

Daily Forex Insight

KEY HEADLINES:

The Indian rupee against the US dollar end Flat on Thursday as dollar demand fro OMC and funds outflow from weak equity market last days weigh on rupee despite some gain in Asian peers.

The rupee at NSE Future 29 May. ended Gain by 2 paise at 83.52 against previous close of 83.54 and after make low of 83.47 and high of 83.53. Asian currencies gained, with the Korean won up nearly 1.7% and leading gains, while the Thai baht also rose 1%. U.S. bond yields dropped with the 10-year Treasury yield declining to 4.31%, its lowest in more than a month. Dollar-rupee forward premiums ticked higher with the one-year implied yield up 2 basis points at 1.70%, lifted by lower U.S. bond yields.

The currency has managed to hold its ground even as foreign investors have pulled out \$3 billion from Indian equities in May so far, prompted by concerns about the upcoming national election results on June 4.

The recent sharp foreign investor selling in Indian government bonds in April, marking the highest monthly sales since the Covid-19 pandemic, is only an aberration, with inflows likely to continue in the coming months, according to various analyst expectations. Foreign investors sold bonds worth 149.5 billion rupees (\$1.79 billion) on a net basis in April, the highest in the four years, after net purchases of bonds worth 816 billion rupees between October and March.

The dollar rose on Thursday after data showed U.S. import prices increased 0.9% last month, a jump that raised concerns the Federal Reserve's fight to tame inflation is not yet done and could delay plans for policymakers to cut interest rates.

The dollar index, which tracks the U.S. currency against six peers, rose 0.27% to 104.47 after a 0.75% slide on Wednesday. The euro hit a two-month high at \$1.0895 on Thursday before dipping to trade 0.14% lower at \$1.0867. Britain's pound reached a one-month top of \$1.2675 before falling back 0.13% to \$1.1268.

The jump in the price index for U.S. imports in April was the largest one-month increase since it rose 2.9% in March 2022, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said. Prices for U.S. imports last declined on a monthly basis in December, the BLS said.

Bloomberg Index Services said it will include 34 Indian government bonds that are open for investment under the country's fully accessible route in its emerging market local

currency indexes from January 2025. The announcement follows JP Morgan's decision to add Indian government bonds in its Government Bond Index-Emerging Markets from June 2024.
Markets are now pricing in nearly 50 basis points of rate cuts from the Fed this year, including a 75% chance of a rate cut of at least 25 basis points in September, according to CME's FedWatch Tool.
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Economic Indicators to be released.

Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
Industrial Production y/y	CNY	5.5%	4.5%	HIGH

Retail Sales y/y	CNY	3.7%	3.1%	HIGH

Support Resistance Levels - Currency Future:

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR	83.52	83.25	82.80	83.85	84.50	BULLISH
FUTURE						
EURINR	90.75	90.20	89.65	91.20	92.0	BULLISH
FUTURE						
GBPINR	105.82	104.80	104.15	105.85	106.40	BULLISH
FUTURE						
JPYINR	54.05	53.25	52.40	54.25	54.60	SIDEWAYS
FUTURE						

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