

Silver Rate Today: Silver hits record high of Rs 2,54,174 on MCX, gold above Rs 1,40,444

Mumbai: Rates of precious metals in futures trade surged on Monday, December 29, 2025, with gold and silver futures hitting new life highs. The gold February 5 contract on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX) opened with a fall of Rs 65 at Rs 1,39,808 per 10 grams against the previous close of Rs 1,39,873. However, it rebounded and hit a new lifetime high of Rs 1,40,444. As of last seen, the precious metal futures were trading at Rs 1,40,400, up Rs 127, or 0.09 per cent.

On the MCX, the yellow metal futures for April 2026 rose by Rs 349 or 0.24 per cent to trade at Rs 1,44,024 per 10 grams in business turnover of

2,208 lots. Silver Price On MCX However, the silver futures, maturing on March 5, 2025, started the session in the green. The contract opened with a jump of Rs 7,407 at Rs 2,47,194 per kg on the MCX against the previous close of Rs 2,39,787. It later touched the new all-time high of Rs 2,54,174. Last seen, it was trading at Rs 2,48,450 with a gain of Rs 8,663 or 3.61 per cent. Gold Price in the International Market In the international market, the COMEX gold price fell 0.30 per cent to approximately USD 4,538.9 per troy ounce. The spot gold price at 9:40 am was USD 4,513.93 per ounce, down



by USD 5.57 or 0.10 per cent.

"Silver continues to dominate the precious-metals space, significantly outperforming gold in this cycle. COMEX Silver recently posted fresh all-time highs near USD 82.67 and is currently trading around the USD 80.40 per ounce region. MCX Silver futures are hovering near record levels around Rs 2,54,174, with the long-term bullish framework remaining firmly in place as long as prices hold above Rs 2,50,000. Any deeper corrective move is likely to find support in the Rs 2,40,000 – Rs 2,35,000 zone. A decisive breakout above Rs 2,55,000 could trigger the next leg of the rally, targeting Rs 2,60,000 – Rs 2,75,000 over the medium term. The trend continues to

strongly favour accumulation on dips," said Ponnudi R, CEO of Enrich Money.

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Gold price in Delhi

In Delhi, the 24-carat gold price was quoted at Rs 1,41,860 per 10 grams. For 22-carat gold, the consumer would have to spend Rs 1,30,005 per 10 grams.

Gold price in Mumbai

In Mumbai, 24-carat gold was available at Rs 1,41,710 per 10 grams, while 22-carat gold stood at Rs 1,29,900 per 10 grams.

Gold price in Kolkata

The 24-carat gold price in Kolkata today was Rs 1,41,710 per 10 grams, while the rate for 22-carat

gold was Rs 1,29,900 per 10 grams.

Gold price in Chennai

In Chennai, the 24-carat gold was available for Rs 1,42,040 per 10 grams. For 22-carat gold, the rate was Rs 1,30,200 per 10 grams.

Silver prices in Delhi

The price of silver per kg in the national capital was Rs 2,58,000.

Silver price in Mumbai

In Mumbai, the consumer would have to pay Rs 2,58,000 per kg today to buy the precious metal. Silver price in Kolkata In Kolkata, the price of 1 kg of silver stood at Rs 2,58,000.

Silver price in Chennai In Chennai, the price of precious metal stood at Rs 2,81,000 per kg.

Ganga-Yamuna Link Expressway to pass through 56 villages, UP govt clears Rs 995 crore for land acquisition

Noida: The state of Uttar Pradesh is on an infrastructure construction spree. Taking forward the flurry of projects, there's a proposal to build a new link on land spanning 56 villages in the state. Upon completion of the Ganga Expressway, which is being constructed from Meerut to Prayagraj, it is slated to connect to the Yamuna Expressway, making travel from Agra to Greater Noida easier. Additionally, it will

improve connectivity to the Noida International Airport and the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway.

The new link expressway will connect the Meerut-Prayagraj Ganga Expressway to the Yamuna Expressway via Bulandshahr. The upcoming project will ensure smooth transportation from the Jewar (Noida International) Airport.

Rs 995 crore allocated To take this project forward, the work will start with the process of land acquisition, which will begin soon. In this regard, the UP government led by CM Yogi Adityanath has



made an allocation of Rs 995 crore for this purpose.

Once the project is completed, people travelling from Meerut will find it easy to reach Jewar Airport via the Ganga Expressway. The announcement regarding the Bulandshahr Link

Expressway aimed at connecting the Ganga Expressway with Jewar Airport was made earlier. In what marks a crucial update, approval has been granted for land acquisition and construction. The project will incur an estimated cost of Rs 1,734 crore, while Rs 995

crore has been earmarked as the first instalment.

