

Daily Bullion Physical Market Report

Date: 18th April 2024

Daily India Spot Market Rates

Description	Purity	AM	PM
Gold	999	73514	73302
Gold	995	73220	73008
Gold	916	67339	67145
Gold	750	55136	54977
Gold	585	43006	42882
Silver	999	83632	83213

Rate as exclusive of GST as of 16th April 2024 Gold is Rs/10 Gm & Silver in Rs/Kg

Gold and Silver 999 Watch

Date	GOLD*	SILVER*
16 th April 2024	73302	83213
15 th April 2024	72813	83452
12 th April 2024	73174	83819
10 th April 2024	71823	82343

The above rates are IBJA PM Rates; *Rates are exclusive of GST

COMEX Futures Watch

Description	Contract	Close	Change	%Chg
Gold(\$/oz)	JUN 24	2388.40	-19.40	-0.81
Silver(\$/oz)	MAY 24	28.40	0.02	0.08

ETF Holdings as on Previous Close

ETFs	In Tonnes	Net Change
SPDR Gold	830.18	1.73
iShares Silver	13,256.43	-27.01

Gold and Silver Fix

Description	LTP
Gold London AM Fix(\$/oz)	2393.75
Gold London PM Fix(\$/oz)	2390.35
Silver London Fix(\$/oz)	28.47

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Description	Contract	LTP
Gold(\$/oz)	JUNE 24	2388.6
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Silver(\$/oz)	MAY. 24	28.37

Gold Ratio

Description	LTP
Gold Silver Ratio	84.10
Gold Crude Ratio	28.88

Weekly CFTC Positions

	Long	Short	Net
Gold(\$/oz)	2388.40	-19.40	-0.81
Silver	28.40	0.02	0.08

MCX Indices

Index	Close	Net Change	% Chg
MCX iCOMDEX Bullion	18535.51	18535.51	-0.58%

Macro-Economic Indicators

Time	Country	Event	Forecast	Previous	Impact
18th April 06:00 PM	United States	Unemployment Claims	215K	211K	High
18th April 06:00 PM	United States	Philly Fed Manufacturing Index	1.5	3.2	Medium
18th April 06:35 PM	United States	FOMC Member Bowman Speaks	-	-	Low
18th April 06:45 PM	United States	FOMC Member Williams Speaks	-	-	Low
18th April 07:30 PM	United States	Existing Home Sales	4.20M	4.38M	Medium
18th April 07:30 PM	United States	CB Leading Index m/m	-0.1%	0.1%	Low

Nirmal Bang Securities - Daily Bullion News and Summary

❖ Gold declined as traders assessed the Federal Reserve’s indication that it will likely keep rates on hold for longer than originally planned. Bullion had remained steady early Wednesday before falling as much as 0.9% in the afternoon. The intraday turnaround isn’t uncommon for the precious metal as daily trading activity has become volatile with prices hitting a series of new peaks in recent weeks. The precious metal is up about 15% so far this year, with gains partly driven by haven demand as geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and Ukraine continue to escalate. Long-standing supports — including robust buying by central banks and increased demand from Chinese consumers — are also underpinning prices.

❖ After a strong start to the year, silver should remain supported by record industrial usage and a supply deficit, according to the Silver Institute. Industrial consumption hit an all-time high in 2023 and is expected to expand another 9% this year, driven by green-related applications such as solar panels, the institute said in its World Silver Survey report on Wednesday. That will help the metal record a fourth straight annual supply shortage. Silver, known as the devil’s metal because of its often wild swings, is trading near a three-year high as it tracks a rally in gold that has partly been fueled by demand for a haven amid geopolitical tensions. Silver prices will be underpinned by the persistent deficit, said Philip Newman, managing director at consultancy Metals Focus, which was commissioned to produce the report. Silver has rallied 20% already this year to trade at about \$28.55 an ounce in London. Prices could hit \$30 in the near term. Silver industrial demand is expected to reach 711 million ounces this year, with usage in solar panels climbing 20% to 232 million ounces. Jewelry purchases are seen rising 4%, while bar and coin demand will drop 13%. Total silver supply will ease slightly, leading to a deficit of 215 million ounces, the second-highest on record.

❖ Exchange-traded funds cut 86,464 troy ounces of gold from their holdings in the last trading session, bringing this year's net sales to 4.18 million ounces, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. The sales were equivalent to \$206 million at yesterday's spot price. Total gold held by ETFs fell 4.9 percent this year to 81.4 million ounces, the lowest level since Sept. 20, 2019. Gold advanced 16 percent this year to \$2,382.89 an ounce and remained little changed in the latest session. State Street’s SPDR Gold Shares, the biggest precious-metals ETF, boosted its holdings by 55,530 ounces in the last session. The fund's total of 26.7 million ounces has a market value of \$63.6 billion. ETFs also cut 8.02 million troy ounces of silver from their holdings in the last trading session, bringing this year's net purchases to 9.52 million ounces. This was the biggest one-day decrease since March 17, 2023 and the fifth straight day of declines, the longest losing streak since March 7.

