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Bullion Bulls Blink

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Fundamental Update

- Gold kicked started the year with impressive thrust, however momentum faded delivering over ~3.5% returns YTD
- Geopolitical tensions, tariff wars, rate cuts, and investment demand are a few factors which drove a bull run for gold in the previous year
- However, war was the one the factor in 2026 which was a turning point for bullion
- US invading Venezuela and attacking Iran triggered a sharp risk premium in Crude Oil prices
- Rise in energy price increase the risk of inflation and also raised rate hike expectations for 2026
- This led to a sharp surge in Dollar index and US Yields
- USDINR is also witnessing sharp volatility, influencing domestic prices and disparity between exchanges
- Reduced interest rate differential between Japan and US also increased the risk premium in US Treasury
- On domestic front, customs duty along with cess was hiked by 9% to 15%, denting demand which was already shallow amidst higher price
- Global as well domestic ETF flows also reduced, amidst liquidity displace across asset classes
- US economic data are also mixed, with growth and labour market resilient and inflation being sticky
- Higher US debt, last years, US shut down, Central bank buying are a few reasons keeping the momentum strong in the long run
- However, until there is greater clarity on U.S.-Iran tensions, rate hike expectations, and demand prospects, bulls are likely to remain shy
- US TIPS also continue to remain elevated ~2.3% weighing on prices
- Relief rallies are possible however, until there is no clear signs on uncertainties, demand or interest rate prices could be under pressure.

MCX GoldM Technical Update



- MCX GoldM on the 4-hourly chart is on the verge of giving an Inverse Cup & Handle pattern breakdown towards downside.
- The momentum oscillator RSI is pointing lower and trading below the mid-point 50 mark suggesting further bearishness.
- Considering these technical factors, selling is advised at ₹140750 with a stop-loss above ₹146000 on a closing basis and target level around ₹132000.

COMEX Gold Technical Update



- COMEX Gold on the 4-hourly chart has convincingly given an Inverse Cup & Handle pattern breakdown on the lower side indicating a fresh lower advance.
- The 14-period RSI is pointing downwards and trading below the mid-point 50 mark suggesting strength in the bearish momentum.
- Considering these technical factors, selling is advised at \$4000 with a stop-loss above \$4151 on a closing basis and target level around \$3750.

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