

EVENING ROUNDUP

A Daily Evening Report on Bullion, Base Metals and Energy Commodities



Friday, May 24, 2024

- Gold prices perked up today, but remained on track of a weekly decline as the latest Federal Reserve meeting minutes suggested that inflation in the U.S. has not made significant progress towards the Committee's 2 percent objective, dampening expectations for rate cuts this year. FOMC minutes from the April 30-May 1 policy meeting reveal growing concerns among officials regarding stubborn inflation, prompting apprehension about the timing for potential interest rate reductions amid persistent price increases exceeding the Fed's 2% target.
- Crude oil prices poised for a weekly fall as the minutes from a U.S. Federal Reserve meeting indicated the possibility of increasing interest rates if inflation persisted, which may potentially dampen oil demand.
- NYMEX natural gas prices retreated from a four-month high, while a forecasts of higher weekly demand and in increased gas flow to liquefied natural gas (LNG) export plants underpinned prices.
- China's primary aluminum production increased by 7.2% year on year in April, driven by higher prices for the metal both domestically and internationally. According to data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), the world's largest aluminum producer generated 3.58 million metric tons of primary aluminum during April. The average daily output for April stood at 119,333 tons, a rise from 115,806 tons in March.
- Copper prices were pressured by a decrease in physical demand and increased inventories in China, the leading consumer of the metal. Additionally, hawkish signals from the Federal Reserve's meeting minutes also weighed sentiments.
- The U.S. Trade Representative's office announced that certain substantial tariff hikes on various Chinese imports, such as electric vehicles and batteries, computer chips, and medical items, are scheduled to come into effect on August 1st. President Joe Biden plans to maintain tariffs implemented by former President Donald Trump while increasing others, including a quadrupling of import duties on Chinese electric vehicles to over 100% and a doubling of semiconductor duties to 50%.

Events In Focus

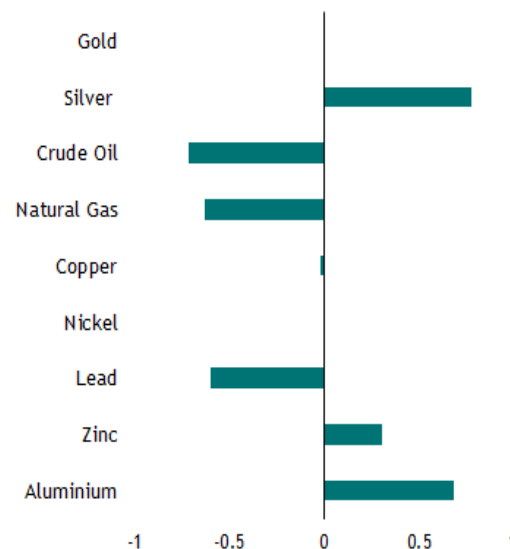
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No Major Economic Data for Today

International Commodity Prices

Commodity	Rate	% Chg.
Gold Spot (\$/oz)	2340.91	0.54
Silver Spot (\$/oz)	30.54	1.44
NYMEX Crude (\$/bbl)	76.22	-0.85
NYMEX NG (\$/mmBtu)	2.691	1.28
SHFE Copper (CNY/T)	83760	0.31
SHFE Nickel (CNY/T)	152780	-0.29
SHFE Lead (CNY/T)	18475	-0.03
SHFE Zinc (CNY/T)	24625	1.05
SHFE Aluminium (CNY/T)	20815	-0.29

MCX Commodities Daily Performance



Global Commodities in MCX

Commodity	Last	% Chg.
Gold (Rs/10grams)	71580	0.00
Silver (Rs/1kilogram)	91097	0.73
Crude Oil (Rs/barrel)	6350	-0.73
Natural Gas (Rs/mmBtu)	222.6	-0.4
Copper (Rs/Kilogram)	898	-0.05
Nickel (Rs/Kilogram)	0	0
Lead (Rs/Kilogram)	191.9	-0.6
Zinc (Rs/Kilogram)	271.75	0.31
Aluminium (Rs/Kilogram)	240.8	0.69

