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YELLOW METAL ON A HIGH	
₹23,955 Price of 10 grams gold, an all-time high	REASON FOR RISE Heavy buying fuelled by global bullishness after the US raised debt ceiling was the prime reason for the rise in gold price
₹580 Rise in price of 10 grams gold on Wednesday	LAST BIG JUMP Before Wednesday, the gold price had seen a big jump in Sept 2010 when the metal rose by ₹400 per 10 grams in four days
₹24,350 Peak price of 10 grams gold on Wednesday	SURGE IN A YEAR In the last one year, price of gold has gone up by ₹6,126 per 10 grams. On August 3, 2010, the price was ₹17,829 per 10 grams as against Wednesday's closing of ₹23,955
	LEAP FOR SILVER Silver too rallied by ₹1,495 per kg to ₹60,615, a ten-week-high, on Wednesday.

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The metal finally closed at Rs23,955, a rise of Rs580 over Tuesday's closing. This is also the record price of gold.

"The main reason for this jump in the price of gold is the US raising the debt ceiling," said Prithviraj Kothari, president of Bombay Bullion Association (BBA).

He said this (US raising debt ceiling) would increase inflation, which would have a negative impact on the market.

He said other countries were also heavily buying gold and added that all this changes market sentiment.

Confirming that Wednesday witnessed the historic jump, Suresh Hundia, president emeritus, BBA said by Diwali the

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Kumar Jain, vice president, Mumbai Jewellers' Association said South Korea also purchased 25 tonnes (25,000 kg) of gold indicating a worldwide inclination towards stocking of gold to be prepared for any future financial crisis.

"The price will further increase. With such a steep jump in a day, people are flocking to buy gold. I have had 60% more business on Wednesday (following this jump) compared to other days," said Jain, pointing out that locally too investors were rushing to stock gold.