



# COMMODITY REPORT

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## ECONOMIC/GLOBAL NEWS

- Natural-gas futures ended at a more than two-month high after government data showed a 2 billion cubic feet rise in U.S. natural-gas stockpiles to 2.051 trillion cubic feet last week. May natural-gas futures rose 6.5 cents, or 1.99%, to close at \$3.331 per million British thermal units, the highest settlement since Jan. 27. MCX Natural Gas April expiry closed at Rs. 214.70 per British thermal unit, up 0.75%.
- U.S. initial jobless claims fell to 234,000 in the week ended April 1st, a decrease of 25,000 from the previous week's revised level of 259,000. Continuing claims also dropped by 24,000 to 2.028 million in the week ended March 25th.
- Some policymakers argued for an easing in the European Central Bank's commitment to cut rates further when the macroeconomic outlook worsened, saying that the economic situation and the balance of risks have clearly improved, the minutes of the ECB Governing Council's March 8-9 policy session. "The view was put forward that removing the downward bias regarding interest rates would be in line with a gradual and cautious adjustment of the Governing Council's forward guidance, in step with changes in the Governing Council's assessment," the minutes, which the ECB calls "the account" said.
- Eurozone Market Retail PMI dipped to 49.5 in March, from 49.9 in February.
- Germany's factory orders increased 3.4% month-on-month in February. January's decline was revised to 6.8%.
- Greece's unemployment rate came in at 23.5% in January, the same rate as in the previous month. The number of unemployed people totaled 1.12 million in January. Unemployment declined by 2,085 from December and by 47,836 from last year.
- India's central bank kept its key repo rate unchanged at 6.25%. Meanwhile, the reverse repo rate was lifted by 25 basis point to 6.00%. Cash Reserve Ratio has remained unchanged at 4%.
- India's Nikkei Composite PMI rose to 52.3 in March from 50.7 in February. The Services Business Activity Index climbed to 51.5 in March from 50.3 in the preceding month.

Index	06-Apr-17	05-Apr-17	Pts. Ch.	% Change
<b>Dow</b>	20662.95	20648.15	<b>14.80</b>	<b>0.07</b>
<b>Nifty</b>	9261.95	9265.15	<b>-3.20</b>	<b>-0.03</b>
<b>Sensex</b>	29927.34	29974.24	<b>-46.90</b>	<b>-0.16</b>
<b>USD/INR</b>	64.52	64.88	<b>-0.36</b>	<b>-0.56</b>
<b>Dollar Index</b>	100.57	100.44	<b>0.13</b>	<b>0.13</b>
<b>Euro/\$1US</b>	1.0644	1.0663	<b>-0.0019</b>	<b>-0.18</b>
<b>\$1US/Yen</b>	110.81	110.70	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.10</b>
<b>Pound/\$1US</b>	1.2470	1.2483	<b>-0.0013</b>	<b>-0.10</b>

## Market Update

- U.S. stocks closed off intraday highs as President Donald Trump hosted his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping for their first official meeting, as investors sought clues to how the leaders of the world's economic powerhouses will tackle trade and geopolitical issues. The S&P 500 index rose 4.54 points, or 0.2%, to close at 2,357.49. The Nasdaq Composite Index climbed 14.47 points, or 0.3%, to end at 5,878.95.
- Indian market registered small losses amid volatility on weak global stocks.

## Currency Update

- The dollar strengthened against its main rivals as investors anticipated another blockbuster jobs report on Friday, though its rise was constrained by investors bracing for the possibility that a U.S.-China summit in Florida could unleash a torrent of volatility. The dollar traded at ₹110.81, compared with ₹110.70. The euro dropped to \$1.0643, down from \$1.0665. The ICE Dollar Index was recently up 0.1% at 100.67. In other trade, the pound exchanged hands at \$1.2474.
- The rupee soared to a near 20-month high of 64.52, firming up by another 36 paise against the US dollar. After resuming sharply lower at 65.05 compared to Wednesday's close of 64.88. However, the rupee staged a resounding comeback in later afternoon deals to hit a fresh intra-day high of 64.50 before ending at 64.52, revealing a solid gain of 35 paise, or 0.56%. The RBI, meanwhile, fixed the reference rate for the dollar at 64.9791 and for the euro at 69.3912.

