

Daily Forex Insight

KEY HEADLINES:

The <u>rupee</u> depreciated by 11 paise over previous close in NSE Future market on Wednesday in volatile trade as surprise move by RBI to increase rates resulted in sharp fall in yield & rupee. Other side LIC mega IPO supports prices at lower level but FED rate increase expectations wipe out gains during the day.

At the NSE Future market, the rupee opened at 76.71 against the greenback and moved in a range of 76.78 to 76.40 in the day trade. It finally closed at 76.60, registering a fall of 11 paise over its previous close of 76.71.

In an unscheduled press briefing on Wednesday, the **Reserve Bank of India** (**RBI**) Governor **Shaktikanta Das** announced that the Monetary Policy Committee (**MPC**) in an off-cycle meet unanimously voted to hike rates.

The policy repo rate has been hiked by 40 bps to 4.40% with immediate effect. The standing deposit facility rate is now at 4.15% while the marginal standing facility rate and bank rate stand at 4.65%. The RBI also hiked the cash reserve ratio (CRR) by 50 basis points to 4.5% effective May 21. The withdrawal of liquidity due to this hike would be to the order of Rs 87,000 crore, Governor Das said.

The RBI on Wednesday hiked rates for the first time since August 1, 2018.

The Federal Reserve delivered the biggest hike in interest rates since 2000 and announced it would start shrinking its massive balance sheet next month, deploying the most aggressive tightening of monetary policy in decades to combat soaring inflation.

The increase in the FOMC's target for the federal funds rate, to a range of 0.75% to 1%, follows a quarter-point hike in March that ended two years of near-zero rates to help cushion the U.S. economy against the initial blow from Covid-19.

Economic Indicators to be released.

Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
OPEC-JMMC Meetings	ALL			HIGH

Official Bank Rate	GBP	1.0%	0.75%	HIGH

Support Resistance Levels – Currency Future:

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	76.60	76.40	75.85	76.90	77.25	BULLISH
EURINR FUTURE	80.80	80.40	79.80	81.25	82	BEARISH
GBPINR FUTURE	95.93	95.65	95	96.60	97.40	BEARISH
JPYINR FUTURE	59.01	58.70	58	59.55	60	BEARISH

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