor market. Market participants are discounting third rate cut next week by fed of 25bpw, probability of same is currently at ~95%. Meanwhile, the ECB cut interest rates for the fourth time this year, by quarter of a percentage point and kept the door open to more. There were also updates regarding a possible hostage deal between Hamas and Israel as the former concedes on formers troops. Hamas has yielded two of Israel's key demands for a cease fire raising hope of an agreement that could release some hostages within days. There was no concrete announcement from China, also weighing on industrial metal including Silver. Gold on domestic front is expected to trade in a range of ₹77,500- 78,500.

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2686.1	0.2%
Silver	30.92	-0.1%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	201397	3206
Silver	24893	1660
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	2020.6	0.82
Silver ETF	26045	-17.01
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	106.96	0.1%
US 10Y Yields	4.32	1.2%

Base Metals

Base metals hand back gains after China stimulus cheer Beijing struck its most dovish tone yet on loosening monetary policy to support economic growth at the start of this week. U.S. dollar rose to a 2-1/2-week high hovering near 107 against its major crosses. China pledged to increase the budget deficit, issue more debt and loosen monetary policy to maintain a stable economic growth rate as it gears up for more trade tensions with the United States as Donald Trump returns to the White House. The readout of an annual agenda-setting meeting, however, did not disclose the size of the stimulus measures. After a dovish tone at the start of this week at politburo market participants were expecting some actionable measures regarding stimulus measures to support the economy however, market participants were rather disappointed, weighing on industrial metals. China in their central economic work conference mentioned that China is about to hit its 2024 economic growth target and also cuts in rates and measures will be announced at appropriate time. Also, a weakening yuan would reduce the cost of refined copper exports from China, the world's largest producer, lowering the metal's relative price on dollar-denominated commodity exchanges.

Energy

Natural gas prices rallied for a second session and posted a 2-1/2 week high. A larger-than-expected draw in weekly nat-gas supplies propelled prices higher after the EIA reported natural gas inventories for the week ended December 6 fell -190 bcf, a bigger draw than expectations of -168 bcf. Also, the outlook for colder US temperatures to boost heating demand for natural gas is boosting prices after the Commodity Weather Group said forecasts shifted colder for the eastern half of the US for December 17-21. Oil prices was steady today in the early morning session, on expectations of a supply surplus in 2025, but losses were capped by the optimism around top importer China's fresh stimulus measures to boost its sluggish economy. The International Energy Agency expects non-OPEC+ nations to boost supply by about 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd) next year, driven by the United States, Canada, Guyana, Brazil and Argentina. Chinese crude imports grew annually for the first time in seven months in November, driven by lower prices and stockpiling.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	823	-0.1%
Aluminium	2440	-0.3%
Nickel	1357	-0.2%
Lead	179	-0.3%
Zinc	287	-0.6%

Daily LME Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	268425	-75	MT
	Shanghai	97756	-11019	MT
Aluminum	LME	675100	-2500	MT
	Shanghai	224376	-3425	MT
Nickel	LME	163644	-2862	MT
	Shanghai	30149	-89	MT
Lead	LME	264325	-2250	MT
	Shanghai	48266	-321	MT
Zinc	LME	273650	-1300	MT
	Shanghai	52983	-24001	MT

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	70.02	0.0%
Natural gas	3.47	2.2%

Inventory (EIA)	Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Crude oil	421.95	-1.43%	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	116434	4830
Natural Gas	-72717	-11000

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	
0.0%	36	0	2900	75500	166	1772	464	0.0%
-9.5%	546	534	2428	76000	254	13476	2715	-25.0%
6.3%	84	127	2034	76500	400.5	4059	464	-34.2%
9.9%	1068	4298	1628	77000	596	21122	2149	-29.8%
118.0%	447	3269	1295	77500	842	6543	411	2.2%
47.2%	2964	18426	1014	78000	1152.5	15969	875	-32.8%
57.1%	715	4852	773	78500	1488.5	86	8	0.0%
81.3%	3076	21053	583.5	79000	1854	2375	196	-14.4%
-17.9%	207	1769	427.5	79500	2278	0	0	0.0%