*Prices of most active Commodity futures contracts



BULLION

Gold Mini MCX Jun

Technical Levels

R 3	75310/76620
R 2	73620/74400
R 1	72750/73200
Turnaround	72200
S 1	70690
S 2	70160/69450
S 3	69000/68580



Technical View

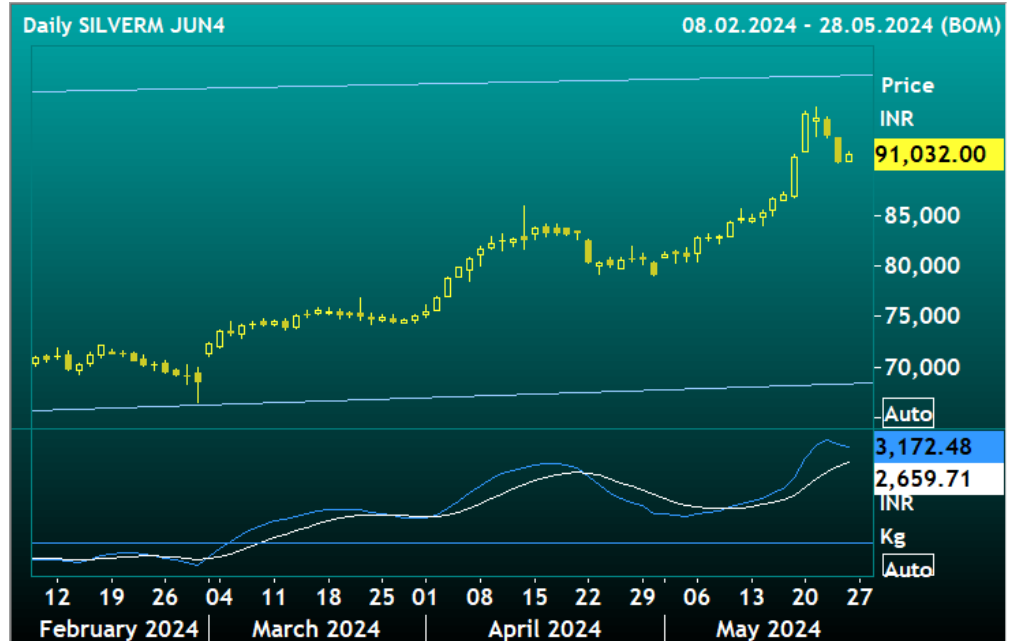


Corrective moves possible in the counter. Rebound above 72200 region would induce an upward trend for the day.

Silver Mini MCX Jun

Technical Levels

R 3	95300
R 2	94850
R 1	92730
Turnaround	91850
S 1	90250
S 2	89530
S 3	89120



Technical View



Major weakness could be ruled out as long as trades sustain above 90250 region, while a dip below the same could indicate weakness.

ENERGY

Crude Oil MCX Jun

Technical Levels

R 3	6830
R 2	6690/6750
R 1	6560/6600
Turnaround	6450
S 1	6300/6230
S 2	6170/6100
S 3	6020



Technical View



Southbound trades possible to witness in the current session. Whereas, rebounds could sustain only with sturdy move above 6450 region.

Natural Gas MCX Jun

Technical Levels

R 3	275
R 2	263/269
R 1	254
Turnaround	241
S 1	239/234
S 2	228
S 3	222



Technical View



Corrective moves may extend further if the support at 241 is breached, while holding the same level may induce mild rebounds.

