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MCX ENERGY	
Crude oil (Rs/bbl) 5375.0 5185.0 5341.0 75.0	1.42
Natural Gas (Rs/MMBtu) 283.9 274.9 277.7 -7.6	-2.66
LME BASE METALS (\$/tonne)	
Copper 9216.5 9028.5 9203.5 39.5	0.43
Aluminium 2390.0 2352.5 2382.0 7.0	0.29
Lead 1917.0 1888.5 1908.0 -6.5	-0.34
Zinc 2621.5 2545.0 2582.0 -33.0	-1.26
MCX BASE METALS (Rs/kg)	
Copper 845.4 829.5 843.5 4.0	0.47
Aluminium 232.7 229.6 232.2 -0.1	-0.04
Lead 177.8 176.9 177.5 -0.1	-0.03
Zinc 249.3 245.3 247.2 -3.0	-1.20
CURRENCIES	
Dollar Index 100.1 99.2 99.4 -0.8	-0.83
Euro/USD 1.141 1.128 1.140 0.0	1.04
GBP/USD 1.329 1.321 1.324 0.0	0.10
USD/YEN 143.3 141.7 141.9 -1.3	-0.93
USD/INR 85.7 85.5 85.7 -0.1	-0.10
Source: Bloomberg	

MCX SPREAD MONITOR (M2-M1)				
Commodity	Current	Previous	Trend	
Gold (Rs/10gm)	5113	5407	Narrowing	
Silver (Rs/kg)	1487	1574	Narrowing	
Copper (Rs/kg)	3.5	3.1	Widening	
Aluminium (Rs/kg)	1.3	0.2	Widening	
Lead (Rs/kg)	-1.1	-1.5	Narrowing	
Zinc (Rs/kg)	0.9	1.3	Narrowing	
Crude (Rs/bbl)	-16	-29	Narrowing	
NG (Rs/mmBtu)	12.5	11.2	Widening	
Gold Silver Ratio	100.0	99.3	Widening	
Crude/NG Ratio	18.5	17.4	Widening	
Source: Bloomberg				

Bullion - Comex June gold closed 3.27% higher, its strongest single-day gain since April 2020 on Wednesday, as prices briefly touched a record high \$3,358.4 driven by a weakening US dollar, which settled 3-year low of 99.28 amid escalating US-China trade tensions. The US ban on Nvidia's H20 chip sales to China and Trump's directive to investigate rare earth tariffs have heightened geopolitical risks, boosting safe-haven demand. Comex Silver also rose sharply hitting a 1.5-week high. Meanwhile, Fed Chair Powell dismissed near-term rate cut expectations, emphasizing the need to prevent tariffs from driving sustained inflation. Data wise, March retail sales rose 1.4% m/m, outpacing expectations, while industrial production continues to slow down. Today, Gold hit another all-time high of \$3,371.9 due to Powell's warnings about the trade war's impact. Traders now await US housing data and Initial Jobless Claims for further market cues.

Crude Oil — WTI crude oil jumped above \$63 per barrel on Wednesday, supported by supply disruption concerns, easing tensions in the US-China trade conflict, and declining product inventories. China signaled willingness to resume trade negotiations with the Trump administration, albeit with certain preconditions. Hopes for looser restrictions on Iranian crude faded after the US demanded Iran completely halt its nuclear enrichment and weaponization program, a demand Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi rejected, calling uranium enrichment "non-negotiable." Meanwhile, US crude oil stocks rose by 0.5 million barrels, while gasoline and distillate stocks fell by 2 million and 1.9 million barrels, respectively, for the week ending April 11. Oil prices surged above \$63/bbl as the US Treasury announced new sanctions targeting Chinese importers of Iranian oil to reduce Iran's oil exports to zero.

Natural Gas - NYMEX gas futures slipped to \$3.204/mmBtu yesterday, owing to milder weather forecasts and expectations of increased inventory injections, which could further narrow deficit, with stocks already just 2.1% below the five-year average.

Base metals – Base metals saw a mixed session on the LME, with copper rising 0.43% to \$9,203.50/ton, while zinc dropped over 1% as LME stocks posted their largest increase since 2015, driven by significant inflows into warehouses in Singapore. The broader metals market remains volatile, rattled by renewed trade tensions after President Trump launched a probe into potential tariffs on critical minerals. Copper briefly pared losses on hopes of renewed US-China trade talks, though uncertainty persists, especially with fears that national security tariffs could extend to copper. LME metals may see upward momentum as dollar approaches three-year low, though renewed worries over U.S. trade policy could cap gains.

TECHNICAL CHARTS

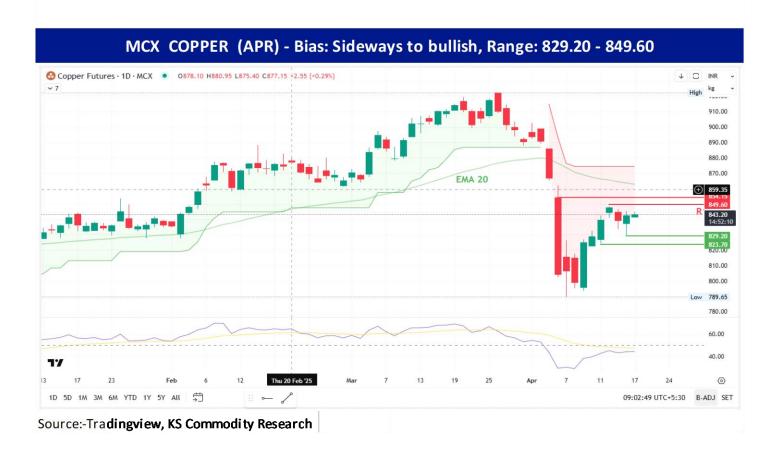


Source:-Tradingview, KS Commodity Research



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SELL	We expect the commodity to deliver (-1%) or more returns	
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