MCX Crude Oil

% Chg in OI	Call		Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	
-10.4%	5640	24532	244.6	5700	5	108901	19431	-13.6%
-5.3%	1852	18881	200	5750	7.5	83010	11212	-11.4%
-23.4%	6859	146874	161.9	5800	12.3	306301	28622	-11.6%
-10.0%	3988	116099	123.4	5850	19.2	227900	11426	-9.1%
-37.0%	12109	480561	90.5	5900	29.8	575605	22291	3.9%
37.4%	6706	368589	64.1	5950	48.5	327401	7666	57.7%
14.2%	27296	723874	42.7	6000	74.3	448089	9596	41.7%
9.6%	8453	210013	27.1	6050	106.8	88195	884	-3.3%
-5.6%	11627	259942	17.8	6100	146	89197	1445	7.6%

MCX Natural Gas

% Chg in OI	Call		Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	
-12.6%	3465	17974	23.65	270	4	48063	10366	15.7%
-29.8%	3724	58824	18.05	280	6.9	78936	8225	55.4%
40.1%	5934	85403	13.55	290	10.9	58563	5565	273.7%
59.9%	1385	29584	11.7	295	13.35	14998	1351	472.5%
21.3%	8047	68064	9.95	300	255	23128	2533	149.6%
27.3%	1071	16532	8.55	305	18.95	2557	285	90.0%
-16.0%	3043	28198	7.3	310	22.1	1500	230	28.5%
27.4%	4563	29943	5.4	320	29.15	199	291	20.7%
-5.9%	2600	23289	4	330	36.35	58	292	2.1%

Level Playing Sheet

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	Dec	6,346	6,282	6,314	6,347	6,379	6,412	Bearish	Moderate	6298 - 6363
Cocudakl	NCDEX	Dec	2,698	2,683	2,690	2,703	2,710	2,723	Bearish	Moderate	2687 - 2707
Cotton	NCDEX	Jan	54,730	54,510	54,620	54,710	54,820	54,910	Bearish	Moderate	54665 - 54865
Dhaniya	NCDEX	Dec	7,928	7,872	7,900	7,930	7,958	7,988	Bearish	Moderate	7886 - 7944
Jeera	NCDEX	Nov	24,315	24,112	24,213	24,307	24,408	24,502	Bearish	Moderate	24163 - 24358
Guar Seed	NCDEX	Dec	5,142	5,119	5,131	5,147	5,159	5,175	Bearish	Moderate	5125 - 5153
Guar Gum	NCDEX	Dec	10,137	10,094	10,115	10,152	10,173	10,210	Bearish	Moderate	10134 - 10192
Mentha Oil	MCX	Dec	920	914	916.93	921	924	928	Bearish	Moderate	919 - 926
Turmeric	NCDEX	Dec	13,952	13,775	13,863	14,011	14,099	14,247	Bearish	Moderate	13819 - 14055

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Gold	MCX	Dec	77969	76888	77428	78232	78772	79576	Bullish	Moderate	77158 - 78502
Gold Comex	Comex	Nov	2688	2649	2668	2697	2716	2744	Bullish	Moderate	2659 - 2706
Silver	MCX	Dec	92633	89620	91126	93858	95364	98096	Bearish	Moderate	90373 - 94611
Silver Comex	Comex	Dec	31.32	30.10	30.71	31.84	32.45	33.59	Bearish	Moderate	30 - 32
Crude	MCX	Dec	5978	5826	5902	5952	6028	6078	Bullish	High	5927 - 6053
Crude Nymex	Nymex	Dec	69.66	68.03	68.84	69.56	70.37	71.09	Strong	Low	68 - 70
Nat Gas	MCX	Nov	300	271	285	294	308	316	Bullish	High	289 - 312
BullDex	MCX	Nov	19040	18755	18897	19143	19285	19531	Bearish	Moderate	18826 - 19214
Copper	MCX	Nov	822.65	810	816	826	832	842	Bearish	Moderate	813 - 829
Zinc	MCX	Nov	287.35	282	285	289	291	295	Bearish	Moderate	284 - 290
Lead	MCX	Nov	179	178	179	179	180	180	Bearish	Moderate	178 - 179
Aluminum	MCX	Nov	243.85	242	243	244	245	247	Bearish	Moderate	242 - 245

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