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**News, Views & Statistics**
**Gold Prices Jump to Session Highs After U.S. Inflation Data**

Gold prices ticked higher on Wednesday, hitting the best levels of the session after data showed that U.S. consumer price growth slowed in November. Comex gold futures were up \$4, or about 0.3%, at \$1,251.20 a troy ounce by 8:45 AM ET (13:45 GMT), not far from a five-month peak of \$1,256.60 touched at the start of the week. Meanwhile, spot gold was trading at \$1,246.28 per ounce, up \$3.30, or 0.25%. The Labor Department said its consumer price index was unchanged from a month earlier, slowing from the 0.3% increase seen in October. Analysts had forecast a 0.1% increase. In the 12 months through November, consumer prices increased 2.2%, in line with forecasts and down from 2.5% in October. Excluding the volatile food and energy components, the core CPI edged up 0.2%, matching expectations. The annual increase in the core CPI was 2.2%. The data underlined expectations that the Federal Reserve will slow its pace of rate hikes next year. Lower interest rates can give gold a lift, as it decreases the relative cost of holding on to the metal, which doesn't offer investors any similar guaranteed payout. The U.S. dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six major currencies, was down roughly 0.2% at 97.15. Dollar weakness usually benefits gold, as it boosts the metal's appeal as an alternative asset and makes dollar-priced commodities cheaper for holders of other currencies. In other metals action, silver futures gained 15.9 cents, or about 1.1%, at \$14.78 a troy ounce.

**NAFED and FCI Oilseeds, Pulses procurement at extreme slow pace**

Food Corporation of India (FCI) and Nafed, which have a target to procure 33 lakh ton of Oilseeds and Pulses under the PM-Aasha in the 2018-19 marketing season ending March, have only been able to procure 3.75 lakh tonne so far. The government has estimated Pulses output in this kharif season in the country at 92.2 lakh ton and that of Oilseeds at 222 lakh ton. Delay in arrivals and poor quality crops have slow down the procurement, the private players have started procuring Urad and Soybean, prices of which are now ruling closer to the MSP. Private traders are acquiring Urad at Rs 5,400-5,500 a quintal while the MSP was Rs 5,600 per quintal. Soybean is being sold in mandi at Rs 4,000 a quintal against MSP of Rs 3,399 a quintal. Nafed and FCI have started procurement only in a few selected districts of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh. In Karnataka, FCI will soon start procurement of Arhar. Of the total procurement, 70% will be procured by Nafed and the rest by FCI. FCI corporation has so far procured only 6,000 tons of Pulses and Oilseed out of its total target of 2.9 lakh tons.

COMMODITY	CLOSE	S2	S1	PIVOT	R1	R2	TREND
SILVER	38464	38021	38243	38361	38583	38701	Up
GOLD	31780	31701	31741	31789	31829	31877	Up
CRUDE OIL	3725	3660	3692	3754	3786	3848	Reversal
COPPER	442.65	439.80	441.20	443.50	444.90	447.20	Down
NATURAL GAS	304.00	288.50	296.30	307.00	314.80	325.50	Up
JEERA	18550	18405	18480	18600	18675	18795	Reversal
TURMERIC	6550	6498	6524	6566	6592	6634	Up
SOYBEAN	3381	3332	3356	3370	3394	3408	Reversal
RM SEED	4028	3960	3994	4015	4049	4070	Down
GUAR SEED	4437	4362	4399	4434	4471	4506	Up

### International Markets

COMMODITY	CLOSE	% CHANGE
LONDON SPOT GOLD	\$1246.70	+0.30
LONDON SPOT SILVER	\$14.54	-1.29
NYMEX CRUDE OIL	\$52.00	-0.27
NYMEX NATURAL GAS	\$4.118	-2.35

### Economic Data

Data	Previous	Forecast	Time
Jobless Claim	231K	226K	7:00pm
NG Inv.	-63B	-81B	9:00pm

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### ZINC

ZINC DEC: TRADING RANGE 184.50 – 191.50.



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# SOYBEAN

**SOYBEAN JAN: TRADING RANGE 3396 – 3354.**



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