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Overview

- Gold silver prices gain as dollar weakens following uncertainty
- Trump now says will reconsider tariffs on China
- Focus today will be on preliminary manufacturing and services PMIs.

Precious Metals

Gold prices edged higher and were on track for a fourth straight weekly gain, as uncertainty about U.S. President Donald Trump's trade plans took wind out of the dollar's sail, boosting demand for the safe-haven asset. The dollar was lower on Thursday in a choppy session, after comments from Trump called for an immediate drop in interest rates while providing no clarity on tariffs, while investors awaited a round of policy announcements from global central banks. Traders see a 99.5% chance of the Fed keeping rates unchanged at its Jan. 28-29 meeting, according to the CME Group's Fed-Watch Tool. Higher rates dampen the appeal of the non-yielding bullion. Speech from Trump at Davos increased volatility in market, on one end, his meet with China's Xi supported positive sentiment in market, he also stated that tariffs on Russia will increase if Russia-Ukraine tiff doesn't ease off. He urged NATO nations to increase Defense spending to 5% of GDP and demanded that interest rates should drop immediately all over the world. Market participants will keep an eye on Preliminary manufacturing and Services PMI data from major economies, also US housing numbers and Michigan consumer sentiment will also be important to keep an eye on. Gold, on domestic front, could trade in a range of ₹79,00 and 80,700.

Precious metals	Close (\$)	%Chg.
Gold	2774.5	0.8%
Silver	30.76	1.1%
CFTC data	Speculative Longs	Change WoW
Gold	212494	17995
Silver	28803	3194
ETF	Close	%Chg.
GOLD ETF	1991.8	-28.75
Silver ETF	25851	-50.99
Others	Close	%Chg.
DXY	108.05	-0.2%
US 10Y Yields	4.62	0.8%

Base Metals

Base metals fell as concerns about potential US tariffs under President Donald Trump fueled fears of a global trade war. Earlier this week, Trump disclosed that his administration was exploring a 10% tariff on China, which could take effect as soon as February 1, following previous threats of 25% tariffs on Mexico and Canada. Zinc and aluminum prices were more sensitive to the news as SU is highly dependent on imported aluminum and zinc from Canada and Mexico. Market confidence was further dampened by caution ahead of China's Lunar New Year break and anticipated interest rate announcements from the Bank of Japan and the US Federal Reserve. However, Trump now revealed he would rather not have to use tariffs over China, after a conversation with Xi. Metals reacted positively to this, but caution is observed as there are many frequent changes in statements. There is some hope that China would apply extra stimulus, with state media indicating that the People's Bank of China may lower the reserve requirement ratio for banks later this month which will be supportive for prices.

Base Metals (MCX)	Close (Rs.)	%Chg.
Copper	833	-0.3%
Aluminium	253P	-0.3%
Nickel	1382	-1.2%
Lead	178	-0.3%
Zinc	271	-0.4%

Daily LME Inventory		Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Copper	LME	259050	-1350	MT
	Shanghai	88796	10118	MT
Aluminum	LME	597675	-2500	MT
	Shanghai	178474	-3694	MT
Nickel	LME	173064	858	MT
	Shanghai	28319	-75	MT
Lead	LME	227500	-1925	MT
	Shanghai	43503	-1351	MT
Zinc	LME	191125	-1825	MT
	Shanghai	21040	-294	MT

Energy

Natural gas prices gave up an early advance and posted moderate losses after weekly natural gas supplies fell less than expected. The EIA reported that nat-gas inventories for the week ended on January 17 fell -223 bcf, a smaller draw than the expectations of -247 bcf. Oil fell after President Donald Trump said he'll push Saudi Arabia and OPEC to reduce the price of crude, reviving a tactic to control energy prices that he frequently employed during his first term in office. Trump's interventions in the oil market aren't a new tactic. In his first term, he repeatedly called on OPEC+ to lower prices when he felt they were too high and also struck a deal with Saudi Arabia and Russia to cut output when prices collapsed at the onset of the pandemic in 2020. In another sign of a potentially tightening market, US crude inventories fell 1.02 million barrels last week, a ninth straight weekly decline that brings them to the lowest since March 2022, according to government data released Thursday. Gasoline inventories rose 2.33 million barrels.

