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# **Daily Commodities Outlook**

	Daily Recommendations					
Commodity/In	ndex Expiry	Action	Entry	Target S	top Loss	Time Frame
Crude	Apr	Sell	4500-4510	4450	4545	Intraday
Metdex	Mar	Buy	13900-13905	13970	13870	Intraday

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## **Daily Snapshot**



#### **Recent Developments**

- MCX BULLDEX traded 0.05% higher at 14330 as gold prices rose from lower levels while silver remained slightly bearish for the day. MCX METLDEX traded 0.8% higher at 13905 as zinc and copper prices recovered sharply from lower levels
- Gold edged higher on Friday, on track for a second consecutive weekly gain, as a slight retreat by the dollar and US Treasury yields offered support to the safe-haven metal
- The benchmark US 10-year yield eased to 1.671% from Thursday's more than one-year peak at 1.754% while the dollar gave up early gains
- Oil rose more than 2% in volatile trading on Friday but finished the week about 7% lower as a new wave of Coronavirus infections across Europe dampened hopes that fuel demand would recover soon
- Iran has moved record amounts of crude oil to top client China in recent months while India's state refiners have added Iranian oil to their annual import plans on the assumption that US sanctions on the Opec supplier will soon ease
- China's imports of copper metal and tin ore from Myanmar both fell more than 25% year-on-year in the first two months of 2021, customs data showed on Saturday, shedding some light on trade flows amid a state of emergency in the Southeast Asian country

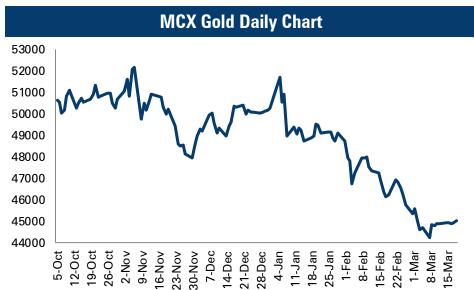
MCX Price Performance					
Commodity	Expiry	LTP (₹)	Change	% Change	
GOLD	Apr-21	45008	57.00	0.13%	
SILVER	May-21	67453	-294.00	-0.43%	
CRUDE OIL	Apr-21	4468	3.00	0.07%	
NATURAL GAS	Apr-21	186.30	1.90	1.03%	
COPPER	Mar-21	674.20	-0.85	-0.13%	
NICKEL	Mar-21	1167.00	7.40	0.64%	
LEAD	Mar-21	162.25	1.30	0.81%	
ZINC	Mar-21	219.00	2.55	1.18%	

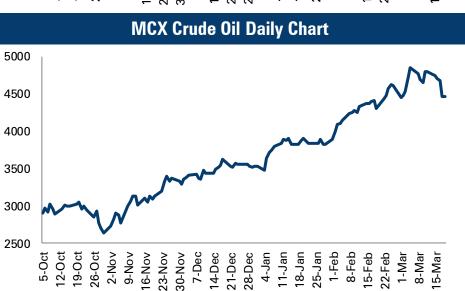
Global Price Performance				
Exchange	Commodity	LTP (\$)	Change	% Change
COMEX	GOLD	1743.90	11.40	0.66%
COMEX	SILVER	26.33	-0.02	-0.08%
NYMEX	CRUDE OIL	61.44	0.00	0.00%
NYMEX	NATURAL GAS	2.55	0.07	2.62%
LME	COPPER	9064.25	68.25	0.76%
LME	NICKEL	16262.50	250.00	1.56%
LME	LEAD	1977.00	49.50	2.57%
LME	ZINC	2846.00	68.50	2.47%

Source: Bloomberg, Reuters, ICICI Direct Research

### **Short Term Outlook**







#### **Bullion Outlook**

- Gold prices started Friday's trade on a positive note and consolidated during most of the session in the range of ₹ 44800-45100 levels
- Gold's upside looks very limited due to rising yields and buoyant risky assets
- Hence, we expect gold prices to consolidate in the range of ₹ 44400-45300 levels in the short-term

#### **Energy Outlook**

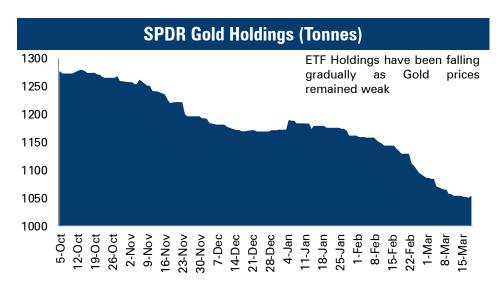
- •Crude oil prices opened slightly lower on Friday and recovered gradually during most of the session till a high of ₹ 4474
- Oil prices went largely in one direction, up, as they were driven by Opec+ production cuts and the promise of economic reopening's from Covid-19. However, oil market headwinds related to European Union demand and Iran supply would slow market rebalancing in coming days
- Therefore, we expect crude prices to consolidate in the range of ₹ 4300-4500 level in the short-term

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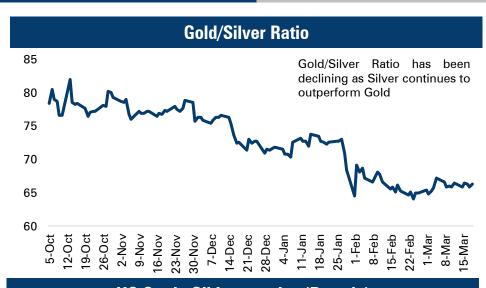
### **Key Parameters**



Daily Pivot Levels						
Commodity	Expiry	S2	<b>S</b> 1	Pivot	R1	R2
GOLD	Apr-21	44646	44827	44982	45163	45318
SILVER	May-21	66693	67073	67408	67788	68123
CRUDE OIL	Apr-21	4235	4352	4425	4542	4615
NATURAL GAS	Apr-21	180.2	183.2	185.0	188.0	189.8
COPPER	Mar-21	653.0	663.6	670.0	680.6	687.1
NICKEL	Mar-21	1133.9	1150.5	1161.7	1178.3	1189.5
LEAD	Mar-21	158.0	160.1	161.7	163.8	165.4
ZINC	Mar-21	213.1	216.1	218.1	221.0	223.0



Standard & Poor's Depository Receipt (ETF) Holdings



US Crude Oil Inventories (Barrels)			
Release Date	Time (IST)	Actual	Forecast
24-Mar-21	10:30 AM	-	2.964M
17-Mar-21	10:30 AM	2.396M	2.964M
10-Mar-21	11:30 AM	13.798M	0.816M
3-Mar-21	11:30 AM	21.563M	-0.928M
24-Feb-21	11:30 AM	1.285M	-5.190M
18-Feb-21	12:00 PM	-7.258M	-2.429M

The Energy Information Administration's (EIA) Crude Oil Inventories measures the weekly change in the number of barrels of commercial crude oil held by US firms.

Source: Bloomberg, Reuters, ICICI Direct Research

# Today's Major Economic Releases



TIME (IST) COUNTRY		DATA & EVENTS	FORECAST	<b>PREVIOUS</b>
7:00 AM	China	PBoC Loan Prime Rate		3.9%
7:30 PM	US	Existing Home Sales (Feb)	6.49M	6.69M
7:30 PM	US	Existing Home Sales (MoM) (Feb)	-3.0%	0.6%



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