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## Precious Metals

Gold prices traded higher, supported by a weaker U.S. dollar and easing geopolitical tensions after the U.S. and Iran paused military strikes over the weekend, although gains remained limited as investors awaited Fed's policy decision later this week. President Trump halted the U.S. bombing campaign after 13 consecutive days to allow diplomatic efforts to proceed, while Iran refrained from retaliatory attacks, leading to a sharp decline in crude oil prices of more than 5% and easing immediate concerns over supply disruptions through the Strait of Hormuz and the Red Sea. Softer oil prices helped reduce near-term inflation fears, even as uncertainty surrounding global trade persisted following the U.S. decision to impose fresh tariffs of 10%–12.5% on imports from several trading partners. Weaker U.S. Dollar Index further supported bullion by making it more attractive for overseas buyers. Markets are now firmly focused on the Federal Reserve's policy meeting, where interest rates are widely expected to remain unchanged, although investors will closely monitor Chair Kevin Warsh's commentary for guidance on the future rate path and inflation outlook.

| Precious metals | Daily Close (\$) | Daily %Chg. |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| Gold            | 4107.9           | 0.99%       |
| Silver          | 58.66            | 1.5%        |
| CFTC data       | Managed Net      | WoW Chg.    |
| Gold            | 123586           | 4439        |
| Silver          | 10003            | -374        |
| Copper          | 73685            | 11753       |
| Euro            | -41338           | -28733      |
| Dollar Index    | 15614            | 2441        |
| ETF             | Close            | Chg.        |
| GOLD ETF        | 2317.2           | 0.00        |
| Silver ETF      | 27757            | 0.00        |
| Others          | Close            | %Chg.       |
| DXY             | 101.47           | -0.26%      |
| US 10Y Yields   | 4.64             | -0.51%      |

# Base Metals

Copper prices remained well supported as the market continued to be driven by exceptionally tight physical fundamentals despite lingering macroeconomic uncertainty. Chinese refined copper imports climbed to a nine-month high in June, reflecting strong buying amid reduced domestic supply caused by smelter maintenance. At the same time, the Yangshan premium remained above \$100 per tonne, its highest level in more than a year, signalling robust import demand. Exchange inventories also continued to tighten, with SHFE stocks down more than 80% since mid-March and LME inventories remaining near multi-month lows after large volumes were redirected to the U.S. ahead of a potential decision on refined copper import tariffs. Zinc prices remained supported by tightening physical market conditions and improving risk appetite across industrial metals. Low treatment charges, constrained mine supply and relatively tight exchange inventories continued to underpin prices, while the backwardation in MCX zinc contracts reflected stronger demand for prompt metal and limited spot availability.

| Base Metals (MCX) | Close (Rs.) | %Chg. |
|-------------------|-------------|-------|
| Copper            | 1322        | 0.1%  |
| Aluminium         | 341         | -0.6% |
| Nickel            | 1665        | 0.1%  |
| Lead              | 200         | -0.4% |
| Zinc              | 385         | 0.2%  |

| Daily LME Inventory |          | Current | Change | Units |
|---------------------|----------|---------|--------|-------|
| Copper              | LME      | 276775  | -4650  | MT    |
|                     | Shanghai | 69610   | -10299 | MT    |
| Aluminum            | LME      | 272775  | -2400  | MT    |
|                     | Shanghai | 455092  | -21192 | MT    |
| Nickel              | LME      | 267342  | -1206  | MT    |
|                     | Shanghai | 99783   | 170    | MT    |
| Lead                | LME      | 448850  | -475   | MT    |
|                     | Shanghai | 65180   | -3566  | MT    |
| Zinc                | LME      | 105800  | -275   | MT    |
|                     | Shanghai | 150567  | -1234  | MT    |

# Energy

Crude oil prices fell sharply for a second consecutive session after the United States and Iran refrained from launching fresh attacks for a second day, easing fears of an immediate escalation in the Middle East. Brent crude slipped below \$93 a barrel after briefly touching a two-month high above \$102 last week, while WTI fell toward \$85 a barrel. The decline reflects improving market sentiment, although concerns remain over disrupted shipping through the Strait of Hormuz and renewed threats to Saudi export routes via the Red Sea. Markets are now expected to closely monitor developments in the Middle East, as any renewed military escalation or disruption to key export corridors could quickly restore the geopolitical premium in crude prices. Natural gas prices fell as easing geopolitical risk, robust domestic production, comfortable storage levels, and weaker LNG export demand due to ongoing Freeport LNG maintenance continued to weigh the outlook for Natural gas. However, losses may remain limited as the latest NOAA Week 3–4 outlook continues to favor above-normal temperatures across much of the U.S. through mid-August, supporting elevated power-sector gas demand for air conditioning. While the current supply-demand balance remains bearish in the near term, sustained summer heat could accelerate storage drawdowns and provide a floor for prices in the weeks ahead.

