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Overview

- Chinese inflation rate hits 9-month low at 0.1%
- Fed hints at moderate pace of rate cuts, minutes showed
- Metals remain range bound as uncertainty around tariffs linger

Precious Metals

Gold prices were subdued as rising yields and a stronger U.S. dollar weighed, while investors awaited U.S. data for clarity on the Federal Reserve's interest rate stance for 2025. The dollar rose on Wednesday as U.S. bond yields continued their advance following a report that President-elect Donald Trump was contemplating the use of emergency measures to allow for a new tariff programme. The bullion hit a near four-week high in the last session after a weaker-than-expected U.S. private employment report hinted that the Fed may be less cautious about easing rates this year. The ADP National Employment Report showed U.S. private payrolls growth slowed sharply a month ago to 122,000 from 146,000 in November 2024. Minutes of Fed's last meeting showed policymakers agreeing that inflation was likely to continue slowing this year. They also saw a rising risk of price pressures remaining sticky, grappling with the potential effect of Trump's policies. President elect Trump will take office on Jan. 20 and his proposed tariffs and protectionist policies are expected to fuel inflation. Meanwhile, on domestic front, Gold and Silver imports for the year were revised down by ~82 tonnes and ~810 tonnes respectively. Gold on domestic front, could trade in a range of ₹77,200-78,200.

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2657.6	-0.2%
Silver	30.06	-0.2%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	182384	-1876
Silver	16824	-3766
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	1995.1	-7.62
Silver ETF	25906	0.00
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	109.09	-0.1%
US 10Y Yields	4.67	0.2%

Base Metals

Most base metal prices remained range bound, with traders keeping a watch on uncertainty about U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's tariff intentions, economic data from top user China, and the restraining influence of a strong dollar. China's consumer inflation fell in December, but producer price deflation persisted. According to data from the National Bureau of Statistics, China's consumer price index increased 0.1% year on year last month, dropping from 0.2% in November and the slowest pace since April. The focus is on the prospective tariff policies that could be implemented following Trump's inauguration this week. Until then, a careful approach is being taken. Earlier this week, allegations surfaced that Trump's administration was considering targeted tariffs on industries critical to national or economic security. However, Trump subsequently denied these reports on social media.

Energy

Natural gas prices traded slightly lower after EIA report showed a lower-than-expected decrease in the number of cubic feet of natural gas held in underground storage over the past week, suggesting a weaker demand for the energy source. However, these bearish sentiments are offsetting the weather-driven demand across the United States. This increased demand coincides with a limited supply caused by some production freeze-offs. Oil prices edged higher, extending a bounce from the prior session as US industry data pointed to a drop in oil inventories. In another sign of tightening supply, Russian data show that the country's oil production was below its OPEC+ output target last month, after seaborne exports slumped to the lowest level since August 2023. EIA data released Wednesday showed US crude stockpiles fell 959,000 barrels last week, the seventh straight drawdown and the longest streak of declines in three years. Traders are also bracing for frigid weather in the US, which has boosted demand for heating fuel and raised the risk of freeze-offs in production areas. Meanwhile, ports in the eastern Chinese province of Shandong, the top destination for Iranian crude, urged to prevent US-sanctioned tankers from docking at their berths.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	823	0.5%
Aluminium	2400	0.8%
Nickel	1323	0.8%
Lead	176	-0.7%
Zinc	270	0.0%

Daily LME Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	265700	-1450	MT
	Shanghai	83174	9002	MT
Aluminum	LME	621775	-2500	MT
	Shanghai	193239	-7946	MT
Nickel	LME	165366	0	MT
	Shanghai	27795	-217	MT
Lead	LME	230500	-4200	MT
	Shanghai	48573	-3248	MT
Zinc	LME	220525	-4000	MT
	Shanghai	23912	-6324	MT

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	73.08	-0.4%
Natural gas	3.68	5.5%

Inventory (EIA)	Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Crude oil	414.64	-8.73	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	199141	16246
Natural Gas	-4196	-146

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%	17	0	2199	75500	176	715	256	14.3%
-2.8%	517	219	1793.5	76000	261.5	4982	1573	3.5%
-6.5%	87	72	1441.5	76500	375	1555	318	20.9%
20.4%	1031	3624	1132.5	77000	531.5	11468	1829	40.7%
-10.4%	309	2724	871.5	77500	731.5	2809	330	91.9%
-7.3%	1647	13882	652.5	78000	981.5	4239	402	55.8%
53.7%	229	1426	473.5	78500	1320.5	6	2	-66.7%
22.7%	1668	7271	340	79000	1664.5	152	77	54.0%
33.3%	8	5	212	79500	1981	0	0	0.0%