Energy	Close (\$)	%Chg.
WTI Crude oil	74.59	0.4%
Natural gas	3.95	-0.4%

Inventory (EIA)	Current	W/W Chg.	Units
Crude oil	411.66	-2.98	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	230692	-15670
Natural Gas	55482	33999

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	
-4.5%	105	20	2057.5	77500	10.5	7813	1179	30.4%
-13.4%	524	483	1552	78000	16.5	10165	3714	30.5%
-10.8%	257	417	1091.5	78500	39	8810	923	-10.6%
-11.1%	1208	7991	725	79000	114	24218	3029	2.3%
-12.7%	948	13910	433	79500	291	11126	1054	33.2%
-8.3%	1952	18558	227	80000	582	2903	396	5.0%
13.9%	526	5227	110.5	80500	1099	1	11	0.0%
-21.7%	1072	8330	57	81000	1786	2	2	0.0%
0.0%	2	4	6.5	81500	1907.5	0	0	0.0%

MCX Crude Oil

% Chg in OI	Call		Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	
23.7%	433	4524	363.5	6300	112.6	49410	2274	-6.5%
39.7%	109	1640	338.2	6350	130.5	14965	425	28.4%
74.4%	546	18578	298	6400	150.4	73066	2338	14.5%
155.0%	533	14241	268.3	6450	172.6	32507	945	-0.1%
69.3%	3848	124943	240.5	6500	196.8	167776	4738	-15.9%
78.3%	2353	54554	214.5	6550	222.6	52401	853	-46.4%
18.4%	5918	127321	190.4	6600	251.8	82384	3457	-20.1%
-0.4%	1929	22310	167.6	6650	283.8	8367	794	-2.6%
10.8%	5680	66977	148	6700	317.3	16082	2073	-19.9%

MCX Natural Gas

% Chg in OI	Call		Particulars			Put		% Chg in OI
	OI	Volume	Premium	Strike	Premium	Volume	OI	
-12.3%	478	615	30.75	310	0.2	29937	5087	-26.3%
-17.4%	1356	11058	21.75	320	0.75	56359	5462	-25.5%
-18.9%	3000	65272	14.3	330	2.55	140412	5841	-5.6%
0.9%	1477	79707	11.25	335	4.45	127601	3900	57.8%
-4.6%	4246	186848	8.75	340	255	222618	5020	53.6%
94.7%	3447	163126	6.7	345	10.35	124679	735	47.9%
51.3%	7440	185322	5	350	13.95	88801	3003	38.1%
13.1%	5500	95204	2.75	360	22.95	15402	447	7.5%
27.8%	5989	53750	1.55	370	32.4	1005	146	-41.4%

Level Playing Sheet

Commodity	Exch.	Expiry	Close	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend	Conviction	Intraday Range
Castor Seed	NCDEX	Feb	6,481	6,439	6,460	6,495	6,516	6,551	Bearish	Moderate	6450 - 6506
Cocudakl	NCDEX	Feb	2,739	2,697	2,718	2,746	2,767	2,795	Bearish	Moderate	2708 - 2757
Cotton	NCDEX	Jan	54,320	54,193	54,257	54,303	54,367	54,413	Bearish	Moderate	54225 - 54335
Dhaniya	NCDEX	Apr	8,402	8,235	8,319	8,459	8,543	8,683	Bearish	Moderate	8277 - 8501
Jeera	NCDEX	Jan	22,445	22,125	22,285	22,460	22,620	22,795	Bearish	Moderate	22205 - 22540
Guar Seed	NCDEX	Feb	5,477	5,402	5,439	5,470	5,507	5,538	Bearish	Moderate	5421 - 5489
Guar Gum	NCDEX	Feb	10,586	10,409	10,497	10,564	10,652	10,719	Bearish	Moderate	10531 - 10686
Mentha Oil	MCX	Jan	931	924	927.73	931	934	937	Bearish	Moderate	929 - 936
Turmeric	NCDEX	Apr	13,938	13,490	13,714	14,030	14,254	14,570	Bearish	Moderate	13602 - 14142

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Gold	MCX	Feb	79626	79131	79378	79522	79769	79913	Bullish	Moderate	79450 - 79841
Gold Comex	Comex	Jan	2763	2738	2751	2758	2770	2777	Bullish	High	2754 - 2774
Silver	MCX	Mar	91149	89635	90392	91040	91797	92445	Bearish	Moderate	90014 - 91419
Silver Comex	Comex	Feb	30.71	29.95	30.33	30.76	31.14	31.56	Bearish	Moderate	30 - 31
Crude	MCX	Jan	6484	6369	6426	6503	6560	6637	Bearish	Moderate	6398 - 6532
Crude Nymex	Nymex	Feb	74.02	72.60	73.31	74.29	75.00	75.98	Bearish	Moderate	73 - 75
Nat Gas	MCX	Jan	338	324	331	340	347	356	Bullish	Moderate	328 - 344
BullDex	MCX	Jan	19188	19093	19140	19198	19245	19303	Bullish	Low	19117 - 19222
Copper	MCX	Jan	832.75	824	828	831	835	838	Bullish	High	829 - 836
Zinc	MCX	Jan	270.75	268	269	271	273	275	Bearish	Moderate	269 - 272
Lead	MCX	Jan	178	176	177	178	178	179	Bearish	Moderate	177 - 178
Aluminum	MCX	Jan	252.55	250	251	253	254	255	Bearish	Moderate	251 - 253

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