| Energy        | Close (\$) | %Chg. |
|---------------|------------|-------|
| WTI Crude oil | 85.09      | -4.7% |
| Natural gas   | 2.84       | -1.6% |

| Inventory ( EIA) | Current | W/W Chg. | Units |
|------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| Crude oil        | 411.68  | 0.32     | Mnbl  |
| Gasoline         | 211.29  | 0.77     | Mnbl  |
| Distillate       | 109.57  | 1.40     | Mnbl  |
| Natural Gas      | 3.06    | 0.00     | bcf   |

MT- Metric Ton, MNBL – Million Barrel, BCF –Billion Cubic Feet.

| CFTC data   | Speculative Longs | Change WoW |
|-------------|-------------------|------------|
| Crude oil   | 86905.00          | 522.00     |
| Natural Gas | -102694.00        | 2807.00    |

## Economic Calendar

|      | Previous Day |         |          |          |
|------|--------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Time | Data         | Country | Actual   | Previous |
| -    | -            | -       | -        | -        |
|      | Current Day  |         |          |          |
| Time | Data         | Country | Expected | Previous |
| -    | -            | -       | -        | -        |

## Daily Level Playing Sheet

| Commodity   | Exch. | Expiry | Close  | S2     | S1     | Pivot  | R1     | R2     | Trend   | Conviction | Intraday Range |
|-------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|------------|----------------|
| Castor Seed | NCDEX | July   | 7,126  | 7,042  | 7,084  | 7,114  | 7,156  | 7,186  | Bearish | Moderate   | 7099 - 7171    |
| Cocudakl    | NCDEX | July   | 3,942  | 3,899  | 3,920  | 3,938  | 3,959  | 3,977  | Bearish | Moderate   | 3929 - 3968    |
| Dhaniya     | NCDEX | August | 15,508 | 15,187 | 15,347 | 15,483 | 15,643 | 15,779 | Bearish | Moderate   | 15267 - 15563  |
| Jeera       | NCDEX | June   | 20,980 | 20,727 | 20,853 | 20,937 | 21,063 | 21,147 | Bearish | Moderate   | 20790 - 21000  |
| Guar Seed   | NCDEX | July   | 6,128  | 5,999  | 6,064  | 6,104  | 6,169  | 6,209  | Bearish | Moderate   | 6084 - 6189    |
| Guar Gum    | NCDEX | July   | 11,871 | 11,577 | 11,724 | 11,807 | 11,954 | 12,037 | Bearish | Moderate   | 11766 - 11996  |
| Mentha Oil  | NCDEX | June   | 1,309  | 1,288  | 1,299  | 1,315  | 1,326  | 1,342  | Bullish | Moderate   | 1294 - 1321    |
| Turmeric    | NCDEX | August | 21,178 | 20,486 | 20,832 | 21,066 | 21,412 | 21,646 | Bearish | Moderate   | 20949 - 21529  |

| Commodity      | Expiry | S2     | S1     | R1     | R2     | Trend    |
|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------|
| MCX Gold       | Aug    | 142100 | 143000 | 144600 | 145400 | Positive |
| Comex Gold     | July   | 4041   | 4066   | 4112   | 4134   | Positive |
| MCX Silver     | Sep    | 221500 | 223000 | 226200 | 228100 | Sideways |
| Comex Silver   | July   | 58.6   | 59.0   | 59.9   | 60.38  | Sideways |
| MCX Crude      | Aug    | 7950   | 8100   | 8300   | 8450   | Sideways |
| NYMEX Crude    | Aug    | 83     | 84.7   | 86.8   | 88.4   | Sideways |
| MCX Nat Gas    | July   | 258    | 264    | 273    | 278    | Negative |
| MCX Copper     | Aug    | 1317   | 1327   | 1342   | 1350   | Positive |
| MCX Nickel     | Aug    | 1640   | 1655   | 1675   | 1685   | Positive |
| MCX Lead       | Aug    | 197.00 | 198.00 | 201.00 | 202.00 | Sideways |
| MCX Zinc       | Aug    | 372.00 | 375.00 | 382.00 | 386.00 | Positive |
| MCX Aluminum   | Aug    | 336.00 | 339.00 | 343.00 | 346.00 | Sideways |
| NCDEX Guarseed | Aug    | 6000   | 6080   | 6160   | 6230   | Positive |

