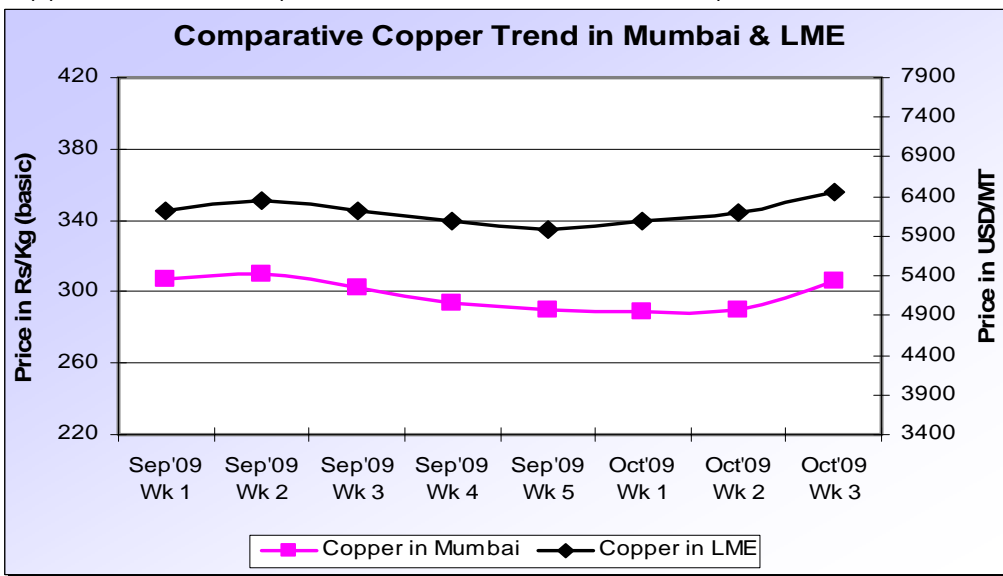


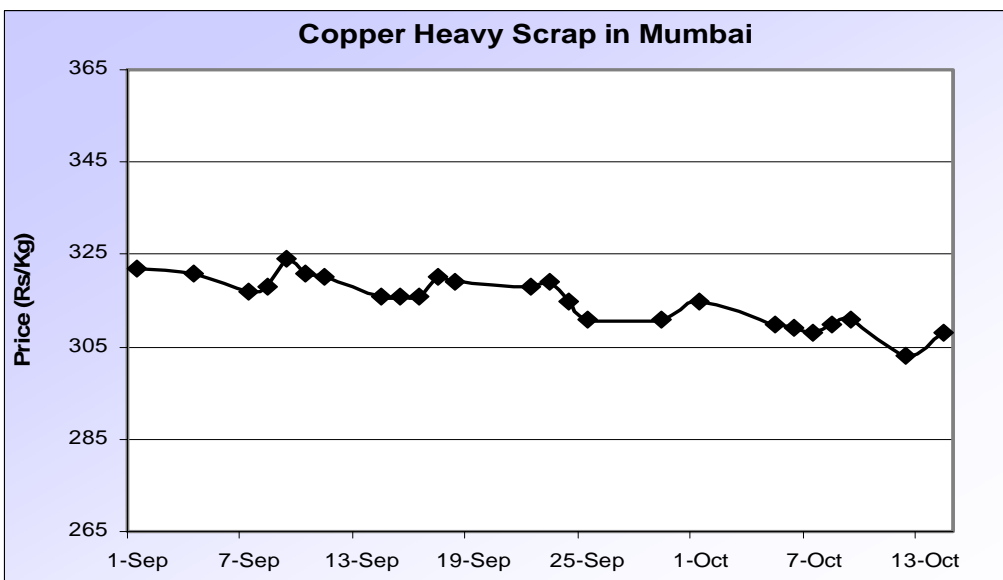
## Market Report

### Copper Market Overview:

Copper depicted more or less a stable trend in the beginning of the month of October with demand across the world remaining more or less stable. In the first week, copper prices both at LME and domestic market remained stable as demand didn't show much movement either as the world's one of the largest consumer of copper, China was on a dormant mood with its week long national holiday. Copper prices gained in the third week of October and ended in the positive territory as the dollar tumbled to new 2009 lows, sparking fresh waves of investment across the sector, with investors looking to hedge against further dollar weakness and profit from an economic revival. Copper prices in LME witnessed a rise of around 4.5 per cent a compared to the week before while over the same period copper at Mumbai experienced a rise of more than 5.5 per cent.



