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ECONOMIC / GLOBAL NEWS

- Natural gas prices surged higher by slightly less than 1.5%, as warmer than normal weather is forecast to cover most of the United States for the next 8-14 days. September natural gas picked up 1.3% to \$2.853 per million British thermal units, with the contract up almost 2.6% for the week. MCX Natural Gas August expiry closed at Rs. 196.50 per British thermal unit, up 1.13%.
- U.S. non-farm payroll employment climbed by 157,000 jobs in July. Additionally, the private sector created fewer new job contracts than expected in July with a total of 170,000. The unemployment rate dipped to 3.9% in July after rising to 4.0% in June.
- U.S. trade deficit widened to \$46.3 billion in June from a revised \$43.2 billion in May. Exports fell by 0.7% to \$213.8 billion in June after surging up by 1.9% to \$215.3 billion in May. Imports climbed by 0.6% to \$260.2 billion in July after rising by 0.5% to \$258.5 billion in June.
- U.S. seasonally adjusted final IHS Markit services business activity index registered 56.0 in July, down from 56.5 in June. At 55.7 in July, the final seasonally adjusted IHS Markit composite PMI™ output index dipped slightly from 56.2 in June.
- U.S. ISM said its non-manufacturing index dropped to 55.7 in July after rising to 59.1 in June.
- U.K. IHS Markit/CIPS services PMI dropped to 53.5 in July from 55.1 in June.
- Eurozone retail sales grew at a steady pace of 0.3% on month in June driven by food sales. Year-on-year, retail sales growth eased to 1.2% from 1.6% a month ago.
- Eurozone composite output index fell to 54.3 in July, from 54.9 in June. The services PMI dropped to 54.2 from 55.2 in June. The flash score was 54.4.
- Germany's final composite PMI came in at 55.0, up from 54.8 in June but below the flash 55.2. At the same time, the services PMI declined to 54.1 from 54.5 a month ago. The flash reading was 54.4.
- France's final composite PMI dropped to 54.4 from 55.0 in June. The score was slightly below the flash 54.5. The services PMI came in at 54.9, down from 55.9 in June and the flash 55.3.
- India's headline Nikkei Services PMI climbed to 54.2 in July from 52.6 in June. The Nikkei Composite Output Index rose to a 21-month high of 54.1 in July from 53.3 in the prior month.

INDEX	03-AUG-18	02-AUG-18	PTS. CH.	% CHANGE
Dow	25462.58	25326.16	136.42	0.54
Nifty	11360.80	11244.70	116.10	1.03
Sensex	37556.16	37165.16	391.00	1.05
USD/INR	68.63	68.70	-0.08	-0.11
Dollar Index	94.96	94.99	-0.03	-0.03
Euro/\$1US	1.1567	1.1584	-0.0017	-0.15
\$1US/¥en	111.27	111.66	-0.39	-0.35
Pound/\$1US	1.3008	1.3018	-0.0010	-0.08

MARKET UPDATE

- U.S. stocks ended the week on a high note and the S&P 500 and Dow recorded a fifth weekly gain in a row, largely underpinned by solid earnings reports throughout the week, shaking off some weakness in July employment and trade-war anxieties. The S&P 500 rose 13.13 points, or 0.5%, to 2,840.35. The Nasdaq Composite Index picked up 9.33 points, or 0.1%, to 7,812.01.
- Indian market rallied jumped on last trading day of the week as index pivotals staged a comeback after two-day slide. Gains caught momentum after the weather department forecast a recovery in monsoon in August and September.

CURRENCY UPDATE

- The U.S. dollar saw subdued trading action, struggling for a clear direction, following the July jobs report. The ICE U.S. Dollar Index was last little changed in negative territory at 95.136. The broader WSJ Dollar Index was down 0.2% at 88.69.
- The beaten-down rupee staged a good show by recuperating 8 paise to end at 68.63 against the US dollar in line with a stellar rally in domestic equities despite ongoing global trade war jitters. The domestic unit yesterday plunged by 27 paise to hit a one-week low of 68.70. The domestic unit swung between a high of 68.60 and a low of 68.84 against the American dollar during the day. Earlier, the rupee opened almost flat at 68.69 from overnight close of 68.70 at the Interbank Foreign Exchange (forex) market. The local unit, however, regained lost ground in the second half of the session owing to some fresh US dollar selling heading into the US labour market report due later today and managed to close at the session high of 68.63, showing a gain of 8 paise, or 0.11%. The Financial Benchmarks India private limited fixed the reference rate for the dollar at 68.7933.

BULLION	CLOSING		% CH
	03-AUG-18	02-AUG-18	
Gold Oct MCX	29671	29613	0.20
Gold Dec Comex	1223	1220	0.25
Silver Sep MCX	38072	37941	0.35
Silver Sep Comex	15.462	15.385	0.50
ENERGY			
Crude Oil Aug MCX	4686	4744	-1.22
Crude Sep Nymex	68.49	68.96	-0.68
Natural Gas Aug MCX	196.50	194.30	1.13
Nat. Gas Sep Henry Hub	2.853	2.816	1.31

NAME OF THE ETF	HOLDINGS IN TONNES AS ON		% CH
	03-AUG-18	02-AUG-18	
SPDR Gold ETF	794.90	796.96	-0.26
iShares Silver Trust	10242.13	10242.13	0.00

NAME OF THE ETF	CLOSING		RATIO
	03-AUG-18		
Gold v/s Silver	1223	15.462	79.11
Gold v/s Crude Oil	1223	68.49	17.86

(IN TONS)	LME INVENTORIES DATA			% Change
	03-AUG-18	02-AUG-18	Change	
Aluminum	1185275	1192075	-6800	-0.57
Copper	250625	251450	-825	-0.33
Nickel	253278	254070	-792	-0.31
Lead	125325	126950	-1625	-1.28
Zinc	234275	236150	-1875	-0.79

BASE METALS	CLOSING		% CH
	03-AUG-18	02-AUG-18	
Aluminium Aug	138.75	139.35	-0.43
Copper Aug	419.05	416.85	0.53
Nickel Aug	926.20	916.30	1.08
Lead Aug	145.35	146.35	-0.68
Zinc Aug	180.65	177.95	1.52

ECONOMIC CALENDER

MONDAY AUGUST 06, 2018

TIME	COUNTRY	EVENT	ACTUAL	FORECAST	PREVIOUS
11:30 AM	Germany	German Factory Orders (MoM) (Jun)		-0.3%	2.6%
1:40 PM	Eurozone	Retail PMI			51.8
2:00 PM	Eurozone	Sentix Investor Confidence (Aug)		12.8	12.1
7:30 PM	U.S.	CB Employment Trends Index (Jul)			108.9

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