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### Gold gains on dollar weakens , geopolitical tensions

Comex Gold futures trading higher near \$2,880 per ounce, driven by weakening dollar and heightened safe-haven demand, fueled by escalating geopolitical tensions, underpinned the rally. The fading prospect of a swift Russia-Ukraine peace deal, compounded by US-Ukraine diplomatic friction, bolstered bullion's appeal. Furthermore, President Trump's impending tariffs on Canada and Mexico, coupled with increased levies on China, stoked fears of economic deceleration. These anxieties, signaling a potential US economic slowdown, amplified gold's safe-haven status. Concurrently, rising market expectations for Federal Reserve interest-rate cuts further enhanced gold's attractiveness as a non-yielding asset.

WTI crude oil is trading moderately lower \$69.30/barrel, influenced by a complex interplay of geopolitical and economic factors. We have seen initial gains during the Asian market, driven by robust Chinese manufacturing data signaling improved fuel demand, were tempered by uncertainty surrounding the Russia-Ukraine conflict. President Trump's proposed tariffs, threatening retaliatory measures, further clouded the global economic outlook. Elsewhere, European efforts to establish a security coalition for Ukraine post-ceasefire underscored the fractured transatlantic alliance amidst Trump's direct engagement with Russia. Sanctions against Russian oil, while intended to punish Moscow, are now juxtaposed with potential shifts in US policy, creating market volatility.

LME base metals are experiencing upward momentum, with zinc leading the gains at a 1.30% rise to \$2,835 per ton. Copper and aluminum are also up, albeit moderately, around 0.30% at \$2,975/tonne. The looming threat of U.S. import tariffs, ordered by Trump, is a key market driver. A potential copper tariff could initially flood the U.S. market, pressuring domestic prices. Simultaneously, China's annual congress presents crucial uncertainties. Addressing industrial overcapacity, a weak property sector, and escalating U.S. trade tensions will significantly impact global commodity markets. Beijing's efforts to meet 2021-2025 five-year plan targets, particularly regarding energy and emissions, are also under scrutiny, adding further complexity to the market outlook.

US natural gas futures dip below \$3.8/MMBtu, a two-week low weigh down by record production, reaching 104.7 bcf/d in February, coupled with forecasts for milder March weather, are suppressing heating demand and anticipated storage withdrawals. Despite robust LNG exports, averaging 15.6 bcf/d, the market remains weighed down by abundant supply. Notably, increased flows from Venture Global's Plaquemines LNG plant, now at 1.8 bcf/d, are bolstering export volumes. However, storage levels, still 12% below the five-year average due to prior extreme cold, remain a key monitoring point

Today, traders will focus on the US ISM Manufacturing PMI for a quick, current view of the economy's health through business purchasing managers' insights.

Date	IST	Currency	Data	Forecast	Previous
03-Mar-25	20:15	USD	Final Manufacturing PMI	51.6	51.6
	19:00	USD	ISM Manufacturing PMI	50.6	50.9
	19:00	USD	ISM Manufacturing Prices	-0.1%	0.5%

Source: Forex factory

# Evening Track

	Commodity	Support 3	Support 2	Support 1	LTP	Resistance 1	Resistance 2	Resistance 3
Commodities	Spot Gold	2812.3	2843.4	2853.0	2868.6	2884.1	2893.7	2924.9
	MCX Gold Apr	83540	84237	84452	84800	85148	85363	86060
	Spot Silver	30.53	31.02	31.17	31.42	31.67	31.82	32.31
	MCX Silver Mar	91761	92855	93193	93740	94287	94625	95719
	MCX Copper Mar	849.5	856.1	858.2	861.5	864.8	866.9	873.5
	MCX Zinc Mar	264.4	266.8	267.5	268.8	270.0	270.7	273.1
	MCX Lead Mar	178.8	179.7	179.9	180.4	180.8	181.0	181.9
	MCX Aluminium Mar	254.2	256.4	257.1	258.3	259.4	260.1	262.3
	MCX Crude Oil Mar	5928	6012	6038	6080	6122	6148	6232
	MCX Natural Gas Mar	309.99	322.88	326.86	333.30	339.74	343.72	356.61

Source: Bloomberg, KS Commodity Research

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