❖ Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell signaled policymakers will wait longer than previously anticipated to cut interest rates following a series of surprisingly high inflation readings. Powell pointed to the lack of additional progress made on inflation after the rapid decline seen at the end of last year, noting it will likely take more time for officials to gain the necessary confidence that price growth is headed toward the Fed’s 2% goal before lower borrowing costs. If price pressures persist, he said, the Fed can keep rates steady for “as long as needed.” “The recent data have clearly not given us greater confidence and instead indicate that is likely to take longer than expected to achieve that confidence,” Powell said Tuesday in a panel discussion alongside Bank of Canada Governor Tiff Macklem at the Wilson Center in Washington. “Given the strength of the labor market and progress on inflation so far, it is appropriate to allow restrictive policy further time to work and let the data and the evolving outlook guide us,” he said. Powell’s remarks represent a shift in his message following a third straight month in which a key measure of inflation exceeded analysts’ forecasts. It also shows officials see little urgency to cut rates and suggests that any reductions in 2024 may come relatively late in the year, if at all.

❖ **Fundamental Outlook:** Gold and silver prices are trading higher today on the international bourses. We expect gold and silver prices to trade range-bound to higher for the day, as the market will shrug off the delay in likely timing of the Fed pivot, focusing instead on growing geopolitical risks, as well as demand from central banks and Chinese consumers.

Key Market Levels for the Day

Time	Month	S3	S2	S1	R1	R2	R3
Gold – COMEX	June	2330	2355	2375	2385	2410	2435
Silver – COMEX	May	27.70	28.00	28.30	28.45	28.65	28.80
Gold – MCX	June	71500	71900	72200	72350	72750	73000
Silver – MCX	May	81700	82300	82800	83200	84000	84600

Nirmal Bang Securities - Daily Currency Market Update

Dollar Index

LTP/Close	Change	% Change
105.95	-0.31	-0.29

Bond Yield

10 YR Bonds	LTP	Change
United States	4.5873	-0.0801
Europe	2.4640	-0.0210
Japan	0.8830	0.0120
India	7.1870	0.0090

Emerging Market Currency

Currency	LTP	Change
Brazil Real	5.2421	-0.0408
South Korea Won	1386.8	-7.8500
Russia Rubble	94.222	0.0722
Chinese Yuan	7.2386	0.0008
Vietnam Dong	25369	91
Mexican Peso	16.9644	-0.1084

NSE Currency Market Watch

Currency	LTP	Change
NDF	83.68	-0.08
USDINR	83.6125	0.1425
JPYINR	54.125	-0.1575
GBPINR	104.1475	-0.175
EURINR	88.96	-0.0925
USDJPY	154.44	0.93
GBPUSD	1.245	-0.005
EURUSD	1.0636	-0.0032

Market Summary and News

❖ Currency traders are bracing for the risk of further declines in the rupee through the second quarter. Three-month volatility in USD/INR has bounced off the lows and is fast approaching 3.50%, levels not seen so far this year. Options traders are essentially pricing in the prospect of a decline to as much as 84.9785 per dollar over the period of expiry, underscoring concern that a broadly stronger dollar will sap sentiment toward a currency that has, in recent months, been buoyed by fund flows into the nation's assets. While the Reserve Bank of India has guided the rupee's real-effective exchange rate within a narrow band in the aftermath of the pandemic, the central bank will be averse to let the currency look out of line against the global emerging-market backdrop. The rupee, after all, can't be completely impervious to ructions in the wider global markets. In an environment where the broad dollar is bid on a view that the Fed may not be able to cut interest rates as dramatically as the markets were pricing in at the start of the year, emerging-market currencies will stay vulnerable — and to the extent the latter shiver, the rupee will cop it, too. Although the rupee has performed better than most of its emerging-market peers, its recent jitters are in line with what I had been expecting all along. With national elections set to get under way, the risks are that the currency will continue to be on the back foot.

