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KEY HEADLINES:

The Indian rupee fell against the dollar to its lowest level in nearly 2-months on Thursday, tracking a slump in the Chinese yuan, while hopes of an imminent U.S. debt ceiling deal pushed up treasury yields and the greenback.

The rupee at NSE Future 29 May ended weak by 21 paise at 82.59 against previous close of 82.38 and after make low of 82.37 and high of 82.68, its lowest since march 21, during the session and worst single day fall since May 9. The offshore yuan depreciated further on Thursday to 7.0408 against the dollar as weak economic data released earlier this week continued to weigh. On the other hand, USD/INR near forward premiums plunged, tracking a fall in overnight cash swap rate, while 2-month and 3-month premiums fell to the lowest since Aug 2011. The dollar index has risen roughly 2% since the middle of April to around 103.

The dollar rose to fresh 7-week peaks on Thursday as another round of solid economic data further pared back bets on easing by the Federal Reserve and amid market optimism about a U.S. debt ceiling deal to avert a potential default. The dollar index touched a new seven-week high of 103.59, and was last up 0.6% at 103.49. Against the yen, the dollar rose to a six-month peak of 138.67 and was last up 0.6% at 138.515 yen.

Top U.S. congressional Republican Kevin McCarthy said on Thursday that Speaker McCarthy sees a bill to raise the government's \$31.4 trillion debt ceiling on the House floor next week, according to news reports. He noted that negotiations are at a better place than last week and there is a "structure" to the talks, he added.

Traders are pricing in a roughly 33% chance that the Fed raises the benchmark interest rate at its June meeting. Around a month ago, markets were pricing in around a 20% chance of a cut. U.S. rate futures have also factored in a fed funds rate of 4.635% at the Fed's December meeting, implying a roughly 40 basis points of easing by year-end, down about 15 basis points from the day before.

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
Fed Chair Powell Speaks	USD			HIGH
ECB President Lagarde Speaks	EUR			HIGH

Support Resistance Levels – Currency Future:

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	82.59	82.10	81.70	82.85	83.25	BULLISH
EURINR FUTURE	89.35	88.90	88.25	90.0	90.80	BEARISH
GBPINR FUTURE	102.69	102.10	101.60	103.70	104.80	SIDEWAYS
JPYINR FUTURE	60.06	59.70	59.0	60.60	61.40	BEARISH

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