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KEY HEADLINES:

The Indian rupee spot against the US dollar end lower on Thursday on dollar demand from OMC as well foreign bank weigh on rupee despite gain in Asian peers and recoed high equity market which likely to attract inflows and support rupee.

The rupee at NSE Future 29 Oct. ended down by 2 paise at 83.76 against previous close of 83.74 and after make low of 83.75 and high of 83.84. Most Asian currencies rose, with the offshore Chinese yuan up 0.3% at 7. Meanwhile, dollar-rupee forward premiums rose on Thursday with the 1-year implied touching an over 16-month peak of 2.41%, buoyed by wagers that the Fed will deliver another 50 bps rate cut in November.

Overseas investors have net bought about \$10 billion in local stocks and debt so far in September, the strongest monthly inflow in 2024.

India's government will stick to its budgeted borrowing plan for the current financial year and sell bonds worth 6.61 trillion rupees (\$79.06 billion) from October through March, it said on Thursday. The government had projected gross market borrowing of 14.01 trillion rupees for the April-March financial year in July. Of this, 7.40 billion rupees were scheduled in the first half of the year. While it is only marginally higher than year-ago levels, a sharp decline in redemptions would entail a 32% on-year expansion in net borrowings to 6 trillion rupees. Borrowing for the second half will be conducted through bonds with maturities of three, five, seven, 10, 15, 30, 40 and 50 years, the government said. This includes green bonds of 10-year and 30-year maturity worth 100 billion rupees each.

The dollar weakened in choppy trading on Thursday after a boost from healthy U.S. economic data faded, while the Swiss franc rose after the country's central bank cut interest rates by 25 basis points.

The greenback began paring losses after data showed U.S. weekly jobless claims fell by 4,000 to a four-month low of 218,000, below the 225,000 forecast by economists polled by Reuters. Other reports showed corporate profits increased at a more robust pace than initially thought in the second quarter while gross domestic product grew at an unrevised 3%.

The dollar index , which measures the greenback against a basket of currencies including the yen and the euro, fell 0.42% to 100.52, on track for its sixth drop in seven sessions, after rising as high as 100.95 earlier in the day. The euro was up 0.41% at \$1.1178.

Sterling rose 0.71% to \$1.3417, on track for its biggest daily percentage gain in a month.

U.S. economic focus will be the Personal Consumption Expenditures index for August on Friday.

The market is completely pricing in a cut of at least 25 basis points at the Fed's Nov. 6-7 meeting, with a 51.3% chance for another outsized half-percentage-point cut, according to the CME Group's FedWatch Tool.

Economic Indicators to be released.

Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
Core PCE Price Index m/m	USD	0.2%	0.2%	HIGH
Revised UoM Consumer Sentiment	USD	69.3	69.0	HIGH

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

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	83.76	83.40	83.0	83.95	84.20	SIDEWAYS
EURINR FUTURE	93.40	92.90	92.0	94.10	95.0	BULLISH
GBPINR FUTURE	112.0	111.30	110.70	112.25	113.0	BULLISH
JPYINR FUTURE	58.12	57.80	57.0	58.55	59.10	BEARISH

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