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Commodity	High	Low	Close	Chg	% Chg	
COMEX PRECIOUS METALS						
Gold (\$/toz)	2551.4	2506.4	2516.7	-30.8	-1.21	
Silver (\$/toz)	30.14	29.22	29.47	-0.50	-1.67	
MCX PRECIOUS METALS*						
Gold (Rs/10 gram)	71884	70894	71194	-636.0	-0.89	
Silver (Rs/kg)	85191	83345	83736	-1127.0	-1.33	
ENERGY						
Brent Crude oil (\$/bbl)	77.7	75.8	77.2	1.17	1.54	
WTI Crude oil (\$/bbl)	73.5	71.6	73.0	1.08	1.50	
NYMEX NG (\$/MMBtu)	2.200	2.031	2.053	-0.12	-5.70	
MCX ENERGY*						
Crude oil (Rs/bbl)	6188.0	6030.0	6158.0	128.0	2.12	
Natural Gas (Rs/MMBtu)	184.0	170.8	172.8	-8.4	-4.64	
LME BASE METALS (\$/tonne	e)					
Copper	9293.0	9120.0	9130.5	-129.5	-1.40	
Aluminium	2531.0	2466.0	2480.0	-7.0	-0.28	
Lead	2096.5	2046.0	2053.0	-32.5	-1.56	
Zinc	2882.0	2840.0	2858.0	7.5	0.26	
MCX BASE METALS (Rs/kg)*						
Copper	806.7	792.2	794.0	-10.25	-1.27	
Aluminium	229.6	224.2	224.7	-1.55	-0.69	
Lead	190.5	189.2	189.4	0.00	0.00	
Zinc	269.5	264.3	265.3	-1.65	-0.62	
CURRENCIES						
Dollar Index	101.63	101.09	101.51	0.47	0.46	
Euro/USD	1.116	1.110	1.111	0.00	-0.34	
GBP/USD	1.313	1.308	1.309	0.00	0.00	
USD/YEN	146.5	144.9	146.3	1.08	0.74	
USD/INR	84.0	83.9	84.0	0.02	0.02	
Source: Bloomberg *MCX pric	es as on 14t	h August				

bullion contex dota prices facea pressure after the release of os
economic data, resulting in a 1.2% dip, settling around \$2,516 ahead
of Fed Chair Jerome Powell's anticipated speech. The decline is
largely attributed to profit-taking, as traders adjusted their
expectations for the Federal Reserve's rate cuts in 2024. Market
participants now expect a total easing of 94 basis points, down from
102 basis points, as indicated by the Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT)
December 2024 fed funds rate futures contract. The labor market
showed signs of cooling, with US jobless claims rising to 232K for the
week ending August 17, slightly above expectations. Meanwhile, the
S&P Global Manufacturing PMI contracted further to 48.0,
highlighting ongoing weakness in the sector, while the Services PMI
improved to 55.2, surpassing forecasts. In the housing market,
existing home sales increased by 1.3% in August, aligning with
expectations, reaching a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 3.95
million units. Today, speeches by several central bankers and FOMC
officials will be in focus. COMEX Silver prices fell 2% to below \$29/oz,
retreating from a 2-month high, as a stronger dollar and rising
Treasury yields led to a broader decline in bullion prices.

Bullion - Comex Gold prices faced pressure after the release of US

Crude Oil – WTI Crude oil prices surged to \$73.50 per barrel yesterday, ending a four-session decline. This rebound was driven by expectations of a rate cut in September, strengthened by the recent FOMC meeting minutes. Additionally, a drawdown in U.S. crude oil and fuel stocks suggested robust demand from the world's largest consumer. While U.S. jobless claims rose slightly last week, they remain at healthy levels, keeping the possibility of a Fed pivot open. Crude oil prices may stay supported amid ongoing regional tensions, including an attack by Iran's Houthis on a Greek-flagged oil tanker and continued Israeli strikes on Gaza.

Natural Gas - Nymex Henry Hub gas prices tumbled 5% yesterday to \$2.06/mmBtu weighed down by higher than expected US stock additions. According to EIA estimates, US working gas in storage was 3,299 Bcf as of August 16, a net increase of 35 Bcf from the previous week.

Base metals – LME base metals fell yesterday due to weaker manufacturing activity in the U.S. and Eurozone in August. The U.S. S&P Global Manufacturing PMI dropped to an eight-month low of 48, down from 49.6, and the EU Manufacturing PMI slipped to 45.6. LME Zinc held above \$2,650 per tonne, bolstered by expectations of reduced production as China's major zinc smelters plan to cut their concentrate intake to address refining losses. Metals may continue to decline today as markets await Fed Chair Powell's comments at the Jackson Hole symposium, where he is expected to indicate a willingness to cut rates, though likely at a gradual pace.

MCX SPREAD MONITOR (M2-M1)					
Commodity	Current	Previous	Trend		
Gold (Rs/10gm)	440	447	Narrowing		
Silver (Rs/kg)	2493	2505	Narrowing		
Copper (Rs/kg)	9.0	8.3	Widening		
Aluminium (Rs/kg)	3.0	2.7	Widening		
Lead (Rs/kg)	-2.9	-2.3	Widening		
Zinc (Rs/kg)	0.1	-2.1	Narrowing		
Crude (Rs/bbl)	-35	-20	Widening		
NG (Rs/mmBtu)	32.9	31.4	Widening		
Gold Silver Ratio	85.7	84.9	Widening		
Crude/NG Ratio	33.3	31.2	Widening		
Source: Bloomberg					

TECHNICAL CHARTS



Source:-Tradingview, KS Commodity Research





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