

Daily Forex Insight

KEY HEADLINES:

The Indian rupee fell to its lowest closing level ever against the dollar on Thursday as rising U.S. Treasury yields and a risk-averse environment weighed on the local currency when dollar index hit 6-week high.

The rupee at NSE Future 29 Aug ended flat by 2 paise at 83.11 against previous close of 83.13 and after make low of 83.02 and high of 83.20. in spot market, the rupee touched its life-time low of 83.29 on Oct. 20, 2022 during intra-day trade. While possible intervention from the RBI seems to have shielded the rupee from further weakness, market participants will keep an eye on how long they hold. The Malaysian ringgit and the Korean won led losses among Asian currencies, falling 0.5% and 0.3%, respectively.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) bought a net \$4.50 billion in the spot foreign exchange market in June, data released on Thursday as part of the central bank's monthly bulletin showed. The RBI purchased \$7.79 billion and sold \$3.28 billion, the bulletin showed. In May, the central bank had bought a net of \$7.37 billion in the spot market. The Indian rupee appreciated by 0.7% against the dollar in June, having traded in a range of 81.8575 to 82.6800.

The dollar index hovered near a two-month high on Thursday after Federal Reserve meeting minutes left the door open for more rate hikes and data this week indicated a resilient U.S. economy. Investors continue to closely watch the Japanese yen, which touched the key 145 level for the first time in about nine months last Friday. The U.S. dollar index was 0.097% higher on the day at 103.56, after hitting a two-month high of 103.59. The greenback has drawn support from a recent run of U.S. economic data reinforcing the view that interest rates will remain high for some time. The euro was down 0.2% to \$1.08565. Sterling was last trading at \$1.27275, up 0.04% on the day, after surging on Wednesday on British inflation data.

Futures on the benchmark fed funds rate have priced in a pause in rate hikes at the next meeting and for the rest of the year . The next possible move by the Fed is a rate cut in May 2024, rate futures showed.

The key for the rupee and other emerging market currencies this year will be contingent on how the U.S. inflation and growth data shape up and how they affect the U.S. Federal Reserve rate expectations.

Economic Indicators to be released.

Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact

Support Resistance Levels – Currency Future:

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	83.11	82.85	82.10	83.25	84.0	BULLISH
EURINR FUTURE	90.50	90.25	89.70	91.10	91.50	BEARISH
GBPINR FUTURE	105.93	105.0	104.50	106.0	106.55	BULLISH
JPYINR FUTURE	57.04	56.85	56.20	57.55	58.0	BEARISH

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