

WEEKLY FOREX INSIGHT

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KEY HEADLINE

The Indian rupee against US dollar spot ended at record low on Friday mainly due to fall in domestic equity might seen outflow as global shares also under pressure in concern with slowdown in US and rising geopolitical tension makes domestic currency under pressure despite dollar index fall towards 4-month low after weaker than expected US Job data and likely to RBI intervention at lower level.

At the NSE Future Aug 28 contract, the rupee ended down by 2 paise to closed at 83.82 against the previous close of 83.80 and made low of 83.76 and high of 83.84 during the day. The currency was nearly flat week-on-week. It has slipped to record lows in seven of the last 10 sessions, including Friday. Most Asian currencies gained between 0.1% to 1.6%.

The U.S. dollar dropped to a four-month low on Friday after a weaker-than-expected employment report for July raised expectations that the Federal Reserve will cut interest rates by 50 basis points in September as the economy sours.

The U.S. unemployment rate jumped to near a three-year high of 4.3% in July amid a significant slowdown in hiring. Nonfarm payrolls increase by 114,000 in July and Unemployment rate rises to 4.3% from 4.1% in June. Average hourly earnings gain 0.2%; up 3.6% year-on-year.

Traders are now pricing in a 71% probability that the Fed will cut rates by 50 basis points in September, up from 31% before the data was released and from 22% on Thursday, according to the CME Group's FedWatch Tool. A cut of at least 25 basis points is fully priced in for September and 116 basis points expected by year-end.

Currency pair (NSE 28 Aug)

| Currencies | 29/7/2024 | 2/8/2024 | Change (%) |
|------------|-----------|----------|------------|
| USDINR | 83.78 | 83.82 | 0.00 |
| EURINR | 90.99 | 90.74 | -0.30 |
| GBPINR | 107.80 | 106.85 | -1.0 |
| JPYINR | 54.62 | 56.34 | 3.40 |

USDINR

RECOMMENDATION: BUY ABOVE 83.85 SL 83.70 TARGET 84.20

EURINR

RECOMMENDATION: <u>SELL BELOW 90.40 SL 90.80 TARGET 89.70</u>

GBPINR

RECOMMENDATION: SELL BVLOWE 106.60 SL 106.90 TARGET 106.0

JPYINR

RECOMMENDATION: BUY ABOVE 56.40 SL 56.0 TARGET 57.10

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