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ECONOMIC / GLOBAL NEWS

- Oil prices settled with a gain, with the U.S. benchmark making a last minute turn higher, buoyed by a second consecutive weekly decline in U.S. crude inventories and continued signs of a pull back in the global glut of oil. On the New York Mercantile Exchange, June West Texas Intermediate crude added 18 cents, or nearly 0.3%, to settle at \$71.49 a barrel after an intraday low at \$70.66. The U.S. Energy Information Administration reported Wednesday that crude supplies declined by 1.4 million barrels for the week ended May 11. Gasoline stockpiles fell by 3.8 million barrels for the week, while distillate stockpiles inched down by 100,000 barrels, according to the EIA. MCX Crude Oil June expiry closed at Rs. 4840 per barrel, down 0.60%.
- China FDI increased by 0.1% year-on-year to CNY 286.78 billion in January to April 2018. In April alone, FDI declined by 1.1% from a year earlier to CNY 59.24 billion.
- U.S. industrial production climbed by 0.7% in April, matching the upwardly revised increase in March. Manufacturing output rose by 0.5% after coming in unchanged in the previous month.
- U.S. housing starts plunged by 3.7% to an annual rate of 1.287 million in April after jumping by 3.6% to an upwardly revised 1.336 million in March. Building permits also tumbled by 1.8% to an annual rate of 1.352 million in April after surging up by 4.1% to an upwardly revised 1.377 in March.
- Eurozone inflation slowed to 1.2% in April from 1.3% in March. Core inflation slowed to 0.7% from 1% a month ago. On a monthly basis, consumer prices gained 0.3% in April, while the core CPI slowed to 0.2% from 1.4% in March.
- Germany's consumer price inflation climbed 1.6% year-on-year in April, the same rate of increase as seen in March. On a month-on-month basis, the consumer price index remained unchanged in April, after rising 0.4% in March.
- Australia's unemployment rate came in at a seasonally adjusted 5.6% in April, unchanged from the March reading. The Australian economy added 22,600 jobs last month - following the addition of 4,900 in the previous month.
- Japan's total value of core machine orders dropped 3.9% on month in March - coming in at 856.6 billion yen, following the 2.1% increase in February. On a yearly basis, core machine orders fell 2.4% - after climbing 2.4% in the previous month.

INDEX	16-MAY-18	15-MAY-18	PTS. CH.	% CHANGE
Dow	24769.14	24706.41	62.73	0.25
Nifty	10741.10	10801.85	-60.75	-0.56
Sensex	35387.88	35543.94	-156.06	-0.44
USD/INR	67.79	68.07	-0.28	-0.41
Dollar Index	93.27	93.09	0.18	0.19
Euro/\$1US	1.1815	1.1838	-0.0023	-0.19
\$1US/¥en	110.37	110.35	0.02	0.02
Pound/\$1US	1.3548	1.3506	0.0042	0.31

MARKET UPDATE

- U.S. stocks rose, with major indexes advancing in a broad rally as investors appeared to shake off fears of rising bond yields, helping equities resume a recent uptrend. The S&P 500 index was up 11.01 points, or 0.4%, to 2,722.46. The Nasdaq Composite advanced 46.67 points, or 0.6%, to 7,398.30.
- Indian market logged modest losses after a highly volatile session. The undertone of the market was negative due to political uncertainty in Karnataka and subdued Asian stocks.

CURRENCY UPDATE

- The leading U.S. dollar index carved out another 2018 high as geopolitics came back into focus and drove currencies. The ICE U.S. Dollar Index was up 0.2% at 93.391. The WSJ Dollar Index slipped 0.1% to 86.87. The euro fell to \$1.1804 versus \$1.1837. Against the Japanese yen, the dollar was little changed, buying ¥110.33. The British pound was slightly lower at \$1.3490 from \$1.3505.
- The rupee recovered from 16-month low levels to close higher by 28 paise at 67.79 against the US currency on suspected RBI intervention to stem further fall in the domestic currency. The home currency opened lower at 68.14 and slipped further to hit fresh multi-month low of 68.15 in early trade before storming back. The rupee hit a fresh intra-day high of 67.75 in late afternoon deals before concluding at 67.79, showing a smart gain of 28 paise, or 0.41%. The RBI fixed the reference rate for the dollar at 67.8276 and for the euro at 80.2943.

BULLION	CLOSING		% CH
	16-MAY-18	15-MAY-18	
Gold Jun MCX	30997	31175	-0.57
Gold Jun Comex	1292	1290	0.09
Silver Jul MCX	39974	39952	0.06
Silver Jul Comex	16.371	16.269	0.63
ENERGY			
Crude Oil Jun MCX	4840	4869	-0.60
Crude Jun Nymex	71.49	71.31	0.25
Natural Gas May MCX	191.20	194.10	-1.49
Nat. Gas Jun Henry Hub	2.815	2.836	-0.74

NAME OF THE ETF	HOLDINGS IN TONNES AS ON		% CH
	16-MAY-18	15-MAY-18	
SPDR Gold ETF	856.17	856.17	0.00
iShares Silver Trust	9998.98	9940.41	0.59

NAME OF THE ETF	CLOSING		RATIO
	16-MAY-18		
Gold v/s Silver	1292	16.371	78.89
Gold v/s Crude Oil	1292	71.49	18.07

(IN TONS)	LME INVENTORIES DATA			% Change
	16-MAY-18	15-MAY-18	Change	
Aluminum	1243175	1247100	-3925	-0.31
Copper	290825	291350	-525	-0.18
Nickel	307668	308478	-810	-0.26
Lead	131825	131225	600	0.46
Zinc	232450	232800	-350	-0.15

BASE METALS	CLOSING		% CH
	16-MAY-18	15-MAY-18	
Aluminium May	158.60	159.50	-0.56
Copper Jun	461.85	462.95	-0.24
Nickel May	978.20	985.40	-0.73
Lead May	158.30	160.20	-1.19
Zinc May	208.60	208.55	0.02

ECONOMIC CALENDER

THURSDAY MAY 17, 2018

TIME	COUNTRY	EVENT	ACTUAL	FORECAST	PREVIOUS
5:20 AM	Japan	Core Machinery Orders (YoY) (Mar)	-2.4%	0.3%	2.4%
5:20 AM	Japan	Core Machinery Orders (MoM) (Mar)	-3.9%	-2.7%	2.1%
7:00 AM	Australia	Employment Change (Apr)	22.6K	20.3K	-0.7K
7:00 AM	Australia	Unemployment Rate (Apr)	5.6%	5.5%	5.5%
7:30 AM	China	FDI	0.10%		0.50%
11:00 AM	France	French Unemployment Rate (Q1)			8.9%
6:00 PM	U.S.	Continuing Jobless Claims		1,780K	1,790K
6:00 PM	U.S.	Initial Jobless Claims		215K	211K
8:00 PM	U.S.	Natural Gas Storage		105B	89B

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