

Daily Forex Insight

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KEY HEADLINES:

The Indian rupee spot against the US dollar end a marginal gain on Wednesday tracking gains in Asian peers added by fall in Crude oil prices and subdued dollar index makes rupee gain towards end after traded in strict small range through out the day.

The rupee at NSE Future 29 Oct. ended gain by 3 paise at 84.05 against previous close of 84.08 and after make low of 84.02 and high of 84.11. Asian currencies were up between 0.1% and 0.5% on the day.

Outflows from local equities have kept the currency on the backfoot as Foreign investors have pulled out about \$8 billion from local stocks this month, a sharp reversal from inflows of about \$11.1 billion in September.

India's merchandise trade deficit was narrower than expected in September, helped by a sharp sequential drop in gold imports, according to government data released on Wednesday. The deficit had widened to a ten-month high of \$29.65 billion in August. Merchandise exports dropped to \$34.58 billion in September from \$34.71 billion in August. The fall in imports was much sharper, to \$55.36 billion from \$64.36 billion. Gold imports were \$4.39 billion in September, sharply lower than \$10.06 billion in August.

The U.S. dollar firmed on Wednesday, hitting a new 10-week high, as investors priced out a hefty interest rate cut from the Federal Reserve at the next policy meeting and included a potential election victory by former President Donald Trump.

Sterling, meanwhile, tumbled to its lowest in two months after softer than expected British inflation data offered scope for the Bank of England to cut rates more forcefully, while the euro was at a 10-week low ahead of a European Central Bank meeting.

Trump's plan to implement tax cuts, looser financial regulations, and higher tariffs is viewed as positive for the dollar.

In late morning trading, the dollar rose 0.2% to 103.44, after hitting yet another 10-week high of 103.47. The euro, the dollar index's biggest component, fell 0.2% as well to \$1.0876, after earlier sliding to an 11-week low of \$1.0871. The euro was last 0.4% higher against the pound at 83.63 pence. The dollar added 0.3% against the yen to 149.605 yen , not far from Monday's high of 149.98 yen, the strongest since Aug. 1.

The market is pricing in 89% chance for a cut of 25 basis points at the Fed's Nov. 6-7

meeting, with a 24% chance for another outsized half-percentage-point cut, down from 49% week ago, and Just 45 bsp of easing price in by year end down from 70 bps earlier, according to the CME Group's FedWatch Tool.								
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Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
Main Refinancing Rate	EUR	3.40%	3.65%	HIGH
Retail Sales m/m	USD	0.3%	0.1%	HIGH

Support Resistance Levels – Currency Future: (NSE CUR - 29 Oct 24)

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	84.05	83.80	83.40	84.20	84.70	BULLISH
EURINR FUTURE	91.62	91.50	90.80	92.25	92.90	BEARISH
GBPINR FUTURE	109.37	109.30	108.50	110.30	110.85	BEARISH
JPYINR FUTURE	56.30	56.10	55.50	57.10	57.70	BEARISH

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