

KEY HEADLINES:

The Indian rupee spot against the US dollar end again at all time low on Thursday, pressured by weak Asian peers, dollar demand from foreign banks and gain in Crude oil prices, while upside cap by likely RBI intervention support rupee from sharp fall.

The rupee at NSE Future 27 Dec. ended down by 2 paise at 84.97 against previous close of 84.95 and after make low of 84.93 and high of 84.98. The one-year implied yield rose 7 basis points to a peak of 2.24% during the session before reversing course to trade nearly flat.

The rupee has weakened 0.4% in December, underperforming many of its regional peers as concerns over slowing economic growth and the appointment of a new RBI chief has fuelled expectations of rate cuts next year, hurting the local unit.

India's retail inflation eased in November as soaring vegetable prices moderated, boosting expectations of an interest rate cut by the central bank at its next policy review amid concerns around slowing growth. Retail inflation eased in November to 5.48%, lower than 6.21% in the previous month and below a 5.53% forecast by economists in a Reuters poll. Core inflation, which excludes volatile items such as food and energy and is seen as a better gauge of domestic demand, was between 3.64% and 3.7%, compared to 3.7% in October, according to two economists.

India's industrial output rose to a three-month high of 3.5% year-on-year in October, helped by a pickup in consumer durables and garment manufacturing during the festival season, government data showed on Thursday. The rise was in line with the 3.5% forecast in a Reuters poll of economists and higher than 3.1% growth in the previous month. Manufacturing output rose 4.1% year-on-year in October compared to a 3.9% growth in the previous month. In the April-October period, industrial output increased by 4%, compared to a revised 7% growth a year earlier.

Between now and the next rate meeting in February, the new Governor's views on liquidity, currency management and macro-prudential measures will be watched closely.

Measures from the U.S. President-elect -- including tariffs and tax cuts -- should put upward pressure on inflation and bond yields while limiting the Fed's scope to ease policy and supporting the greenback. The dollar index is up more than 2.5% in November so far while the U.S. 10-year Treasury yield touched an over-5-month high of 4.50% last week.

The U.S. dollar was higher on Thursday after a hotter than expected inflation readout while the euro traded a touch lower following the European Central Bank's decision to cut interest rates for the fourth

time this year.

The ECB on Thursday cut interest rates by 25 basis points and kept the door open to further easing ahead as inflation closes in on its goal and the economy remains weak.

A Labor Department report on Thursday showed producer prices rose 0.4% on a monthly basis in November, compared with estimates of a 0.2% rise as per economists polled by Reuters.

The dollar index , which measures the currency against a basket of six others, was last up 0.328% at 106.9. The euro was last down 0.23% against the dollar at \$1.0472. The dollar was up 0.61% at 0.8898 francs. The dollar was slightly weaker at 152.220 yen. The yuan was last trading around 7.2780 per dollar in offshore trading.

The market was pricing a roughly 94% chance of a quarter-point hike at its next policy meeting on Dec. 19, little changed from before the speech.

Economic Indicators to be released.

Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
GDP m/m	GBP	0.1%	-0.1%	HIGH

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	84.97	84. 70	84.30	85.0	85.60	BULLISH
EURINR FUTURE	89.24	89.00	88.35	89.90	90.50	BEARISH
GBPINR FUTURE	108.31	107.40	106.60	108.75	109.50	BULLISH
JPYINR FUTURE	56.57	56.40	56.0	57.0	57.35	SIDEWAYS

Support Resistance Levels - Currency Future: (NSE CUR - 27 Dec 24)

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