

# **Daily Forex Insight**

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## **KEY HEADLINES:**

The Indian rupee spot against the US dollar end sharply higher on Wednesday, up almost 0.90% on day to test 2025 high, highest since Nov end and up more than 1.2% in April, thanks to inflows after rally in equity market, fall in dollar index and despite geopolitical tension between neighbor country added by central bank rate cut.

The rupee at NSE Future 28 May-25. ended higher by 73 paise at 84.68 against previous close of 85.41 and after make low of 84.63 and high of 85.40.

The currency rose 1.2% on the month, its second consecutive monthly rise, which helped extend a sharp reversal in the rupee's fortunes after it plumbed to an all-time low of 87.95 in February. Other side, the jitters have also pushed up the rupee's 1-month implied volatility to 5.5%, its highest since March 2023. Broad weakness in the dollar - on the back of concerns about a spate of trade and other policy changes under U.S. President - helped the rupee after it rallied more than 2% in March. The dollar index, meanwhile, was nursing losses of nearly 4.5% on the month, its third consecutive monthly fall. On the month, India's benchmark Nifty 50 equity index was up 3.5% while the benchmark 10-year bond yield fell 22 basis points.

The U.S. economy contracted for the first time in three years in the first quarter, swamped by a flood of imports as businesses raced to avoid higher costs from tariffs and underscoring the disruptive nature of President often chaotic trade policy. Gross domestic product decreased at a 0.3% annualized rate last quarter, the first decline since the first quarter of 2022, the Commerce Department's Bureau of Economic Analysis said in its advance estimate of first-quarter GDP. The first-quarter GDP drop followed a 2.4% rise in the fourth quarter. Consumer spending, however, continued to grow, though at a moderate pace. Consumer spending on services - especially health care – grew 2.4% in the first quarter as households remained resilient.

In the 12 months through March, U.S the Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) Price Index, the Fed's preferred inflation gauge, increased 2.3%, down from 2.7% in February. Annual core inflation also eased from the prior month, rising 2.6% after advancing 3.0% in February. On a monthly level, both the headline and core PCE numbers were unchanged from the previous month.

The U.S. dollar continued to bounce back on Thursday on some technical buying after being oversold last month, with investors more optimistic about tariff deals between the

United States and its trading partners. Volume was thinner than usual, as many international markets were closed on Thursday for the May Day holiday. Against the euro, the yen fell to a four-month low, with the single currency last up 1.4% at 164.29 yen. The euro was on pace for its largest daily rise versus the yen in two months. the euro fell to a three-week trough versus the greenback and was last down 0.4% at \$1.1286 . Sterling also fell 0.4% to \$1.3284 Investors are also awaiting the April U.S. jobs report, due on Friday, where jobs growth is still expected, although at a sharply slower pace than a month earlier. Markets swung to imply an approximately 55% chance of a Fed cut in May, and futures now point to more than 100 basis points worth of rate cuts by December this year. Investors were previously expecting the Fed to keep rates on hold next month.

## **Economic Indicators to be released.**

Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
Non-Farm Employment Change	USD	133K	228K	HIGH

# <u>Support Resistance Levels – Currency Future: ( NSE CUR - 28 MAy 25)</u>

Currency	LTP	<b>S1</b>	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	84.68	84.60	84.0	85.35	85.85	BEARISH
EURINR FUTURE	96.30	96.20	95.50	97.20	98.10	BEARISH
GBPINR FUTURE	113.24	113.20	112.50	114.30	115.20	SIDEWAYS
JPYINR FUTURE	59.28	59.20	58.50	60.10	60.80	SIDEWAYS

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