

KEY HEADLINES:

The Indian rupee spot against the US dollar end lower on consecutive 5th day, at 3-week low on Tuesday, after U.S confirm it will impose extra 25% tariff from 27-Aug added by outflows concern after sell off in equity market and despite subdued dollar index & fall in Crude oil prices.

The rupee at NSE Future 26 Sep-25. ended lower by 10 paise at 87.81 against previous close of 87.71 and after make low of 87.76 and high of 87.94. Rupee came within striking distance of its lifetime low of 87.95 hit in February.

U.S. President Donald Trump's doubling of tariffs on imports from India to as much as 50% took effect as scheduled on Wednesday, dealing a serious blow to ties between the two countries that became strategic partners after the turn of this century. A punitive 25% tariff imposed due to India's purchases of Russian oil adds to Trump's prior 25% tariff on many imports from the South Asian nation and is expected to hurt growth in the world's fastest growing major economy The U.S. move takes total duties to as high as 50% for goods such as garments, gems and jewellery, footwear, sporting goods, furniture and chemicals - among the highest imposed by the U.S. and on par with Brazil..

An additional 25% tariff likely to reduce Indian exports, widen the trade deficit, and add further stress to the rupee.

Credit-rating firm Fitch maintained India's sovereign rating at 'BBB-' on Monday, citing levels of fiscal deficits and debt that are still high, crushing the government's hopes for a lift in ratings by all three major providers. This month, S&P upgraded India to 'BBB', its first such upgrade in 18 years, prompting the government to respond that it expected other rating houses to follow suit. Fitch has rated India at 'BBB-' since 2006, while Moody's has retained its 'Baa3' rating since June 2020. India's government debt burden is "elevated" at its estimate of 80.9%, "well above the 59.6% 'BBB' median", Fitch said, and forecast a slight rise in debt to 81.5% in fiscal 2026.

The dollar clung to gains against the euro and the yen on Wednesday, paring much of the strength made earlier in the day as investors focused on upcoming U.S. economic data for policy cues, even as worries persist over the Federal Reserve's independence.

The euro touched its weakest level since August 6 and was last down 0.09% at \$1.1631. Sterling eased up 0.12% to \$1.3496, while the dollar slipped against the Swiss franc

0.14%, and was flat versus the Japanese yen at 147.445. the dollar index, which measures the greenback against a basket of currencies, alternated between gains and losses and was last up 0.02% at 98.227.

Measured against a basket of six major currencies , the dollar has weakened by more than 9% this year. The euro has been the lead gainer in the basket with a climb of more than 12%.

Upcoming data points which could influence the central bank's policy path include the Fed's preferred inflation gauge, the PCE price index, on Friday, and monthly payrolls figures for August, due a week later.

Markets are now pricing an 84% chance the Fed will ease rates by a quarter-point next month from 95% last week before PPI numbers, according to CME's FedWatch, with just under 60 basis points worth of cuts expected by December, implying two 25 basis point cuts and a 40% chance of a third. Markets are pricing in a cumulative 14 basis point decline in ECB rates by the end of 2026, with hikes expected in late 2026 and 2027, compared to expectations of 130 basis points in Fed rate cuts in the same time frame.

Economic Indicators to be released.

Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
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Prelim GDP q/q	USD	3.1%	3.0%	HIGH

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

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	87.81	87.35	87.0	88.10	88.80	BULLISH
EURINR FUTURE	102.41	101.80	101.30	103.0	103.70	BULLISH
GBPINR FUTURE	118.41	117.75	117.0	118.60	119.50	SIDEWAYS
JPYINR FUTURE	61.70	61.0	60.40	62.50	63.10	SIDEWAYS

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