In its direction to the Bulandshahr district administration, the state government has asked it to immediately initiate land acquisition. Notably, the allocated amount has come from the budget of the current

financial year 2025-26. Officials have been given instructions to complete the land acquisition process by as early as March 2026.

UPEIDA to construct 74.3-kilometre-long greenfield link expressway

The Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) has been tasked to construct a 74.3-kilometre-long greenfield link expressway to connect the Ganga and Yamuna Expressways, marking a new milestone in the state's infrastructure and industrial development.

Quantum Valley in Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh launches Quantum Policy with generous grants

Amaravati Just as his unique announcement of a Rs 100 crore reward for any Andhraite who wins a Nobel Prize in Quantum Computing creates a buzz, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu unveiled a landmark quantum computing policy aimed at positioning the state as a global hub for advanced technologies.

The initiative, centered around the Quantum Valley in Amaravati, includes grants of up to Rs 30 lakh, seed funding of Rs 1 crore, and up to 75 per cent reimbursement for patent filing, along with operational and market-readiness support for startups.

As part of the policy, companies can access go-to-market support of up to Rs 5 crore, rental subsidies for up to 20 employees, and subsidized access to quantum and high-performance computing infrastructure.

Naidu last week announced a Rs 100 crore reward for any Andhraite who wins a Nobel Prize in quantum computing, a move aimed at inspiring Gen Z talent. The announcement has generated excitement among the aspirational Gen Z, who are increasingly looking to build careers in frontier technologies.

Known for his visionary leadership and widely credited for accelerating India's IT revolution, Andhra's 'CEO Chief Minister' has now set his sights on quantum computing. He is betting big on transforming the future of Amaravati, the state's young greenfield capital, by turning it into a global hub for advanced technologies.

As the first state in India to aggressively explore quantum space, Andhra Pradesh is not only discussing quantum science but is also reshaping its policies to open up a wide spectrum of opportunities in the sector. Under Naidu's leadership, the government is working on a three-phase mission to position Andhra Pradesh as a global leader by 2030. The three-phase strategy will build a talent pipeline through education and teacher training, develop testing and benchmarking infrastructure, and incubate industry pilots.

Things to keep in mind while buying health insurance for parents in high-pollution areas

Choosing the right health insurance is no easy task, and most of us make critical mistakes in the process, especially for parents in high-pollution areas. A common mistake health insurance buyers make is to underestimate respiratory risks and opt for low-coverage plans. Such health insurance plans don't provide adequate coverage for pollution-related complications, even though treatment for respiratory and cardiac conditions in polluted metros is typically higher. According to Sarita Joshi, Head of Health and Life Insurance at Probus, insurance buyers often overlook the insurer's hospital network, a critical

cal need for cashless access, and the need to visit specialists near their homes frequently.

Common mistakes people make when buying policies for parents in high-AQI cities

Many people underestimate respiratory risks from poor air quality and choose basic plans that don't cover pollution-related complications. They also tend to overlook the insurer's hospital networks, even though parents in high-AQI cities often need frequent specialist visits, and cashless access is critical. "Another common mistake is opting for low coverage to save on premiums, even though older parents in polluted

metros typically need higher coverage due to the high cost of respiratory & cardiac treatments," Joshi said.

Common mistakes people make when buying insurance

Checklist for sub-limits: Confirm whether the policy includes a room-rent cap, as it affects the entire hospital bill. Make sure common surgeries don't have low limits. Look at any caps on ambulance charges or consumables. Confirm that the sub-limits match the hospital rates in your city.

Checklist for pre-existing disease clause: Check the waiting period for any existing illness. Confirm whether conditions like

BP, thyroid, or asthma are treated as pre-existing. Ensure all health issues are disclosed to avoid claim disputes. See if complications from pre-existing conditions are covered during the waiting period.

Checklist for OPD cover for seasonal allergies: Check whether OPD cover is included or needs to be added. Look at the annual OPD limit. Please confirm whether allergy tests and medications are covered. Check whether OPD services are available on a cashless basis in your city, or only on reimbursement. Waiting periods are vital. Waiting periods are a vital part of health insurance, and policyholders

often overlook how they work. Any illness or pre-existing condition that falls under the waiting period will not be covered until that timeline is completed, regardless of when the policy is purchased. "Many people assume coverage begins immediately, but unexpected health issues can arise at any time. If the waiting period hasn't been served, the associated medical expenses may need to be paid out of pocket," she said. This is why it's important to understand waiting periods upfront and plan your health insurance purchase well in advance, so you're fully protected whenever a medical need arises.

