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WEEKLY FOREX INSIGHT

KEY HEADLINE

The Indian rupee declined on Friday, tracking losses on most Asian peers on the back of a further rise in long maturity U.S. yields after Fitch cut the U.S. government's credit rating which makes dollar index to 4-week high. The 10-year U.S. treasury yield climbed to 4.20% on Thursday, marking its highest level since Nov 2022.

At the NSE Future Aug 29 contract, the rupee down by 10 paise to closed at 82.89 against the previous close of 82.79 and made low of 82.77 and high of 82.91 during the day. Most Asian currencies were down, with the Korean won the top loser.

Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) bought Indian shares worth 466.18 billion rupees (\$5.63 billion) on a net basis in July, data from the NSDL showed on Friday. This is slightly less than inflows of 471.5 billion rupees in June 2023, the highest monthly FPI inflow since August 2022.

The dollar fell on Friday, paring almost all the week's gains, after slowing U.S. jobs growth in July encouraged hopes of a soft economic landing but higher wages suggested the Federal Reserve may need to keep interest rates higher for longer. The dollar index , a measure of the U.S. currency against six peers, fell 0.459% after climbing on Thursday to 102.84, the highest since July 7.

The U.S. economy added fewer jobs than expected in July, but solid wage gains and a decline in the unemployment rate back to 3.5% pointed to continued tightness in labor market conditions. Nonfarm payrolls increased by 187,000 jobs last month. Data for June was revised lower to show 185,000 jobs added instead of the previously reported 209,000. The job growth in June was the slowest since December 2020.

Currencies	31/7/2023	4/8/2023	Change (%)
USDINR	82.29	82.89	0.70
EURINR	90.80	90.78	0.0
GBPINR	105.78	105.27	-0.50
JPYINR	58.43	58.30	-0.10

Currency pair

USDINR

RECOMMENDATION: BUY ABOVE 82.90 SL 82.70 TARGET 83.30

EURINR

RECOMMENDATION: SELL BELOW 90.65 SL 90.85 TARGET 90.0

GBPINR

RECOMMENDATION: SELL BELOW 105.20 SL 105.50 TARGET 104.50

JPYINR

RECOMMENDATION: SELL BELOW 58.25 SL 58.50 TARGET 57.80

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