

Market Commentary

Gold prices eked out a tiny gain on the last day of the week to halt a third consecutive slide, but the precious metal's advance for the day wasn't sufficient to avoid the first back-to-back weekly declines since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March. Gold prices marked a high of \$2024 and a low of \$1916, same way silver prices opened and closed at almost same levels although there was some volatility seen, it marked a high of \$18.25 and low of \$17.42. Resurgence in dollar and yields gave investors some pause in buying bullion as a stronger dollar can make gold comparatively more expensive to overseas investors. As suggested last week, cautious approach should be taken into consideration, although overall long term picture remains positive.

Major countries are functioning in almost full capacity even though the threat of virus impacting the economy is rising at a significant pace. Fear of a second wave still lingers in many economies as pace of virus affecting people is not slowing down. The virus has affected more than 23 million people and has claimed more than 8 lakh lives on the other hand, the vaccine news is filling the market with optimism as many companies have successfully completed trials and are announcing positive news on the same. Russia became the first country to announce the vaccine, they are keeping the world updated regarding their progress and the specification related to it. Market participants are filled with optimism amidst the announcement of the vaccine although the vaccine has not hit the market yet and even if it does there are still a lot of unanswered questions.

Gold- Weekly Market Data				
Exchange	Gold Spot	COMEX	МСХ	
Open	1946.2	1941.0	52160	
Close	1939.40	1934.6	52016	
Change	-6.8	-2.4	-211	
% Change	-0.22%	-0.12%	-0.40%	
Pivot	1935.3	1929.5	51888	
Resistance	1959.7	1950.1	52537	
Support	1915.1	1914.0	51367	

Silver- Weekly Market Data					
Exchange	Silver	COMEX	MCX		
Open	27.23	27.48	68397		
Close	26.69	26.71	67067		
Change	-0.54	-0.77	-104		
% Change	1.05%	2.46%	-0.15%		
Pivot	26.75	27.01	67056		
Resistance	27.46	27.17	68911		
Support	25.98	26.54	65212		

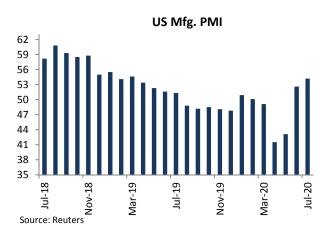
Ratios	
Gold/Silver	69.49
Gold/Oil	47.94

There have been a lot of updates on the US-China trade talk's front, a very important talk between both the countries officials was also scheduled last weekend. The talk did not come out with many alerts and surprises, although the phase one deal which was in question from quite some time was addressed and China has made a statement saying that they will make all efforts possible to comply with the same. A set of investors also are of the view that trade war could escalate any time soon but few statements from some policymakers portrayed a completely different picture hence giving a very confused picture making market more anxious about what turn this uncertainty is going to take next? It will be important **7**to keep a cautious approach in case of any major update in the same.

Last week, FOMC, RBI and ECB released their meeting minutes. FOMC minutes showed policy makers concerns over economic recovery, the Fed also ruled out more dovish monetary policy measures such as yield curve control, for now, which resulted in heavy volatility in bullions. RBI also showed concerns regarding the impact of virus on economy and mentioned that there is room for further rate cut but it is unlikely to implement it any time soon due to the rising inflation. Hence the overall outlook still looks dovish although a breather is taken to settle in the impact of the actions announced so far.

Investors kept an eye on important data points to understand the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the global economy. Preliminary PMI numbers expected from major economies last week were reported better than expectations. The data is near or above 50 mark which a good sign is for economy although as the pandemic still lingers, it will be important to see final numbers. Investment in gold increased for week ended 23rd August, 2020 and holdings currently stand at 1252.37tonnes compared to holding of 1248.28 tons in the previous week. Holding in ishares ETF witnessed an outflow of ~11.58 tons and holdings currently stand at 17843.35 tons. Speculators, last week reduced their bullish positions in COMEX gold & silver contracts.







Source: Reuters

<u>Outlook</u>

This week there are a few important economic data points expected from U.S which could trigger volatility in precious metal. Core durable goods, Core PCE index and Q2 GDP is scheduled on the calendar this week; any data if reported better than the expectations could put pressure on gold prices. Looking ahead, gold traders will continue to monitor "the possible emergence of a 'second wave' of the virus across Europe and Asia. Traders will also watch how the talk of economic stimulus unfolds in the US. Investors will also continue to keep an eye on the US-China trade relationship and other uncertainties hovering in the market.

Technical Outlook:-

Gold

MCX Gold witnessed selling pressure from higher levels last week and managed to close marginally lower by approximately 0.40 % at Rs.52016 level. However the yellow metal managed to hold on uptrend price channel support line at Rs.51100 level. Going ahead on the lower side Rs.51100 remains very strong short-term support (visible in the chart) for metal and intermediate support for the metal is placed in range of Rs.51700-51800 levels. Any dips towards the intermediate support zone remains good buying opportunity. On the higher side the metal is likely to face stiff short term resistance at Rs.53200 level and daily close above the same is likely to result in further bullish momentum in the yellow metal. If it manages to give daily close above Rs.53200 level then it is likely to test higher resistance of Rs.54500 level. Thus as long as uptrend price channel is not broken, short term trend is likely to remain positive. Buying on dips towards intermediate support zone is thus advised. However if yellow metal manages to give daily close below Rs.51100 level then there is high probability that the yellow metal may fall further till Rs.49900 - Rs.48500 levels, Spot gold has strong short-term support at \$1910 whereas strong resistance is placed at \$2000 level.

Silver

MCX Silver traded in a sideways trend last week and managed to close lower by approximately 0.15% at Rs.67067 level. MCX silver witnessed sharp correction in prices from higher levels





recently but managed to hold on horizontal support line around Rs.61000 level. Going ahead on the lower side Rs.61500 remains very strong short-term support (visible in the chart) for the metal and intermediate support for the metal is placed in the range of Rs.64500-65000 levels. Any price correction towards the intermediate support zone remains good buying opportunity. On the higher side the metal is likely to face stiff short term resistance at Rs.71500 level and daily close above the same is likely to result in further bullish momentum in the precious metal. If it manages to give daily close above Rs.71500 level then it is likely to test higher resistance of Rs.74500 - 77500 levels. Also 14-period RSI has been sustaining above 50 mark which is signalling strength in the prices of the commodity. Buying on dips towards intermediate support zone is thus advised. However if the metal manages to give daily close below Rs.61500 level then there is high probability that the precious metal may fall further till Rs.57500 - Rs.55000 levels, Buying on dips towards intermediate support zone is thus advised. Spot silver has strong short-term support at \$23.70 level while strong resistance is placed at \$28.70 level.



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