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KEY HEADLINES:

The Indian rupee against the US dollar ended flat on Tuesday after trading in small range since last 2-3 days tracking subdued Asian peers while pressure by rally in dollar index against support from firm domestic equity market.

The rupee at NSE Future 27 Feb. ended gain by 1 paise at 83.04 against previous close of 83.05 and after make low of 83.02 and high of 83.07. most Asian currencies were rangebound, save for the Thai baht, which was up 0.4%.

Overseas investors sold \$2.8 billion worth of Indian equities in January, but the outflow was partially offset by \$2 billion of debt-related inflows, as per the latest share repository data.

The dollar rose to three month peaks on Tuesday, after data showed U.S. inflation rose more than expected in January, reinforcing expectations that the Federal Reserve will hold interest rates in March. The greenback also topped 150 yen for the first time since November following the data.

Tuesday's data showed that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 0.3% on a monthly basis in January, above the 0.2% increase expected by economists polled by Reuters. On a year-on-year basis, it gained 3.1% versus the 2.9% estimated growth. Excluding the volatile food and energy components, the CPI increased 0.4% last month after rising 0.3% in December. The core CPI advanced 3.9% year-on-year in January, matching December's increase.

The dollar index turned positive after the inflation data, touching a three-month high of 104.87. It was last up 0.6% at 104.80. In other currencies, the euro dropped 0.6% to \$1.0705, after earlier falling to \$1.0700, the lowest since mid-November.

In cryptocurrencies, bitcoin touched its highest since December 2021 at \$50,383, but fell below \$50,000 after the CPI data. It was last down 1.0% at \$49,307. The world's largest cryptocurrency has risen nearly 18% this year, helped by last month's regulatory nod for U.S.-listed exchange traded funds designed to track its price.

Traders are currently pricing in a 1% chance of a cut in March, the CME Group's FedWatch Tool shows, compared with a 68.1% chance at the start of the year. Also, Investors are currently pricing in a 50% chance of the Fed keeping rates unchanged in May, up from 6% last week, according to CME's FedWatch tool. Fed funds futures now

GBP

CPI y/y

4.1%

4.0%

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BOE Gov Bailey Speaks	GBP		HIGH

Support Resistance Levels – Currency Future:

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	83.04	82.85	82.20	83.55	83.80	BEARISH
EURINR FUTURE	89.57	89.20	88.50	89.80	90.50	BEARISH
GBPINR FUTURE	105.0	104.20	103.20	105.50	106.20	BEARISH
JPYINR FUTURE	55.73	55.65	55.0	56.45	57.0	BEARISH

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