# Options Monitor

## MCX Gold Mini

|              | Call |        |         | Particulars |         | Put    |      |              |
|--------------|------|--------|---------|-------------|---------|--------|------|--------------|
| Change in OI | OI   | Volume | Premium | Strike      | Premium | Volume | OI   | Change in OI |
| 4.7%         | 156  | 4859   | 2133    | 141500      | 675     | 23829  | 631  | 15.4%        |
| 6.8%         | 1019 | 32787  | 1809    | 142000      | 837     | 71717  | 2167 | 0.3%         |
| -10.9%       | 376  | 22944  | 1523    | 142500      | 1024.5  | 35948  | 618  | -9.1%        |
| 17.6%        | 2281 | 89249  | 1257.5  | 143000      | 1237    | 59404  | 2289 | 15.7%        |
| -55.2%       | 1093 | 49083  | 1027.5  | 143500      | 1488    | 13517  | 318  | 35.9%        |
| -9.9%        | 2365 | 69352  | 845.5   | 144000      | 1781.5  | 15510  | 1185 | 32.7%        |
| 96.4%        | 2206 | 23861  | 698.5   | 144500      | 2099    | 1571   | 159  | -18.9%       |
| -5.2%        | 6221 | 115860 | 560.5   | 145000      | 2461.5  | 10197  | 1970 | -15.7%       |
| 20.7%        | 1112 | 17241  | 442.5   | 145500      | 2864.5  | 643    | 78   | -24.3%       |

## MCX Crude Oil

|              | Call |        |         | Particulars |         | Put    |      |              |
|--------------|------|--------|---------|-------------|---------|--------|------|--------------|
| Change in OI | OI   | Volume | Premium | Strike      | Premium | Volume | OI   | Change in OI |
| -5.6%        | 2292 | 2319   | 1270.9  | 8000        | 317.9   | 46867  | 6674 | -10.1%       |
| -26.2%       | 45   | 20     | 1090    | 8050        | 340.5   | 2044   | 210  | -26.1%       |
| -50.7%       | 410  | 1153   | 1184.9  | 8100        | 362.3   | 6211   | 1119 | -43.5%       |
| -6.0%        | 79   | 31     | 1115    | 8150        | 383.5   | 1124   | 338  | 10.5%        |
| -9.7%        | 646  | 807    | 1143.5  | 8200        | 409.8   | 10171  | 1287 | -24.2%       |
| 8.5%         | 51   | 22     | 1102.5  | 8250        | 433.2   | 1474   | 290  | 44.3%        |
| -13.8%       | 163  | 1033   | 1073.8  | 8300        | 457     | 5704   | 746  | -24.0%       |
| -11.6%       | 61   | 182    | 1042.5  | 8350        | 488     | 1565   | 234  | 58.1%        |
| -32.2%       | 288  | 2423   | 1011    | 8400        | 508.2   | 9566   | 954  | -9.3%        |

## MCX Natural Gas

|              | Call  |         |         | Particulars |         | Put     |       |              |
|--------------|-------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|-------|--------------|
| Change in OI | OI    | Volume  | Premium | Strike      | Premium | Volume  | OI    | Change in OI |
| 0.0%         | 1     | 0       | 43.4    | 240         | 0.05    | 34      | 1586  | 0.1%         |
| -23.3%       | 165   | 212     | 33.05   | 250         | 0.05    | 511     | 5200  | 2.0%         |
| 10.9%        | 397   | 4693    | 23.4    | 260         | 0.05    | 5962    | 7278  | -11.7%       |
| 103.2%       | 380   | 14604   | 18.55   | 265         | 0.05    | 17405   | 5847  | 48.2%        |
| -9.1%        | 1938  | 87584   | 13.55   | 270         | 255     | 157270  | 15740 | 46.0%        |
| -52.4%       | 2371  | 310209  | 9.05    | 275         | 0.05    | 637177  | 14494 | 15.9%        |
| 17.5%        | 13794 | 1323579 | 5.2     | 280         | 2.35    | 1442246 | 3752  | -73.7%       |
| -4.4%        | 22217 | 521544  | 1.15    | 290         | 12.4    | 226174  | 2029  | -44.9%       |
| -21.5%       | 13947 | 34541   | 0.2     | 300         | 22.65   | 29593   | 1888  | -60.6%       |

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