India's youth must lead age of artificial intelligence: Adani

Adani's journey is inspiration to hardworking youth: Pawar. Baramati NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar on Sunday said industrialist Gautam Adani's journey serves as an inspiration to hardworking youth who dream big. He was speaking at the inauguration of the Sharadchandra Pawar Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence in Baramati in Pune district. The centre of excellence, funded by the Adani Group chairman, has been established under Vidya Pratishthan, the educational institute governed by the Pawar family.

Sharad Pawar said Adani came from the drought-prone district of Banaskantha in Gujarat, and he arrived in Mumbai and started from scratch, and today, his business is spread across 23 states.

"Adani's journey is an inspiration to hardworking youth who dream big," he said. Describing Sharad Pawar as his mentor, Adani said the veteran politician has blended ground realities with the national agenda. "I have been blessed to know Pawar saheb for more than three decades. What I have learned from him has no parallel. But beyond knowledge, it is his wisdom and deep empathy that leaves a strong imprint," Adani said.

Ahmedabad Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani on Sunday said that India is entering a decisive phase where technology, talent, and national purpose must move together and urged the next generation to rise and lead the age of artificial intelligence. "India's enduring strength lies in its

ability to align people, institutions, and long-term vision. That same clarity must now guide how young Indians approach artificial intelligence (AI), not as passive users, but as builders and leaders of capability," Gautam Adani said in his address at the inauguration of Vidya Pratishthan's Sharad Pawar Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence (CoE-AI) in Maharashtra's Baramati. Acknowledging anxieties around AI, he reminded the audience that history offers reassurance.

"Every major technological shift, from the industrial revolutions to India's own digital transformation, has expanded human potential," the Adani Group Chairman said. "AI will take this further by placing intelligence and

productivity directly in the hands of ordinary citizens, opening pathways for youth from every background to participate in growth," he added. Gautam Adani also cautioned that leadership in AI cannot be outsourced. "In a world where intelligence increasingly shapes economic power and national influence, dependence on foreign algorithms carries risk," he noted. "Data, decision-making and capability must remain anchored in national interest.

Building indigenous AI models, strong compute capacity and resilient intelligence ecosystems is essential to India's economic security, cultural confidence and strategic freedom," the billionaire industrialist stated. Placing this vision in context,

Gautam Adani pointed to the growing role of the Adani Group in the global AI ecosystem.

The diversified conglomerate is investing significantly in data centres, digital infrastructure, and clean energy that powers compute at scale, drawing sustained engagement from global technology leaders such as Google and Microsoft, as India emerges as a serious hub for AI-led growth. The centre of excellence has been established under Baramati-based educational trust Vidya Pratishthan, with a Rs 25 crore contribution from Gautam Adani in 2023.

The initiative is designed to promote advanced research, skill development and industry-oriented training in emerging technologies.

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Aries: New contacts at the professional front would bring lucrative opportunities. A very demanding approach can create tensions in your love life.



Taurus: A favourable time to start new projects and a happy day of wooing and courtship. Guard against being overly dominating when putting across your views at home.



Gemini: Cultivate a harmonious nature to kill your hatred because it is more powerful than love and deadly affects your body. Romantic influence is strong.



Cancer: The romantic life is becoming interesting. You are observing your love life, as it is blowing hot and cold. Act immediately as tomorrow may be very late.



Leo: You desperately need some activity to keep fit. Festive atmosphere all round keeps everyone in high spirits. On your part develop a harmonious relationship with all and win your opponents by love.



Virgo: Visit those who are less fortunate than yourself and help them with their personal problems. Loved ones will be hard to get along with. Group events will be far too expensive for you to organize.



Libra: Romantically a glittering bait awaits you to be trapped. Your affairs seem to go well on the surface. There are people in the background who don't wish you well in love. Stomach issues may rise.



Scorpio: Some of you will need to keep your temper under control, even under grave provocation. Your childish approach can thwart your romantic aspirations.



Sagittarius: You will have to do something different to make your lover enjoy your company. Your efforts at work get recognized, so cash in on this development.



Capricorn: Good earning will make you splurge on the romantic front. Speculative activities should be avoided. Those burdened with work will have to do something about the resulting fatigue.



Aquarius: Think wisely before loaning money to a friend as early return is not foreseen. Help and assistance will be forthcoming from close ones in getting a matrimonial alliance for the eligible.



Pisces: Monetary gains will keep you in a buoyant mood. This is the day when you can find everything topsy-turvy on the professional front. Those in private companies can face a salary cut.

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