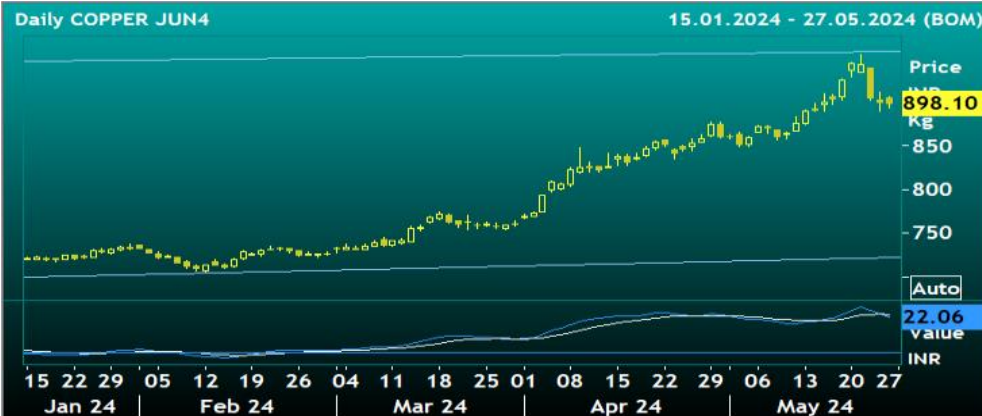


BASE METALS

Copper MCX Jun

Technical Levels

R 3	930
R 2	911/920
R 1	906
Turnaround	888
S 1	880/873
S 2	868.80
S 3	861/851.50



Technical View



Mild weakness is possible in the session, while a rebound above 906 region can offer upward trend.

Nickel MCX Jun

Technical Levels

R 3	1800
R 2	1640
R 1	1510
Turnaround	1460
S 1	1380
S 2	1300
S 3	1200



Technical View

Lack of volume in the counter.

Zinc MCX Jun

Technical Levels

R 3	278.70
R 2	277.80
R 1	275.40
Turnaround	273.50
S 1	270.30
S 2	267
S 3	264.20



Technical View



Range bound trades with mild weak bias expected in the counter. Rebound above 273.50 may strengthen prices.

BASE METALS

Lead MCX Jun

Technical Levels

R 3	195.40
R 2	194.50
R 1	193.90
Turnaround	192.70
S 1	189.50
S 2	188.40
S 3	187.60



Technical View



Prices may weaken further below 189.50 region. Rebound may be seen with steady gains above 192.70 region.

Aluminium MCX Jun

Technical Levels

R 3	246.80
R 2	244.20
R 1	242.70
Turnaround	241.20
S 1	237.30/236.20
S 2	234.50/233.10
S 3	230.50



Technical View



Rebound could strengthen only with steady move above 240.80. Extended dip below 237.30 region may weaken prices.



Bullish Sentiments



Neutral/Sideways



Bearish Sentiments



Mild Bullish Sentiments



Mild Bearish Sentiments

S1/S2/S3 -Support level - Price points where buying pressure thought to be strong enough to counter selling pressure.

R1/R2/R3 -Resistance level - - Price points where selling pressure thought to be strong enough to counter buying pressure.

ECONOMIC CALENDAR

Time	Country	Importance	Data/Events	Actual	Forecast	Previous
Monday, 20 May						
06:45	China	High	Loan Prime Rate 1Y			3.45%
06:45	China	High	Loan Prime Rate 5Y			3.95%
Tuesday, 21 May						
			No Major US Economic Data			
Wednesday, 22 May						
19:30	United States	High	Existing Home Sales		4.18M	4.19M
19:30	United States	Moderate	Existing Home Sales % Chg			-4.3%
20:00	United States	Very High	EIA Weekly Crude Stock		-2.547M	-2.508M
20:00	United States	Very High	EIA Weekly Distillate Stock		-0.394M	-0.045M
20:00	United States	Very High	EIA Weekly Gasoline Stock		-0.729M	-0.235M
23:30	United States	Very High	FOMC Minutes			
Thursday, 23 May						
18:00	United States	High	Initial Jobless Claim		220k	222k
18:00	United States	High	Continuing Jobless Claim		1.794M	1.794M
19:30	United States	High	New Home Sales-Units		0.679M	0.693M
20:00	United States	Very High	EIA-Natural Gas Chg Bcf			70B
Friday, 24 May						
18:00	United States	Moderate	Durable Goods		0.5%	2.6%



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