

# Daily Forex Insight

## **KEY HEADLINES:**

The Indian rupee spot against the US dollar end marginally higher on Thursday, amid likely central bank intervention & fall in Crude oil prices despite tariff tension and outflow concern.

The rupee at NSE Future 26 Aug-25. ended higher by 25 paise at 87.58 against previous close of 87.83 and after make low of 87.42 and high of 87.82.

the Indian central bank resumed its intervention in the non-deliverable forwards (NDF) market last week, marking a return to a tool it had mostly avoided so far under new governor. Forex reserves dropped over \$9 billion last week, likely due to spot and NDF market intervention.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday he will not compromise the interests of the country's farmers even if he has to pay a heavy price, in his first comments after U.S. President Donald Trump's salvo of a 50% tariff on Indian goods. "For us, our farmers' welfare is supreme," Modi said at an event in New Delhi. "India will never compromise on the wellbeing of its farmers, dairy (sector) and fishermen. And I know personally I will have to pay a heavy price for it," he said.

Rupee slid 1.2% against the dollar in the week through August 1, its sharpest weekly decline in nearly three years and would likely have hit a new record low if not for central bank intervention. When the RBI cuts the repo rate, there is a risk of currency weakness as foreign investors may shift their capital to markets with higher interest rates.

India recorded net outflows of \$800 million in the current financial year starting April through the end of July 31 due to outflows in the debt segment, the RBI governor said in his monetary policy announcement.

U.S. President on Wednesday imposed an additional 25% tariff on Indian goods, citing New Delhi's continued imports of Russian oil in a move that sharply escalated tensions between the two nations after trade talks reached a deadlock. The new import tax, effective 21 days after August 7, will raise duties on some Indian exports to as high as 50% - among the highest levied on any U.S. trading partner. India's external affairs ministry called the decision "extremely unfortunate," noting that many other countries are also importing Russian oil in their national economic interest. "India will take all necessary steps to protect its national interests," it said, adding that purchases were

driven by market factors and the energy needs of India's 1.4 billion people.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick said on Thursday he expects the country to collect \$50 billion a month in tariff revenues or more - up from \$30 billion last month - as higher levies on imports from dozens of countries kick in

The Bank of England cut interest rates on Thursday but four of its nine policymakers - worried about high inflation - sought to keep borrowing costs on hold, suggesting the BoE's run of rate cuts might be nearing an end. With the MPC facing the conflicting risks posed by an inflation rate that the BoE forecasts will soon be double its 2% target and a worsening of job losses, Governor Andrew Bailey and four colleagues backed lowering Bank Rate to 4% from 4.25%.

The U.S. dollar rose on Thursday after Bloomberg News reported Federal Reserve Governor Christopher Waller is emerging as a top candidate to serve as the central bank's chair among President Donald Trump's team. Waller has met with members of Trump's team, who are impressed with him, though he has not met with the president, Bloomberg reported.

The dollar index , which measures the greenback against a basket of currencies including the yen and the euro, was last up 0.18% on the day at 98.36. Against the Japanese yen , the dollar strengthened 0.1% to 147.49. The British pound was last up 0.41% at \$1.341. The euro fell 0.27% to \$1.1627.

Markets are now pricing an 95% chance the Fed will ease rates by a quarter-point next month owing to the weaker than expected jobs data, 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.

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# <u>Support Resistance Levels - Currency Future: (NSE CUR - 26 Aug 25)</u>

Currency	LTP	<b>S1</b>	<b>S2</b>	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	87.58	87.30	86.50	88.0	88.60	BULLISH
EURINR FUTURE	102.17	101.40	100.50	102.75	103.50	BULLISH
GBPINR FUTURE	117.53	116.50	115.80	117.60	118.50	BULLISH
JPYINR FUTURE	59.62	58.90	58.30	60.0	60.60	SIDEWAYS

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