

KEY HEADLINES:

The Indian rupee against the US dollar end lower on Tuesday due to US Treasury yield climbed to 1-onth high makes weaker Asian peers especially Yuan which decline to 7month low added by dollar demand from foreign bank and firm crude oil prices pressure domestic rupee. While record high equity market which attract more funds flow and positive economic data support rupee at lower level.

The rupee at NSE Future 29 July. ended down by 4 paise at 83.55 against previous close of 83.51 and after make low of 83.54 and high of 83.62. The Japanese yen fell to its weakest level in 38 years while the offshore Chinese yuan hovered close to its lowest since November.

India's annual monsoon rains covered the entire country on Tuesday, six days ahead of the usual time of arrival, the state-run weather department said, although rain totals are still 7% below average so far this season. In a typical year, rains usually lash the southwestern coastal state of Kerala around June 1 and move northwards to cover the entire country by July 8.

Expectations of dollar inflows as domestic bonds are to be included in a JPMorgan index are likely to push out potential weakness in the rupee. The inclusion is expected to spur passive inflows of about \$2 billion around June 28. The \$2-billion single-day inflow estimate by bankers trails only the record-high \$2.7 billion poured into Indian bonds on Aug. 20, 2014.

Foreign investors have bought more than \$10 billion of Indian government bonds that will be included in a widely-followed JPMorgan debt index on June 28, taking their ownership of such papers to a record high. In the nine months since JPMorgan said India's sovereign debt will be included in its emerging market debt index, foreign investors have bought 841 billion rupees (\$10.08 billion) of eligible bonds on a net basis. Overseas buyers now own 1.79 trillion rupees of Indian bonds included in the so-called fully accessible route, which allows unfettered foreign purchases. A majority of these notes will be a part of the JPM index.

The dollar slipped on Tuesday in choppy trading after Federal Chair Jerome Powell struck a slightly dovish tone in his comments, suggesting that the U.S. central bank is more than likely to start its easing cycle later this year.

Powell, in a monetary policy conference in Portugal, said the U.S. economy has made

significant progress on inflation as it gets back on the disinflationary path. His remarks were viewed as dovish. Powell's comments offset data showing U.S. job openings increased in May after posting outsized declines in the prior two months. Job openings, a measure of labor demand, rose 221,000 to 8.140 million on the last day of May, according to the Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey or JOLTS report.

In late morning trading, the dollar index , which measures the U.S. unit against six other currencies, was down 0.1% at 105.74. Against the yen, the greenback was slightly down at 161.43 . It hit 161.745 per dollar on Tuesday, its strongest level in nearly 38 years. Against the euro , the yen touched a lifetime low of 173.67 on Monday and was just shy of that level on Tuesday. The euro was flat against the dollar at \$1.0739. In other currencies, sterling rose 0.2% against the dollar to \$1.2677 , but not far from the roughly two-month low it hit last week.

Bloomberg Index Services said it will include 34 Indian government bonds that are open for investment under the country's fully accessible route in its emerging market local currency indexes from January 2025. The announcement follows JP Morgan's decision to add Indian government bonds in its Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets from June 2024.

Despite the hawkish shift in policymaker's expectations by FED, the odds of a September rate cut rose to about 69%, up from 63% earlier of this week, according to CME's FedWatch tool.

Economic Indicators to be released.

Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
ADP Non-Farm Employment Change	USD	163K	152K	HIGH
ISM Services PMI	USD	52.6	53.8	HIGH
FOMC Meeting Minutes	USD			HIGH

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

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	83.55	83.40	83.0	83.90	84.40	SIDEWAYS
EURINR FUTURE	89.66	89.40	88.80	90.05	90.85	BULLISH
GBPINR FUTURE	105.57	105.40	104.80	106.30	107.0	BEARISH
JPYINR FUTURE	51.88	51.75	51.20	52.45	53.0	BEARISH

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