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Overview

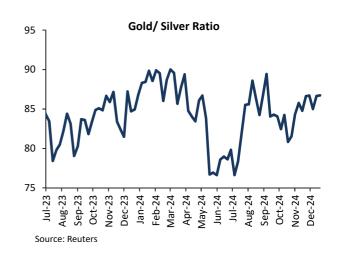
Gold and silver began the previous week notable declines towards the end of last week after starting on a positive note. Firm Dollar index, Weak inflation data, change in rate cut expectations, updates regarding Geo-political tensions led to higher swings in bullions market. Both Gold and silver saw significant profit-taking and weak long liquidation towards the end of last week.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' latest report revealed that wholesale costs had risen by 0.4% from October, surpassing market expectations, which had forecasted a 0.2% increase. The core PPI, which excludes volatile food, energy, and trade services prices, showed a more modest increase of 0.1%, down from the 0.3% rise seen in October, and lower than estimates. The inflationary data from the U.S. continued to have an impact on market sentiment, with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rising to 2.7% in November, a 0.1% increase over expectations. However, core inflation, was reported to be in line with expectations, adding a degree of stability in overall outlook.

One crucial factor keeping the gold market afloat is the ongoing anticipation of further monetary policy adjustments by the Federal Reserve. The central bank is expected to announce its third interest rate cut in December, which would bring down rates by a full percentage point. Additionally, U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen commented on the potential risks associated with President-elect Trump's proposed sweeping tariffs, suggesting that such measures could derail progress in taming inflation. This political development added another layer of uncertainty to the broader economic landscape, further influencing market sentiment.

Exchange	Gold	COMEX	MCX
Contract	Spot		
Open	2681	2688	78086
Close	2648	2656	77136
Change	-33	17	517
% Change	0.59%	0.66%	0.67%
Pivot	2662	2664	77435
Resistance	2679	2681	77819
Support	2632	2640	76753

Silver- Weekly Market Data				
Silver	COMEX	MCX		
30.96	31.22	92201		
30.57	30.73	91001		
-0.40	-0.49	-1447		
-1.33%	-1.83%	-1.57%		
30.64	30.82	91253		
31.03	31.15	92086		
30.18	30.40	90168		
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Among notable developments in global markets, Chinese stock markets struggled, largely due to uncertainty surrounding the details of an economic stimulus plan. This caused the benchmark index to break a two-week winning streak, and bond yields in China remained near record lows as investors anticipated easier monetary policy measures. Chinese officials let out dovish stance in their meeting however, no concrete measures were announced denting the market sentiment. Rupee and Yuan depreciation also made headlines recently; Yuan went from 7.24 to 7.29, efforts made by PBoC to fight against Trumps proposed Tarrifs. Similarly, rupee also depreciated sharply against dollar supporting the domestic prices.

In the United Kingdom, economy contracted for a second consecutive month, signalling a tough economic environment. There is increasing concern among investors regarding possibility of deeper rate cuts across Europe. Outlook for the European economy appears increasingly bleak, contributing to growing concerns about the potential for rate cuts sooner than expected. In line with these concerns, the European Central Bank (ECB) made its fourth interest rate cut of the year, lowering the benchmark rate by a quarter-percentage point to 3%, marking its lowest level since March 2023.

Israel's defence minister told troops to fortify their position in newly seized Syrian territory, marking plans to send in reinforcements and equipment's despite UN demands that country retreat immediately. Since rebels attacked the capital Damascus and toppled Bashar al-Assad's regime over the weekend, Israeli ground forces have crossed beyond previously demilitarised buffer zone in Syria.

In this month, investment in gold witnessed an outflow of ~10 ton, holdings currently stand at ~868. Similarly, ishares ETF reported an outflow of ~400 tonnes, holdings currently stand at ~14246 tonnes.

Outlook

Looking ahead, market participants will be closely watching upcoming economic data, which could trigger volatility in market. On data front, focus will be on, US GDP, Retail sales, IIP and inflation data; preliminary manufacturing and services PMI from major economies is also scheduled on the calendar. Along with Fed's decision on interest rates, Governor Powell's comments, dot plot and economic forecasts will be important to keep an eye on. Updates regarding geo-political development could also provide jerk in prices. Continue rise in Dollar index could limit gains for metals on higher side. Prices could continue to trade in a broad range for the week.







Technical Outlook: -



Gold:

In the previous week, MCX Gold appreciated by ₹515, or 0.65%, closing with a positive momentum. The overall technical structure remains bullish, as the price is currently trading within a higher highs and higher lows pattern. Gold has approached a key support zone between ₹76,400 and ₹75,800, which aligns with the 0.618% Fibonacci retracement level of the preceding bullish move. The Ichimoku Cloud suggests a positive medium-term outlook, with prices trading above the cloud base. Furthermore, the 14-day Relative Strength Index (RSI) remains above the 50 threshold, further supporting the bullish sentiment. A "buy on dips" strategy is recommended, particularly near critical support levels, to capitalize on the prevailing upward trend. Immediate support is located at ₹76,400, with the next key support at ₹75,500. On the upside, resistance is seen at ₹78,300, followed by the next major resistance level at ₹79,400.



Silver:

The silver market experienced significant volatility last week, ultimately closing lower by ₹1,445, or a 1.57% decline. Prices have been trading within a broad consolidation range, approaching the support zone around ₹89,500 and ₹88,500. On the weekly chart, prices are hovering near the 21-day Exponential Moving Average (EMA), positioned around ₹90,000, which is expected to act as near-term support. On the upside, resistance levels are seen at ₹92,500 and ₹94,000. A breakout above or below these key levels could signal a directional move in the market.





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