

KEY HEADLINES:

The Indian rupee against the US dollar end little change on Monday as initial price gain on fall in US treasury yield and prospect of rate cut in Sep by US FED but during the day dollar demand by importers check rupee gain on lack of clue from equity market as well some rebound seen in crude prices after last week sharp fall.

The rupee at NSE Future 29 May. ended down by 8 paise at 83.59 against previous close of 83.51 and after make low of 83.48 and high of 83.62. Asian currencies were mixed with the offshore Chinese yuan down 0.3%, while the Korean won rose 0.9%.

Growth in India's dominant services industry softened in April but remained sturdy on robust domestic and foreign demand, lifting business confidence to a three-month high, as The HSBC final India Services PMI, compiled by S&P Global, fell to 60.8 in April from 61.2 in March, confounding a preliminary estimate for a rise to 61.7. Despite the decline in the headline reading, the figure still marked one of the fastest growth rates in just under 14 years. Activity in the services sector has been above the 50-mark separating growth from contraction since August 2021.

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.

India's improving trade deficit, inflows into bonds and reduced pressure on the rupee in the offshore market has lowered the need for the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to intervene aggressively in the foreign exchange market. The RBI's interventions eased significantly earlier this year, with the RBI buying \$8.5 billion in February and not making any sales, its latest monthly bulletin showed. Its gross FX intervention in February was the lowest in six months and about an eighth of the average monthly intervention during October-December.

The dollar fell against most currencies on Monday for a fourth straight session as recent labor market data and comments from Federal Reserve officials buoyed rate-cut hopes, but the greenback strengthened against the yen after last week's suspected interventions. The dollar index , which measures the greenback against a basket of

major currencies, was on track for its longest streak of declines since early March.

The dollar index fell 0.1% at 105.06, with the euro up 0.12% at \$1.0771. On Monday, the yen weakened 0.61% against the greenback at 153.92 per dollar.

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 65.7% chance of a rate cut of at least 25 basis points in September, according to CME's FedWatch Tool.

Economic Indicators to be released.

Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
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Cash Rate	AUD	4.35%	4.35%	HIGH

Support Resistance Levels – Currency Future:

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	83.59	83.25	82.80	83.85	84.50	BULLISH
EURINR FUTURE	89.83	89.20	88.90	89.90	90.80	BULLISH
GBPINR FUTURE	104.84	104.40	103.65	104.90	105.75	BULLISH
JPYINR FUTURE	54.33	53.75	53.20	54.50	55.10	SIDEWAYS

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