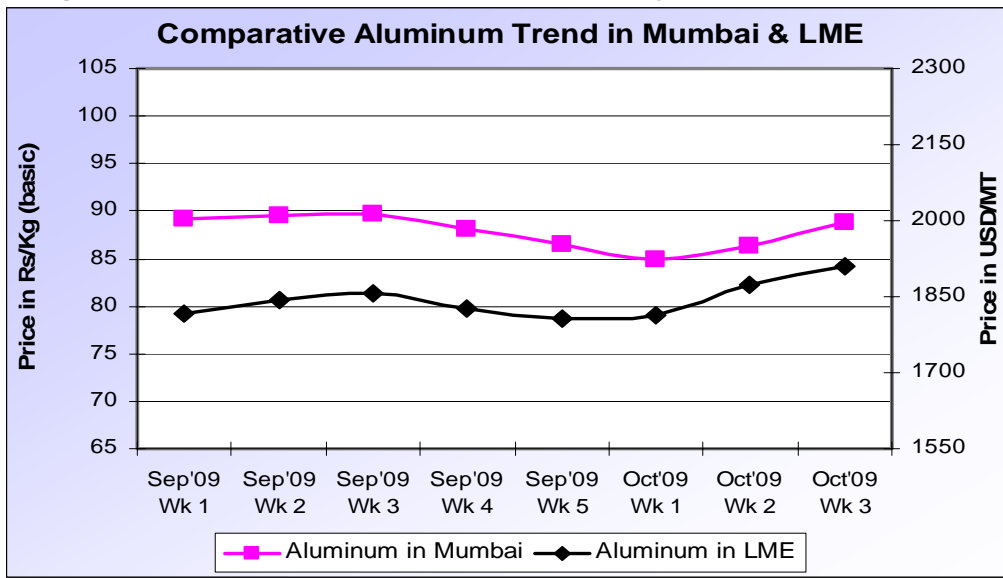
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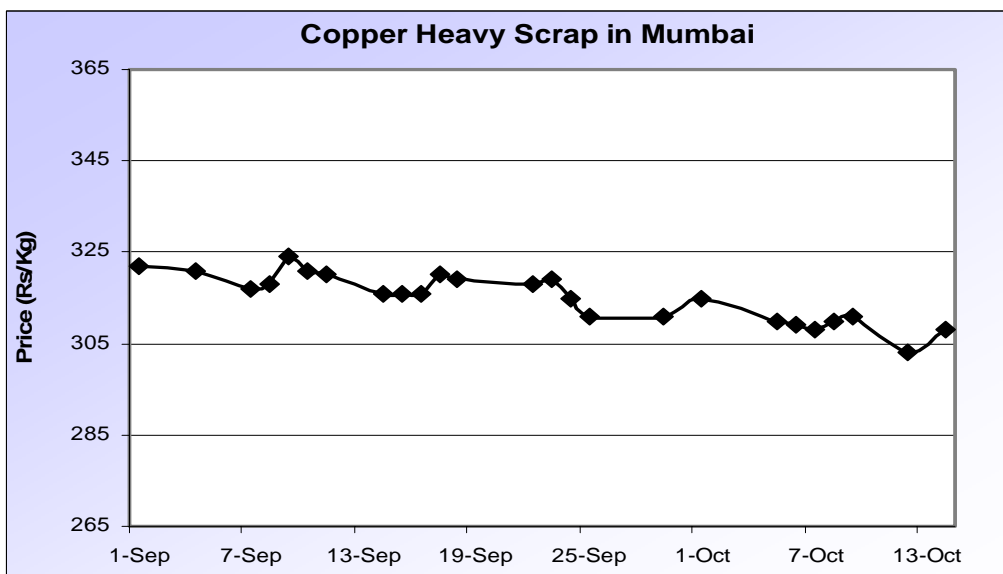
Price is in Rs/ Kg & all inclusive in Mumbai market Source: Metal Trade Intelligence

## Aluminium Market Overview:

Aluminium depicted a sluggish trend in the first week of October as most participants held pessimistic attitude about the market and the deals kept thin during the period. In LME, aluminium remained almost stagnant in the first week with a positive w-o-w variance of 0.4 per cent while in the domestic market the metal depicted a meager rise of around 1 per cent. However, situation ameliorated slightly in the second week with the weakening of US dollar thereby boosting up the metal prices. In week 02, aluminium at LME witnessed a price rise over 5 per cent as compared to week 01 while at Mumbai, aluminium saw an increase of over 3.5 per cent. Aluminium prices slightly went up in the third week owing to weaker dollar both at LME and Mumbai by around 2 per cent as compared to week 02.



