

KEY HEADLINES:

The Indian rupee against the US dollar end sharply lower on Tuesday to break 9-days wining streak due to sharp recovery in dollar index towards 1-month high as well US treasury yield which prompt short covering in local unit despite expected overseas finds flow on ongoing rally in equity market as well bond index.

The rupee at NSE Future 29 Jan. ended down by 24 paise at 83.16 against previous close of 82.92 and after make low of 82.94 and high of 83.17. The offshore Chinese yuan dropped to 7.1950 to the dollar, the lowest in more than a month, while the Korean won fell 0.8% to the lowest since the first week of November.

Investors are betting that India's rupee will break out of its narrow range and rally this year, and are expressing that view via currency options.

Foreign portfolio investors (FPI) made record monthly purchases of Indian equities totalling 661.35 billion rupees (\$8 billion) in December, NSDL data shows, but the rupee was unable to gain much as the Reserve Bank of India likely stepped in to absorb large inflows. FPIs bought shares worth 427.33 billion rupees in the first half of December, marking a fortnightly record, driven by lower U.S. bond yields amid expectations of interest rate cuts by US FED.

Foreign investment in Indian government bonds saw a remarkable jump in the last three months of 2023, with JPMorgan's decision to add the debt to its indexes boosting inflows to a six-year high. Overseas investors net bought government bonds worth 350 billion rupees (\$4.2 billion) in October-December, pushing the full-year tally to 598 billion rupees, the highest since 2017, clearing house data showed.

The dollar jumped in a volatile session on Tuesday as investors dialed back expectations for a March rate cut from the U.S. Federal Reserve, fueled in part by comments by Board Governor Christopher Waller.

The dollar index , which tracks the greenback against a basket of currencies of other major trading partners, was up 0.73% at 103.38, after climbing as high as 103.42, its highest level since Dec. 13. The index was on track for its biggest one-day percentage gain since Jan. 2. The euro was down 0.72% at \$1.0869 and poised for its steepest one-day percentage drop in two weeks. The dollar was 1.04% higher against the Japanese yen , at 147.26, after hitting 147.31, matching its highest level since Dec. 7.

Markets are pricing in a 66.9% chance of a rate cut of at least 25 basis points (bps) in March from the Fed, compared with an 81% view in the prior session according to CME's FedWatch tool.

In the broader market, traders also watch out for UK inflation, jobs data and retail sales due later in the week, as markets continue to focus on how soon major central banks globally could begin easing rates this year.

In cryptocurrencies, bitcoin rose 1.39% to \$43,272. It has fallen about 6% since the Securities and Exchange Commission said it approved 11 applications for the first U.S.-listed exchange traded funds (ETFs) to track bitcoin.

Economic Indicators to be released.

Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
Industrial Production y/y	CNY	6.6%	6.6%	HIGH

GDP q/y	CNY	5.3%	4.9%	HIGH
WEF Annual Meetings				
Retail Sales m/m	USD	0.4%	0.3%	HIGH

Support Resistance Levels – Currency Future:

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	83.16	82.80	82.30	83.25	83.55	BEARISH
EURINR FUTURE	90.53	90.45	89.90	90.95	91.40	BEARISH
GBPINR FUTURE	105.02	104.90	104.40	105.80	106.50	BEARISH
JPYINR FUTURE	56.85	56.80	56.0	57.60	58.20	BEARISH

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