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ECONOMIC / GLOBAL NEWS

- Natural gas prices tumbled lower, as demand declined, and volatility remain flat as Tropic storm Isaac, was downgraded to a Tropical depression. October natural gas lost 1.77% to \$2.767 per million British thermal units. MCX Natural Gas September expiry closed at Rs. 199.70 per British thermal unit, down 1.63%.
- China new home prices rose 1.4% in August from a month earlier, higher than July's reading of 1.1%. Compared with a year ago, new home prices climbed 7%, speeding up from July's 5.8% rise.
- U.S. retail sales inched up by 0.1% in August after climbing by an upwardly revised 0.7% in July. Core retail sales rose by 0.3% in August after jumping by an upwardly revised 0.9% in July.
- U.S. industrial production climbed by 0.4% in August, matching the upwardly revised increase in July while manufacturing output edged up by 0.2% in August after rising by 0.3% in July.
- U.S. consumer sentiment index jumped to 100.8 in September from 96.2 in August.
- U.S. import prices dropped by 0.6% in August after edging down by a revised 0.1% in July. Export prices slipped by 0.1% in August after falling by 0.5% in July.
- U.S. business inventories climbed by 0.6% in July after inching up by 0.1% in June.
- Eurozone trade surplus fell to a seasonally adjusted EUR 12.76 billion from EUR 16.47 billion in June.
- India's wholesale price inflation eased to a four-month low of 4.53% in August on softening of prices of food articles. The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based inflation stood at 5.09% in July and 3.24% in August last year. Food articles registered deflation at 4.04% in August 2018. Last month, deflation in this category was 2.16%. Fuel and power inflation in this category was 17.73% as prices of domestic fuel increased during the month.
- India's exports rose at the fastest pace in three months to reach USD 27.84 billion in August while imports too grew by 25.41% in August to USD 45.24 billion due to costlier crude oil shipments. Trade deficit during the month narrowed to USD 17.4 billion as against USD 12.72 billion in the same month last year.

INDEX	14-SEP-18	13-SEP-18	PTS. CH.	% CHANGE
Dow	26154.67	26145.99	8.68	0.03
Nifty	11515.20	CLOSED	-	-
Sensex	38090.64	CLOSED	-	-
USD/INR	71.84	CLOSED	-	-
Dollar Index	94.92	94.52	0.40	0.42
Euro/\$1US	1.1630	1.1690	-0.0060	-0.51
\$1US/¥en	112.06	111.92	0.14	0.13
Pound/\$1US	1.3068	1.3107	-0.0039	-0.30

MARKET UPDATE

- U.S. stocks ended essentially unchanged, though slight gains were enough to give the S&P 500 its fifth straight positive session, while all three major indexes posted solid weekly gains. The S&P 500 index eked out a gain of 0.8 point to finish at 2,904.98. The Nasdaq Composite Index shed 3.67 points to 8,010.04, a decline of less than 0.1%.
- Indian market ended with strong gains after hitting fresh intraday high in late trade. The Sensex ended above the psychologically important 38,000 mark.

CURRENCY UPDATE

- The U.S. dollar regained its strength following some favorable economic data, including a buoyant reading on consumer sentiment. The popular ICE U.S. Dollar Index climbed 0.4% to 94.923. The euro and British pound both gave back earlier gains, slipping to \$1.1634 and \$1.3069 respectively.
- The rupee surged by another 34 paise to close at a one-week high of 71.84 against the US dollar on positive macro data and hopes of policy intervention by the government to defend the volatile currency. Extending gains for a second session, the domestic unit hit a session high of 71.53 in early trade. The rupee had rebounded from an all-time low of 72.92 to end up a strong 51 paise to end at 72.18 to the dollar in the previous session. Extending its recovery momentum, the rupee opened with a strong 48 paise gain at 71.70 at the inter-bank foreign exchange (forex) market. It finally closed the day with gains of 34 paise or 0.47% at 71.84. The Financial Benchmarks India private limited fixed the reference rate for the dollar at 71.8129.

BULLION	CLOSING		% CH
	14-SEP-18	13-SEP-18	
Gold Oct MCX	30436	30450	-0.05
Gold Dec Comex	1201	1208	-0.59
Silver Dec MCX	36993	37061	-0.18
Silver Dec Comex	14.142	14.244	-0.72
ENERGY			
Crude Oil Oct MCX	4957	4922	0.71
Crude Oct Nymex	68.99	68.59	0.58
Natural Gas Sep MCX	199.70	203	-1.63
Nat. Gas Oct Henry Hub	2.767	2.817	-1.77

NAME OF THE ETF	HOLDINGS IN TONNES AS ON		% CH
	14-SEP-18	13-SEP-18	
SPDR Gold ETF	742.53	742.53	0.00
iShares Silver Trust	10418.84	10418.84	0.00

NAME OF THE ETF	CLOSING		RATIO
	14-SEP-18		
Gold v/s Silver	1201	14.142	84.93
Gold v/s Crude Oil	1201	68.99	17.41

(IN TONS)	LME INVENTORIES DATA			% Change
	14-SEP-18	13-SEP-18	Change	
Aluminum	1046700	1051200	-4500	-0.43
Copper	225900	225125	775	0.34
Nickel	233592	233988	-396	-0.17
Lead	118925	119425	-500	-0.42
Zinc	218800	221325	-2525	-1.14

BASE METALS	CLOSING		% CH
	14-SEP-18	13-SEP-18	
Aluminium Sep	145.00	145.45	-0.31
Copper Nov	423.95	428.75	-1.12
Nickel Sep	893.40	901.10	-0.85
Lead Sep	146.50	146.10	0.27
Zinc Sep	166.30	168.45	-1.28

ECONOMIC CALENDER

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17 2018

TIME	COUNTRY	EVENT	ACTUAL	FORECAST	PREVIOUS
4:31 AM	U.K.	Rightmove House Price Index (MoM)	0.7%		-2.3%
11:30 AM	Germany	German WPI (MoM) (Aug)			0.0%
2:30 PM	Eurozone	Core CPI (YoY) (Aug)		1.0%	1.0%
2:30 PM	Eurozone	Core CPI (MoM) (Aug)		0.2%	-0.5%
2:30 PM	Eurozone	CPI (MoM) (Aug)		0.2%	-0.3%
2:30 PM	Eurozone	CPI (YoY) (Aug)		2.0%	2.0%

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