MCX Crude Oil

% Chg in OI	Call		Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	
-16.7%	3239	8325	304.2	6100	26.7	108803	13617	-16.6%
-8.5%	761	2521	258.7	6150	36.2	63403	6296	15.4%
-1.1%	3682	39056	221.6	6200	50.9	200244	12415	-26.1%
-4.9%	2411	29372	182.4	6250	68.7	105709	4459	-44.2%
11.5%	9824	172919	149.5	6300	90.3	334864	11257	-46.7%
58.9%	5641	142481	120.4	6350	116	211736	3759	-44.0%
80.2%	15691	440348	94.9	6400	146.8	403406	5139	-36.8%
127.7%	6371	192877	73	6450	183.1	114674	1195	-15.8%
130.4%	10959	290393	56.7	6500	221.5	149470	2253	-9.6%

MCX Natural Gas

% Chg in OI	Call		Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	
-19.8%	593	1406	30.15	280	6.1	32292	5636	87.1%
-32.3%	924	5565	24.65	290	9.5	29969	3153	21.6%
-35.2%	2588	34074	19.95	300	13.75	53524	4647	16.0%
-32.3%	802	16278	18.15	305	16.15	17896	800	5.8%
-42.8%	2020	57341	16.2	310	255	43786	2736	23.7%
-39.5%	1077	27927	14.6	315	21.45	11994	975	22.8%
-33.7%	3008	41025	13.2	320	24.6	11154	1172	-15.4%
-43.5%	2577	29305	10.55	330	30.95	1850	707	5.5%
-25.8%	2506	16919	8.7	340	38.7	229	775	-2.8%

Level Playing Sheet

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	Jan	6,318	6,274	6,296	6,324	6,346	6,374	Bearish	Moderate	6285 - 6335
Cocudakl	NCDEX	Jan	2,764	2,740	2,752	2,772	2,784	2,804	Bearish	Moderate	2746 - 2778
Cotton	NCDEX	Jan	54,820	54,680	54,750	54,840	54,910	55,000	Bearish	Moderate	54715 - 54875
Dhaniya	NCDEX	Jan	7,796	7,708	7,752	7,784	7,828	7,860	Bearish	Moderate	7768 - 7844
Jeera	NCDEX	Jan	24,005	23,688	23,847	24,073	24,232	24,458	Bearish	Moderate	23768 - 24153
Guar Seed	NCDEX	Jan	5,330	5,268	5,299	5,331	5,362	5,394	Bearish	Moderate	5284 - 5347
Guar Gum	NCDEX	Jan	10,296	10,166	10,231	10,290	10,355	10,414	Bearish	Moderate	10199 - 10323
Mentha Oil	MCX	Jan	951	940	945.23	953	959	966	Bullish	Moderate	942 - 956
Turmeric	NCDEX	Apr	15,146	14,791	14,969	15,227	15,405	15,663	Bearish	Moderate	14880 - 15316

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Gold	MCX	Feb	77747	77015	77381	77735	78101	78455	Bullish	High	77558 - 78278
Gold Comex	Comex	Jan	2665	2642	2653	2665	2676	2688	Bullish	High	2659 - 2682
Silver	MCX	Mar	90938	89733	90336	91102	91705	92471	Bullish	High	90719 - 92088
Silver Comex	Comex	Feb	30.56	30.10	30.33	30.61	30.84	31.12	Strong	Moderate	30 - 31
Crude	MCX	Jan	6307	6187	6247	6358	6418	6529	Bearish	Moderate	6217 - 6388
Crude Nymex	Nymex	Feb	72.67	71.28	71.97	73.21	73.90	75.14	Bearish	Moderate	72 - 74
Nat Gas	MCX	Jan	314	289	302	309	322	330	Bullish	Moderate	305 - 326
BullDex	MCX	Jan	18978	18789	18883	18947	19041	19105	Bullish	High	18915 - 19073
Copper	MCX	Jan	822.65	812	817	821	826	830	Bullish	High	819 - 828
Zinc	MCX	Jan	269.50	264	267	271	273	277	Bearish	Moderate	266 - 272
Lead	MCX	Jan	176	175	176	177	178	179	Bearish	Moderate	175 - 177
Aluminum	MCX	Jan	239.85	238	239	240	241	242	Flat	Moderate	238 - 241

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