

KEY HEADLINES:

The Indian **rupee** closed little changed in a tepid session on Monday despite an escalation in geopolitical risks as traders feared dollar-selling intervention by the Reserve Bank of India (**RBI**) if the local unit heads towards lifetime lows.

The rupee at NSE Future 27 Oct ended weak by 6 paise at 83.34 against previous close of 83.28 and after make low of 83.27 and high of 83.35. Asian currencies slipped due to strength in the greenback, led by a flight to safe-haven assets amid the military conflict in the Middle East. The Thai baht dropped the most, down by almost 0.6% for the day. In Asia, China's yuan held firm against the dollar on the first trading day after Golden Week holiday, underpinned by a stronger-than-expected official guidance fix.

The dollar index posted its first weekly decline on Friday after 11 consecutive weeks of gains.

The rupee trade was also muted on Monday as foreign flows were diminished due to local holidays in Japan, Korea, and the United States. While U.S. stock markets are open on Monday, the bond market will remain shut.

Equity-related outflows have also pressured the rupee in September as foreign investors have sold equities worth \$1.3 billion so far and are close to snapping a six-month buying streak. However, the optimism around the bond index inclusion is likely to prevent the rupee from falling to a fresh record low in the near term.

The safe-haven dollar rose on Monday against the euro as military clashes between Israel and the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas raised concerns the conflict might widen beyond Gaza, but the dollar fell against other major currencies. The dollar index , a measure of the U.S. currency against six others, slid 0.141% while the euro fell 0.21% to \$1.0564. The Japanese yen , another traditional safe-haven currency, edged 0.57% higher to 148.49 per dollar. Japan was closed for a holiday.

Israel's response to the unprecedented multi-pronged attack by Palestinian gunmen from the Gaza Strip will "change the Middle East," Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Monday.

Investors now await consumer price inflation data from the U.S. and India, due this week.

Economic Indicators to be released.

Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
ECB President Lagarde Speaks	EUR			HIGH

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	83.34	82.90	82.35	83.60	84.30	BULLISH
EURINR FUTURE	87.86	87.20	86.50	88.40	89.30	BEARISH
GBPINR FUTURE	101.47	101.0	100.40	102.10	103.0	BEARISH
JPYINR FUTURE	56.10	55.80	55.0	56.40	57.0	BEARISH

Support Resistance Levels – Currency Future:

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