Name of the ETF	Holdings In Tonnes As		%Ch
	06-Apr-17	05-Apr-17	
<b>SPDR Gold ETF</b>	836.77	836.77	<b>0.00</b>
<b>iShares Silver Trust</b>	10208.21	10237.66	<b>-0.29</b>

Symbol	06-Apr-17		Ratio
	Close	Close	
<b>Gold v/s Silver</b>	1253	18.246	<b>68.69</b>
<b>Gold v/s Crude Oil</b>	1253	51.70	<b>24.24</b>

Bullion	Closing		% Ch
	06-Apr-17	05-Apr-17	
<b>Gold Jun MCX</b>	28721	28805	<b>-0.29</b>
<b>Gold Jun Comex</b>	1253	1249	<b>0.38</b>
<b>Silver May MCX</b>	42093	42258	<b>-0.39</b>
<b>Silver May Comex</b>	18.246	18.187	<b>0.32</b>
<b>Energy</b>			
<b>Crude Oil Apr MCX</b>	3351	3332	<b>0.57</b>
<b>Crude May Nymex</b>	51.70	51.15	<b>1.08</b>
<b>Natural Gas Apr MCX</b>	214.70	213.10	<b>0.75</b>
<b>Nat. Gas May Henry Hub</b>	3.331	3.266	<b>1.99</b>

## LME Inventories (In Tonnes)

Base Metals	06-Apr-17	05-Apr-17	Change	% Change
<b>Aluminum</b>	1837050	1850425	<b>-13375</b>	<b>-0.72</b>
<b>Copper</b>	270550	273750	<b>-3200</b>	<b>-1.17</b>
<b>Nickel</b>	376566	376872	<b>-306</b>	<b>-0.08</b>
<b>Lead</b>	175800	178700	<b>-2900</b>	<b>-1.62</b>
<b>Zinc</b>	368450	369525	<b>-1075</b>	<b>-0.29</b>

Base Metals	Closing		% Ch
	06-Apr-17	05-Apr-17	
<b>Aluminium Apr</b>	125.75	127.50	<b>-1.37</b>
<b>Copper Apr</b>	380.65	386.15	<b>-1.42</b>
<b>Nickel Apr</b>	654.10	672.60	<b>-2.75</b>
<b>Lead Apr</b>	148.55	150.35	<b>-1.20</b>
<b>Zinc Apr</b>	175.65	180.20	<b>-2.52</b>

## ECONOMIC CALENDER

Friday Apr 07, 2017

Time	Country	Event	Actual	Forecast	Previous
11:30 AM	Germany	<b>German Exports (MoM) (Feb)</b>		-0.5%	2.7%
11:30 AM	Germany	<b>German Imports (MoM) (Feb)</b>		-0.5%	3.0%
11:30 AM	Germany	<b>German Industrial Production (MoM) (Feb)</b>		-0.1%	2.8%
11:30 AM	Germany	<b>German Trade Balance (Feb)</b>		18.0B	18.5B
12:15 PM	France	<b>French Current Account (Feb)</b>		-4.60B	-7.00B
12:15 PM	France	<b>French Exports (Feb)</b>			37.2B
12:15 PM	France	<b>French Imports (Feb)</b>			45.1B
12:15 PM	France	<b>French Industrial Production (MoM) (Feb)</b>		0.5%	-0.3%
12:15 PM	France	<b>French Trade Balance (Feb)</b>		-4.9B	-7.9B
1:00 PM	U.K.	<b>Halifax House Price Index (MoM) (Mar)</b>		0.3%	0.1%
1:00 PM	U.K.	<b>Halifax House Price Index (YoY) (Mar)</b>		3.9%	5.1%
Tentative	China	<b>FX Reserves (USD)</b>		3.007T	3.005T
2:00 PM	U.K.	<b>Industrial Production (MoM) (Feb)</b>		0.2%	-0.4%
2:00 PM	U.K.	<b>Industrial Production (YoY) (Feb)</b>		3.7%	3.2%
2:00 PM	U.K.	<b>Manufacturing Production (YoY) (Feb)</b>		3.9%	2.7%
2:00 PM	U.K.	<b>Manufacturing Production (MoM) (Feb)</b>		0.3%	-0.9%
2:00 PM	U.K.	<b>Trade Balance (Feb)</b>		-10.90B	-10.83B
5:00 PM	India	<b>FX Reserves, USD</b>			367.93B
6:00 PM	U.S.	<b>Nonfarm Payrolls (Mar)</b>		180K	235K
6:00 PM	U.S.	<b>Private Nonfarm Payrolls (Mar)</b>		175K	227K
6:00 PM	U.S.	<b>Unemployment Rate (Mar)</b>		4.7%	4.7%

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