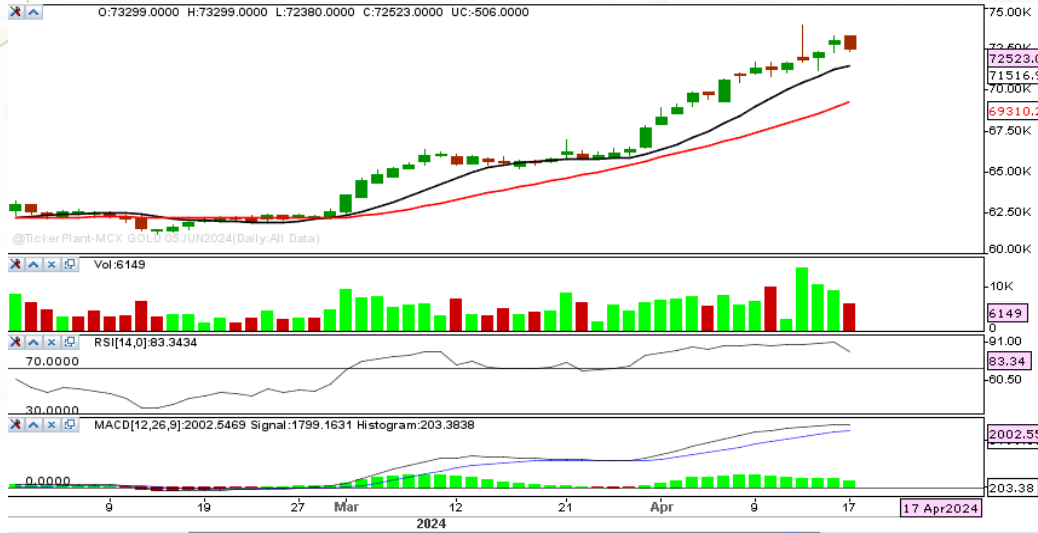
❖ Europe's economy is nearing the end of a malaise that's resulted in more than a year of near stagnation, according to European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde. Output in the 20-nation euro zone is "recovering and we are clearly seeing signs of recovery," Lagarde told the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington on Wednesday. "We haven't had a recession, but it's been very, very slow and meager," she said. But "you have an employment and a job market which is phenomenal." The ECB is almost certain to cut interest rates at its next meeting in June — offering some support for growth — though what happens after that is increasingly uncertain. That's in part because of the Federal Reserve, whose chair Jerome Powell signaled Tuesday that officials will wait longer than previously anticipated to reduce borrowing costs following a series of surprisingly high inflation readings. A prolonged period of monetary easing in Europe with the US not acting to the same extent could dent the euro, with Lagarde saying officials will watch fluctuations "very carefully," despite not targeting a particular level. "While we have a single mandate with a primary objective of price stability, obviously we have to take into account the impact that exchange-rate variations will have on our inflation," she said. "That movement of currencies may have an impact on inflation by way of imported inflation."

Key Market Levels for the Day

	S3	S2	S1	R1	R2	R3
USDINR Spot	83.2550	83.3525	83.4575	83.6025	83.7025	83.8050

Nirmal Bang Securities - Bullion Technical Market Update

Gold Market Update



Market View	
Open	73299
High	73299
Low	72380
Close	72523
Value Change	-506
% Change	-0.69
Spread Near-Next	229
Volume (Lots)	6149
Open Interest	21958
Change in OI (%)	-2.59%

Gold - Outlook for the Day

SELL GOLD JUNE (MCX) AT 72350 SL 72750 TARGET 71900/71700

Silver Market Update



Market View	
Open	83799
High	84322
Low	83203
Close	83499
Value Change	-5
% Change	-0.01
Spread Near-Next	1646
Volume (Lots)	12864
Open Interest	24699
Change in OI (%)	-1.87%

Silver - Outlook for the Day

SELL SILVER MAY (MCX) AT 83200 SL 84000 TARGET 82300/81800

Nirmal Bang Securities - Currency Technical Market Update

USDINR Market Update



Market View	
Open	83.51
High	83.6375
Low	83.47
Close	83.6125
Value Change	0.1425
% Change	0.1707
Spread Near-Next	0.08
Volume (Lots)	791655
Open Interest	2694362
Change in OI (%)	0.00%

USDINR - Outlook for the Day

The USDINR future witnessed a flat opening at 83.51, which was followed by a session where price shows buying from lower level with candle closures near high. A green candle formed by the USDINR price where price taken support above 10-days moving averages placed at 83.44. On the daily chart, the MACD showed a positive crossover below the zero-line, while the momentum indicator, RSI trailing between 55-63 level showed positive indication. We are anticipating that the price of USDINR futures will fluctuate today between 83.45 and 83.66

Key Market Levels for the Day

	S3	S2	S1	R1	R2	R3
USDINR April	83.4025	83.4550	83.5275	83.6525	83.7550	83.8075

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