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Commodity	High	Low	Close	Chg	% Chg
COMEX PRECIOUS METALS					
Gold (\$/toz)	2674.2	2636.1	2669.0	28.0	1.06
Silver (\$/toz)	30.040	29.270	29.900	0.66	2.25
MCX PRECIOUS METALS					
Gold (Rs/10 gram)	77810	76965	77717	824.0	1.07
Silver (Rs/kg)	89330	88150	89173	1595.0	1.82
ENERGY					
Brent Crude oil (\$/bbl)	76.6	74.7	75.9	1.29	1.73
WTI Crude oil (\$/bbl)	73.7	71.8	73.1	1.41	1.97
NYMEX NG (\$/MMBtu)	3.801	3.541	3.660	0.03	0.74
MCX ENERGY					
Crude oil (Rs/bbl)	6330.0	6165.0	6299.0	128.0	2.07
Natural Gas (Rs/MMBtu)	326.9	304.9	318.6	3.4	1.08
LME BASE METALS (\$/tonne)				
Copper	8871.5	8766.0	8802.5	34.5	0.39
Aluminium	2574.5	2527.5	2529.0	-22.5	-0.88
Lead	1966.0	1933.0	1934.5	-17.5	-0.90
Zinc	3020.5	2924.0	2927.0	-51.5	-1.73
MCX BASE METALS (Rs/kg)					
Copper	795.8	795.8	795.8	0.0	-0.82
Aluminium	254.0	251.8	253.3	0.0	0.14
Lead	176.4	176.4	176.4	0.0	0.00
Zinc	286.8	282.7	284.1	0.0	0.64
	CUR	RENCIES			
Dollar Index	109.5	108.3	109.4	0.9	0.84
Euro/USD	1.038	1.023	1.027	0.0	-0.88
GBP/USD	1.254	1.235	1.238	0.0	-1.09
USD/YEN	157.9	156.4	157.5	0.3	0.17
USD/INR	85.8	85.7	85.8	0.1	0.12
Source: Bloomberg					

MCX SPREAD MONITOR (M2-M1)						
Commodity	Current	Previous	Trend			
Gold (Rs/10gm)	789	698	Widening			
Silver (Rs/kg)	1745	1801	Narrowing			
Copper (Rs/kg)	4.8	4.1	Widening			
Aluminium (Rs/kg)	0.6	0.3	Widening			
Lead (Rs/kg)	1.4	1.2	Widening			
Zinc (Rs/kg)	1.4	1.3	Widening			
Crude (Rs/bbl)	-18	-7	Widening			
NG (Rs/mmBtu)	-43.9	-43.4	Widening			
Gold Silver Ratio	89.9	90.8	Narrowing			
Crude/NG Ratio	19.8	19.6	Widening			
Source: Bloomberg						

Bullion – COMEX gold futures surged over 1% on the first trading day of the year, hitting a two-week high to settle at \$2,669 per ounce fueled by heightened geopolitical tensions as Russian drone strikes on Kyiv and Israeli military actions in Gaza. Additionally, expectations of record central bank purchases and uncertainty surrounding potential policy shifts under the incoming Trump administration, including the reintroduction of tariffs, further supported gold prices. The World Gold Council highlighted continued robust central bank demand as a key driver of sustained price momentum. On the data front, U.S. labor market data revealed initial unemployment claims at an eight-month low and a sharp drop in continuing claims, signaling economic resilience. COMEX silver futures also climbed 2.2% as as the rally in US bond yields has stalled. Comex Gold is currently trading near \$2,680, as broad risk-off sentiment buoyed demand for haven assets. Investors will focus on ISM Manufacturing Index and Fed member speech.

Crude Oil – WTI crude oil surged in the first session of 2025, reaching a two-month high of \$73.70 per barrel. This rally was driven by a sixth consecutive inventory draw and optimism surrounding Chinese demand. In his New Year's address, Chinese President Xi Jinping announced that policymakers would implement more proactive measures to stimulate growth throughout 2025. He expressed confidence that China would meet its official 2024 economic growth target of 5%. The EIA reported a draw of 1.2 million barrels in U.S. oil inventories for the final week of 2024. Additionally, EIA data showed that U.S. oil demand rose to 21.01 million barrels per day in October, the highest since August 2019, reflecting a 700,000-barrel increase from September. WTI crude continues to hold its gains as U.S. crude inventories remain well below seasonal averages. Traders are closely watching for new signals, with expectations of a potential glut and uncertainty regarding the impact of any future policies from former President Trump on the oil market balance.

Natural Gas - Nymex Henry Hub natural gas futures closed above \$3.6 per mmBtu, as latest forecast for Jan. 12-16 has shifted notably colder across the US boosting heating demand prospects.

Base metals – LME base metals ended mixed on Thursday, weighed down by a stronger US dollar, which pressured prices and erased early gains, with Zinc falling nearly 2%. Expectations that Trump 2.0 policies may favor the US dollar pushed the greenback to 25 month high of 109.5. Coupled with this, a sell-off in Chinese equities and a weaker yuan, highlighting renewed concerns about China's economic recovery. China's December Caixin Manufacturing PMI, at 50.5, fell slightly short of expectations. Strong dollar and mixed signals from China are likely to keep base metals under pressure.

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