

KEY HEADLINES:

The Indian rupee against the US dollar ended Strong on Wednesday supported by gains its Asian peers and dollar selling fro large foreign banks while rally in equity market also support local currency.

The rupee at NSE Future 27 Feb. ended strong by 8 paise at 83.03 against previous close of 83.11 and after make low of 82.99 and high of 83.11. Most Asian currencies strengthened, with the Indonesian rupiah, up by 0.6%, leading gains. Asian equities also rose on Wednesday, as China's measures to support its ailing stock market boosted sentiment.

India's key policy rates will likely be held steady on Thursday for a sixth straight meeting but investors are keenly watching to see if moderating core inflation and a fiscally prudent budget allows policymakers to signal a turn in the cycle.

Overseas investors sold \$2.8 billion worth of Indian equities in January, but the outflow was partially offset by \$2 billion of debt-related inflows, as per the latest share repository data.

The dollar slid further on Wednesday as it consolidates a bounce in recent days from surprisingly strong U.S. economic data and pushback from Federal Reserve officials on market expectations of imminent interest rate cuts.

The dollar index, a measure of the U.S. currency against six major peers, including the euro, slipped 0.08% to 104.06, following a 0.29% slide a day earlier. It had reached its highest since Nov. 14 at 104.60 on Monday. The dollar was down 0.14% to \$1.0769 per euro, after retreating 0.1% on Tuesday, when it had earlier touched its strongest level since Nov. 14 at \$1.0722. The dollar edged 0.04% higher against the yen to 147.99, after sliding 0.49% on Tuesday.

Traders are currently pricing in a 23.5% chance of a cut in March, the CME Group's FedWatch Tool shows, compared with a 68.1% chance at the start of the year. Fed funds futures now show roughly 117 basis points (bps) worth of easing priced in for the Fed this year, down from about 150 bps at the end of last year.

Economic Indicators to be released.

Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact
СРІ у/у	CNY	-0.5%	-0.3%	HIGH

Currency	LTP	S1	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	83.03	82.85	82.20	83.55	83.80	BEARISH
EURINR FUTURE	89.50	89.20	88.50	89.75	90.50	BEARISH
GBPINR FUTURE	104.85	104.25	103.20	105.50	106.20	BEARISH
JPYINR FUTURE	56.29	56.0	55.40	56.80	57.30	BEARISH

Support Resistance Levels – Currency Future:

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