

Oil holds above \$50/barrel on U.S. stocks draw, Brexit deal hopes

Oil prices edged down on Thursday but were holding well above \$50 per barrel in light holiday trade as a drop in U.S. stockpiles spurred demand hopes, while hints of an imminent Brexit deal underpinned investors' risk appetite.

Brent crude futures were down 30 cents, or 0.6%, to \$50.90 a barrel at 1100 GMT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude was down 34 cents, or 0.7%, to \$47.70.

U.S. crude inventories fell by 562,000 barrels in the week to Dec. 18 to 499.5 million barrels, the Energy Information Administration (EIA) said on Wednesday. Lower U.S. inventories of crude and fuels as well as signs of a potential Brexit deal which led to weaker U.S. dollar were good news for CrudeOil Prices but a new variant of the novel coronavirus lingering worries.

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Technical outlook:

MCX Crude Oil technical chart has taken the formation of "Rising channel" pattern in 4hr time frame. Previously few sessions ended up in sideways mode along with some corrections inside the channel. As per the technical aspects based on the current price action, the market is expected to continue on bullish trend, once the same break above a key resistance level holding near 3600. The upside rally could be testing all the way up to 3660-3780 levels in the upcoming sessions. An alternative scenario indicates that if the market struggles to break the resistance level, then it might retest the same and revise the trend to bearish/sideways mode once again. Key support holds near 3500. A slide to 3430-3320 is also a possibility if the price makes or break below the current support level.

@ Futures	Expiry Date	Quotation/ Base Value	Close	WoW % change	52 wk H/L	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2	Trend
MCXBULLDEX	27-Jan-21	INDEX	15603	-0.32%	16447/14536	15068	15336	15690	15958	16312	UP
MCXMETLDEX	19-Jan-21	INDEX	13693	-1.67%	13689/11940	13178	13436	13717	13975	14256	MODERATE
GOLD	05-Feb-21	10 GM	50064	-0.48%	56191/38400	48922	49493	50251	50822	51580	UP
SILVER	05-Mar-21	1 KG	67518	-0.47%	77949/33580	62200	64850	68250	70900	74300	UP
CRUDE OIL	19-Jan-21	Rs/bbl	3551	-1.88%	4670/795	3350	3450	3520	3620	3690	UP
NG	25-Jan-21	Rs/mmBtu	187	-5.27%	251/110	173	180	193	200	213	MODERATE
COPPER	29-Jan-21	1 KG	605	-1.93%	618/336	584	595	606	617	628	MODERATE
NICKEL	29-Jan-21	1 KG	1271	-3.04%	1335/785	1190	1230	1280	1320	1370	MODERATE
LEAD	29-Jan-21	1 KG	156	-1.83%	165/127	152	154	157	159	162	DOWN
ZINC	29-Jan-21	1 KG	221	-0.81%	226/132	211	216	221	226	232	MODERATE
ALUMINIUM	29-Jan-21	1 KG	163	-1.81%	168/126	159	161	164	167	170	DOWN