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## **Daily Market Update**

## Report as on Thursday, July 19, 2018

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Gold prices remain under pressure hovering near a 12-month low Wednesday as the latest U.S. housing data weakened more than expected. The Commerce Department's latest economic data showed that U.S. housing starts fell 12.3% in to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.17 million units in June, down from May's revised rate of 1.3 million. Consensus forecasts compiled by # most news organizations called for starts to be around 1.32 million. According to reports, housing starts have fallen to a nine-month low. Annually, housing construction dropped 3% from June 2017. Gold prices in India still not very attractive, says WGC - Gold prices are trading near a one-year low after falling for four straight months. A survey by Bank of America Merrill Lynch suggests that # it is a good time to start accumulating gold. The gold prices declined after the Federal Reserve Chairperson Jerome Powell in his testimony to Congress on Tuesday spoke about stronger jobs, growth numbers and reinforced that the central bank is on road to see further interest rate hikes in 2018. Russia disposes of US government bonds to buy more gold - Russia has left the list of 33 largest holders of US government bonds, after the country disposed of at least a third of remaining # bonds, a message from the US Treasury said. The last position on the list of 33 largest holders of US government bonds is taken by Chile - \$30 billion (as of May). Representatives of the US Treasury clarified that Russia's investment in the US government debt fell to an eleven-year low of \$14.9 billion, having decreased three times only from April till May. Poor Man's Gold More Popular in India as Prices Decline - A recovery in industrial demand is helping boost silver imports by India, according to Metals Focus Ltd. The value of purchases has # risen to \$2.1 billion in the first half from \$1.5 billion a year earlier as silver prices average 4 percent less. Sheth estimates import volume may rise 15 to 20 percent this year, while gold shipments could drop as much as 25 percent because of ample inventories and sluggish demand. India's Gold Bar Imports Surged 260% in First Quarter of Fiscal 2019 - The recent trade data published by the GJEPC suggests dramatic jump in gold bar imports by the country during the first quarter (Apr-June '18) of the current fiscal. The imports surged higher in June. The inward shipments of gold bars had gone through the roof in May this year. According to GJPEC data, India # imported gold bars worth Rs 5,078.12 crores in June this year. The imports recorded huge surge, in comparison with those during the same month a year before. The country's gold bar imports had totaled only Rs 1,621.19 crores in June 2017. In rupee terms, the imports surged higher by 213%. The rise in dollar terms stood at 198% year-on-year. Date Gold\* Silver\* 18 Jul 2018 (Wednesday) 37935.00 29855.00 17 Jul 2018 (Tuesday) 30205.00 38570.00 16 Jul 2018 (Monday) 30330.00 38810.00 18 Jul 2018 (Wednesday) # The above rate are IBJA PM rates \* Rates are exclusive of GST

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Gold on MCX settled up 0.12% at 29766 as a retreat in the dollar from highs supported metal prices despite renewed focus on U.S.-China trade tensions. In a closely watched two-day congressional testimony, Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said he believed the United States was on course for years more of steady growth, and carefully played down the risks to the U.S. economy of an escalating trade conflict. A prolonged U.S. trade war with China and Europe would dent global economic growth and force investors to reassess the profitability of U.S. companies, some of the biggest hedge funds and private equity investors in the United States warned at an investment conference. U.S. President Donald Trump said on Wednesday the United States may hammer out a trade deal with Mexico, and then do a separate one with Canada later, sowing fresh doubts about the future of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). The US housing starts tumbled 12.3% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.17 million units in June, the lowest level since September 2017. The month-on-month drop marked the sharpest since November 2016, indicating that tight supply is dealing a blow to the housing market. Building permits dropped 2.2% to stand at 1.27 million last months, also the lowest level since September 2017. This compared to the expected 2.2% growth to 1.33 million units. The US jobless claims for the week ended July 14 will be one of the key factors to watch today. Technically market is under short covering as market has witnessed drop in open interest by -7.5% to settled at 6664, now Gold is getting support at 29676 and below same could see a test of 29586 level, And resistance is now likely to be seen at 29818, a move above could see prices testing 29870.

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Gold Spot 995		
Exch.	Descr.	Last*
CMDTY	Gold 995 - Ahmedabad	30625.00
CMDTY	Gold 995 - Bangalore	30635.00
CMDTY	Gold 995 - Chennai	30645.00
CMDTY	Gold 995 - Cochin	30650.00
CMDTY	Gold 995 - Delhi	30630.00
CMDTY	Gold 995 - Hyderabad	30645.00
CMDTY	Gold 995 - Jaipur	30630.00
CMDTY	Gold 995 - Kolkata	30680.00
CMDTY * Rates including GST	Gold 995 - Mumbai	30645.00

Silver Spot 999			
Exch.	Descr.		Last*
CMDTY	Silver 999 - Ahn	nedabad	38700.00
CMDTY	Silver 999 - Ban	igalore	39070.00
CMDTY	Silver 999 - Che	ennai	39040.00
CMDTY	Silver 999 - Delł	hi	39070.00
CMDTY	Silver 999 - Hyd	lerabad	39130.00
CMDTY	Silver 999 - Jaip	bur	39085.00
CMDTY	Silver 999 - Kolk	kata	39200.00
CMDTY	Silver 999 - Mur	mbai	39140.00
* Rates including GST			

**Bullion Futures on DGCX** 

Exch.	Descr.	Last
DGCX	GOLD 27JUL2018	1225.20
DGCX	GOLD 26SEP2018	1231.90
DGCX	GOLD QUANTO 30JUL2018	29777.00
DGCX	GOLD QUANTO 27SEP2018	30001.00
DGCX	SILVER 29AUG2018	15.53
DGCX	SILVER 28NOV2018	15.61
DGCX	SILVER QUANTO 30AUG2018	40436.00
DGCX	SILVER QUANTO 29NOV2018	41189.00

Gold Spot 999			
Exch.	Descr.	Last*	
CMDTY	Gold 999 - Ahmedabad	30755.00	
CMDTY	Gold 999 - Bangalore	30785.00	
CMDTY	Gold 999 - Chennai	30795.00	
CMDTY	Gold 999 - Cochin	30800.00	
CMDTY	Gold 999 - Delhi	30780.00	
CMDTY	Gold 999 - Hyderabad	30795.00	
CMDTY	Gold 999 - Jaipur	30750.00	
CMDTY	Gold 999 - Mumbai	30795.00	

#### \* Rates including GST

Bullion Futures on MCX			
Exch.	Descr.	Last	
MCX	GOLD 04AUG2017	29766.00	
MCX	GOLD 05OCT2017	30012.00	
MCX	GOLD 05DEC2017	30182.00	
MCX	SILVER 05JUL2017	38438.00	
MCX	SILVER 05SEP2017	39298.00	
MCX	SILVER 05DEC2017	39900.00	

Gold and Silver Fix			
Exch.	Descr.	Last	
CMDTY	Gold London AM FIX	1341.05	
CMDTY	Gold London PM FIX	1341.05	
CMDTY	Silver London FIX	16.45	

Gold / Silver Ratio			
Exch.	Descr.	Last	
INTL. SPOT	GOLD SILVER RATIO	79.06	
MCX	MCX GOLD SILVER RATIO	77.44	

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