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KEY HEADLINES:

The Indian rupee spot against the US dollar end almost flat on Monday on choppy session, as support seen from broad based fall in dollar index & firm equity market hope inflows while pressure seen from middle ease conflicts and dollar demand from foreign banks.

The rupee at NSE Future 26 June-25. ended gain by 6 paise at 86.09 against previous close of 86.15 and after make low of 85.97 and high of 86.26. The 1-year implied yield was down 5 basis points at 1.83%, weighed by an uptick in near-tenor U.S. Treasury yields and exporter hedging. The offshore Chinese yuan rose 0.1% while the Thai baht declined by about 0.3%.

India and the U.S. aim to sign an interim trade deal before July 9, an Indian trade ministry official said on Monday.

India's merchandise trade deficit narrowed sharply to \$21.88 billion in May, aided by a slowdown in imports along with seasonal improvement in exports, government data released on Monday showed. The trade deficit was lower than the \$25 billion expected by economists in a Reuters poll, and below April's deficit of \$26.42 billion. India's goods exports stood at \$38.73 billion in May while imports were \$60.61 billion, compared with \$38.49 billion of exports and \$64.91 billion of imports in April. India's crude oil imports fell to \$14.7 billion in May against \$20.72 billion in April. Gold imports fell to \$2.5 billion in May from \$3.1 billion in the previous month. India's exports to the United States expanded in April-May to \$17.25 billion, up from \$14.17 billion a year earlier, suggesting that the U.S. tariff hikes averaging 10% in early April had a limited impact.

India's wholesale inflation in May slowed to 0.39% year-on-year from 0.85% in April, government data showed on Monday. holesale inflation in May was lowest since 0.26% recorded in March 2024.

Worries about the economic impact of U.S. trade policies have continued to weigh on the dollar, which is down by around 9% against major peers over the year so far. A 90-day pause on U.S. reciprocal tariffs is set to elapse in early July but legal back-and-forth on the viability of the broad-based levies may continue to keep uncertainty elevated.

The Bank of Japan is expected to deliver its interest rate decision at the end of its twoday meeting on Tuesday, with traders largely pricing in no change to policy. The Fed next meets on June 17-18, when the central bank will release new projections from policymakers about their outlook for inflation, employment and economic growth in coming months and years, and the projected interest rate they feel would be appropriate.

The BoE is due to meet this week and is expected to keep the interest rate unchanged. Money market traders are pricing in about 48 basis points of cuts by year-end, up from about 39 bps before the data. Central banks in Switzerland, Sweden and Norway are also slated to unveil their policy decisions this week.

The dollar was softer in choppy trading on Monday, as investors monitored the fighting between Israel and Iran for signs that it could escalate into a broader regional conflict and braced for a week packed with central bank meetings.

The dollar, which until recently had always been the ultimate safe haven in times of geopolitical or financial turmoil, slipped 0.3% to 143.73 Japanese yen after rising nearly 0.4% earlier on Monday. The euro rose 0.5% to \$1.1604. The U.S. currency was also softer against the Swiss franc at 0.8104 franc, while an index that measures the dollar against six peers declined 0.5% to 97.74.

In light of the signs of easing trade tensions, markets have dialed back expectations for rate cuts from the U.S. Federal Reserve this year, pricing in a 68% chance for the first cut of at least 25 basis points (bps) at the central bank's September meeting, according to LSEG data. The prior view was for a likely cut in July.

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Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
	Currency	Forecast 0.50%	Previous 0.50%	Impact HIGH
Indicator				

BOJ Policy Rate	JPY	0.50%	0.50%	HIGH
Retail Sales m/m	USD	-0.5%	0.1%	HIGH

Support Resistance Levels - Currency Future: (NSE CUR - 26 June 25)

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	86.09	85.45	84.90	86.30	87.0	SIDEWAYS
EURINR FUTURE	99.77	99.0	98.20	100.0	101.0	BULLISH
GBPINR FUTURE	116.95	116.20	115.50	117.10	118.0	BULLISH
JPYINR FUTURE	59.76	59.0	58.50	60.30	61.0	SIDEWAYS

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