

Daily Forex Insight

KEY HEADLINES:

The Indian rupee against the US dollar end lower on Tuesday amid pressure by decline in most Asian peers especially Chinese Yuan amid rising odds of Trumps re-election as US president while recode high equity market attracts funds flow likely to be support rupee at lower level and traded in range through the day.

The rupee at NSE Future 29 July. ended down by 8 paise at 83.62 against previous close of 83.54 and after make low of 83.55 and high of 83.64. the Korean won fell 0.5%, leading losses among major Asian currencies. The Chinese yuan weakened after data showed that the world's second largest economy grew at its worst pace in five quarters.

India's trade deficit narrowed to \$20.98 billion in June from \$23.78 billion in May, govt. data showed.

India's wholesale prices rose at their fastest annual pace in 16 months in June on the back of costlier food, government data showed on Monday. The wholesale price index rose 3.36% in June from a year earlier, slightly lower than the 3.5% gain expected by economists polled by Reuters but higher than a 2.61% year-on-year rise in May. Wholesale inflation had stood at 3.85% in February 2023.

Foreign investors have bought more than \$10 billion of Indian government bonds that will be included in a widely-followed JPMorgan debt index on June 28, taking their ownership of such papers to a record high. In the nine months since JPMorgan said India's sovereign debt will be included in its emerging market debt index, foreign investors have bought 841 billion rupees (\$10.08 billion) of eligible bonds on a net basis. Overseas buyers now own 1.79 trillion rupees of Indian bonds included in the so-called fully accessible route, which allows unfettered foreign purchases. A majority of these notes will be a part of the JPM index.

The dollar retreated from earlier highs on Monday ahead of comments from Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell, while cryptocurrencies rose on bets an assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump has boosted his re-election chances.

The dollar index , which measures the greenback against a basket of currencies, fell 0.23% at 104.05 after rising as high as 104.31, with the euro up 0.09% at \$1.0917. Sterling weakened 0.02% at \$1.2989. Against the Japanese yen , the dollar weakened 0.01% at 157.87.

Bloomberg Index Services said it will include 34 Indian government bonds that are open for investment under the country's fully accessible route in its emerging market local currency indexes from January 2025. The announcement follows JP Morgan's decision to add Indian government bonds in its Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets from June 2024.

Markets are currently pricing in a 94.4% chance of a rate cut of at least 25 basis points (bps) from the Fed in September, according to CME's FedWatch Tool, and a subsequent cut is expected by December.

Crypto prices jumped, with bitcoin last up roughly nearly 5% at \$62,982 after reaching a two-week high of \$63,273. Ether climbed nearly 6% to \$3,364.20.

Economic Indicators to be released.

Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
	Heb	0.20/	0.10/	IIICII
Retail Sales m/m	USD	-0.3%	0.1%	HIGH

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<u>Support Resistance Levels – Currency Future: (NSE CUR - 29 July 24)</u>

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	83.62	83.40	83.0	83.90	84.40	SIDEWAYS
EURINR FUTURE	91.23	90.40	89.95	91.30	92.0	BULLISH
GBPINR FUTURE	108.49	107.60	106.70	108.55	109.30	BULLISH
JPYINR FUTURE	52.85	51.75	51.0	53.0	53.60	BULLISH

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