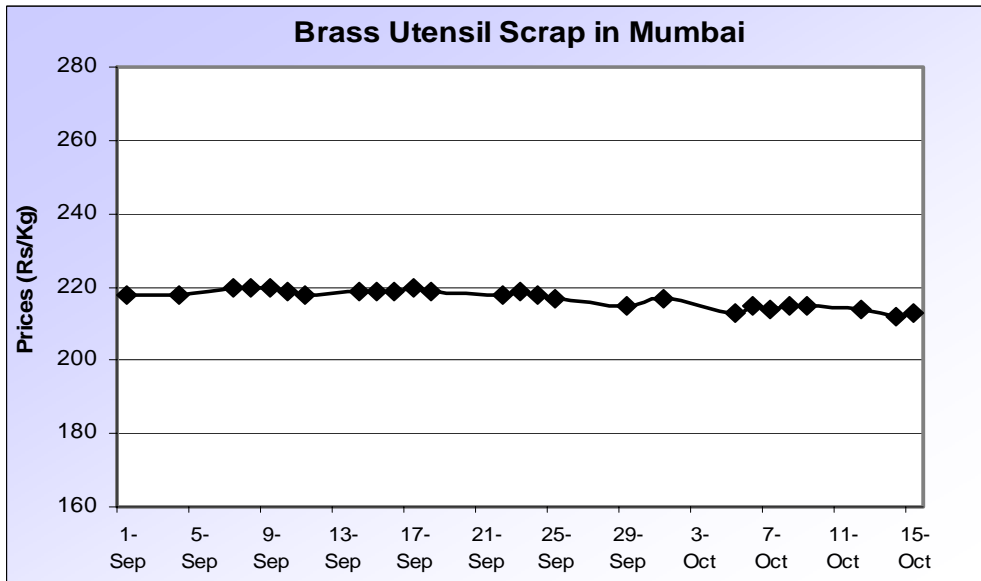
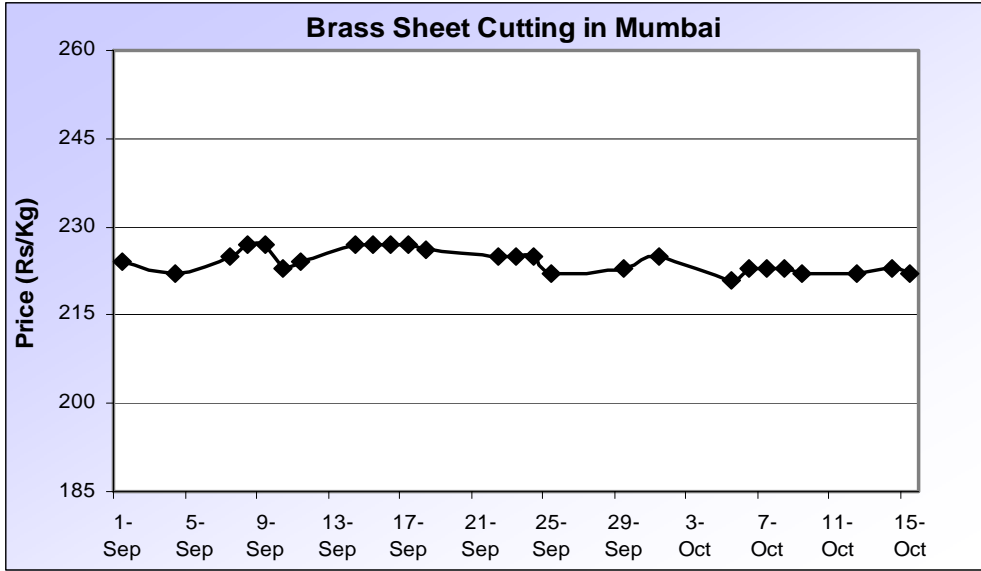
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## Brass Market Overview:

Brass market remained more or less stable across the country since the beginning of the month of October.



