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KEY HEADLINES:

The Indian rupee spot against the US dollar end higher on Thursday tracking gain in Asian peers added by inflows expected after domestic equity register record high and subdued dollar index despite rebound in crude oil prices and outflows in this month.

Indian equities' increased weightage in MSCI's emerging market index, effective Friday, is expected to attract as much as \$3 billion in inflows, according to one analysis.

The rupee at NSE Future 26 Sep. ended Rally by 10 paise at 83.94 against previous close of 84.04 and after make low of 83.91 and high of 84.01.

Despite its Asian peers having risen between 0.2% and 5% over August so far the rupee's gains have largely proven to be fleeting even as the dollar has dropped 3% this month in the lead up to rate cuts kicking off in the US next month. Also, routine interventions by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) this month have ensured that the rupee does not fall to 84, a psychological support level for the currency.

The rupee's annualised realized volatility, based on changes in daily prices, is at less than 2%. The Reserve Bank of India is expected to keep the currency on a tight leash, as it has for a while now.

Strong dollar demand from importers and outflows from equities have both contributed to limiting the rupee's gains in recent sessions, Overseas investors have sold \$1.3 billion of local stocks on a net basis this month, compared with nearly \$7 billion of inflows over the previous two months.

The U.S. dollar rose for a second straight session on Thursday after data showed the world's largest economy grew a little faster than expected in the second quarter, modestly reducing expectations for a larger 50 basis-point (bp) rate cut next month by the Federal Reserve. The report also added to growing expectations that the United States could avoid recession altogether, or go through just a mild one.

the dollar rose to a one-week high against the yen to 145.55 and was last up 0.1% at 144.77 yen. Against the euro, the dollar gained, with the single European currency falling 0.4% to \$1.1077. On the week, the euro has so far fallen 1.04%, the biggest weekly decline since early April. The dollar index advanced 0.3% to 101.35 following the GDP data and jobless claims report. On the week, it has gained 0.6%, on track for its largest

weekly rise since early April.

For the month of August, however, the greenback has fallen 3.4%, its worst monthly decline since November 2023. It reached a 13-month low of 100.51 in the previous session, weighed down by a recent sharp re-evaluation of expectations for Fed rate cuts.

Thursday's data showed US GDP grew at a 3.0% annualised rate in the second quarter, according to second estimate. That was an upward revision from the 2.8% rate reported last month, and higher than the 1.4% rise seen in the first quarter and against Reuters had forecast GDP would be unrevised at 2.8%.

In a separate report, jobless claims fell by 2,000 to a seasonally adjusted 231,000 for the week ended Aug. 24. The number of people receiving benefits after an initial week of aid, a proxy for hiring, increased by 13,000 to a seasonally adjusted 1.868 million, near the levels seen in late 2021, suggesting persistent unemployment.

U.S. personal consumption expenditure (PCE) inflation data on Friday is a closely watched global cue this week as it may help investors gauge whether the Federal Reserve is likely to deliver a 25 or 50 basis point rate cut at its September meeting.

Fed fund futures reflected traders pricing a near 35% chance of a 50 basis point cut at the central bank's September meeting down from 37% last week end, with a 25-basis-point reduction having odds of 75%, according to CME FedWatch. Investors are currently pricing in 100 basis points of rate cuts by the Federal Reserve over 2024 and around 210 basis points of rate reductions are expected by the end of 2025.

Economic Indicators to be released.

Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
CPI Flash Estimate y/y				
	EUR	2.2%	2.6%	HIGH
Core PCE Price Index m/m	USD	0.2%	0.2%	HIGH

<u>Support Resistance Levels – Currency Future: (NSE CUR - 26 Sep 24)</u>

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	83.94	83.55	83.0	84.15	84.60	SIDEWAYS
EURINR FUTURE	93.28	92.90	91.75	93.90	94.50	SIDEWAYS
GBPINR FUTURE	110.63	110.10	109.40	111.30	112.0	BULLISH
JPYINR FUTURE	58.35	57.50	56.70	58.85	59.50	BULLISH

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