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## Stainless Steel Market Overview:

Stainless steel market remained more or less steady in last one month with nickel market condition ameliorated since the beginning of the month of October. Nickel kicked off on a positive note with the beginning of the month of October with slight improvement in the demand conditions across the globe and was further supported by the weakening dollar value. The rally in the nickel prices in the first week was evident from its more than 6 per cent rise at LME as compared to the week before while nickel at

Mumbai witnessed an increase of nearly 4 per cent over same time span. Nickel exhibited a steady upward trend even in the second week of the month both at LME and at home. Nickel sustained its positive momentum even in the third week as the prices further shot up all across owing to a weaker dollar. In October week 03, nickel at LME registered a gain of nearly 4 per cent as compared to week 02 while its counterpart in Mumbai also experienced a rise of around 4 per cent over the same period of time.

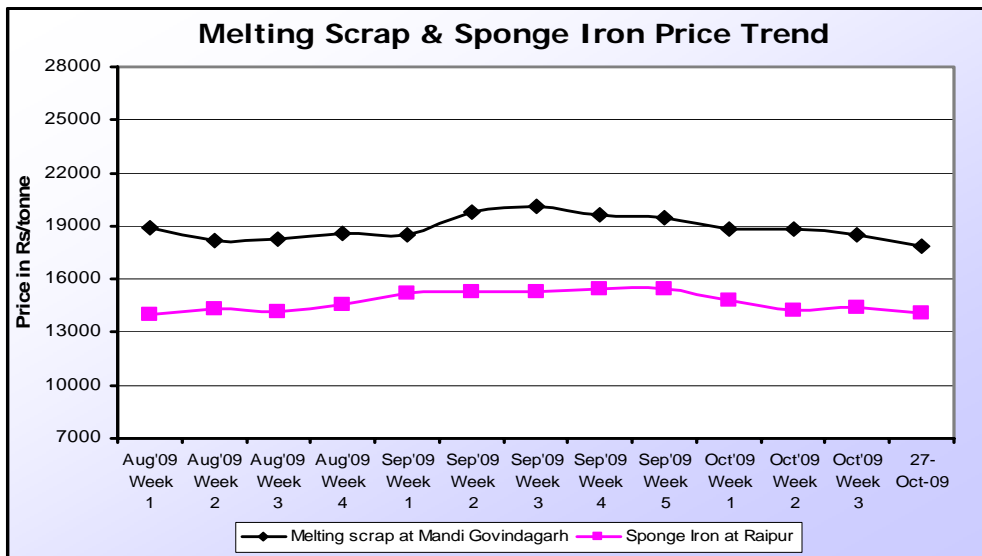
**Chinese stainless 304 CR prices up again as nickel holds:** Chinese stainless 304 cold rolled prices went up last week as nickel prices held above USD 18,000/MT. Prices of other grades fluctuated slightly last week, but are still considered relatively stable as compared to the previous months of wild gyrations.

**US stainless coil prices to slump in November:** US stainless coil base prices may take a dip in November according to the market sources. Currently, the benchmark grade austenitic type 304 stainless coils are priced at USD1.49 per pound, which takes into account surcharge and common discounts.

### Melting Scrap Market Overview:

**Indian ferrous scrap buyers postpone restocking, hope for lower prices:** Ferrous scrap prices cfr India have continued to decline as buyers postpone restocking in the hope of further declines in the coming days according to the market sources. Indian steelmakers need to restock, as per some merchants. But many are yet to do so, hoping they will be able to achieve further discounts. According to the market sources, the cargoes of shredded material sold for USD 290-295/MT cfr Nhava Sheva, down from USD 295-305/MT last week. *Source: Metal Bulletin*

The scrap steel markets across the country remained sluggish over a week with demand remaining slightly flat at the moment as the market is yet to revive and recover fully after a month long sluggish market situation on account of the festive season across the country. Both finished and semi-finished items exhibited a droopy price trend over a week. The TMT Bar market across the country portrayed a sluggish price trend over a week and prevailed at around Rs. 27,000 - Rs. 28,000/MT (basic). The ingot market across the country also depicted a downtrend as the market remained mostly depressed by the lack of activities exhibiting a w-o-w negative variation in the range of 2.0 to 2.8 per cent across most parts of the country. Melting scrap at Mandi Govindgarh prevailed at around Rs. 17,900/MT (incl. ED) as on Oct 27, 2009 while Sponge iron at Raipur was traded at around Rs. 14,115/MT (incl. ED) as on Oct 27, 2009.



Price in Rs/MT is incl. excise duty

Source: Steel Town Weekly, MCX