

# Daily Forex Insight

## **KEY HEADLINES:**

The Indian rupee spot against the US dollar end sharply lower on Monday, its worst fall in 3-weeks, as uncertainty about U.S tariff policies with U.S President threat of a fresh 10% levy on BRICS countries, makes pressure on Rupee as well Asian peers along with dollar demand from foreign banks.

The rupee at NSE Future 29 July-25. ended lower by 49 paise at 85.96 against previous close of 85.47 and after make low of 85.55 and high of 86.10.

It was not immediately clear if Trump's tariff threat would derail trade talks with India and other BRICS nations. The South African rand fell 1% after Trump's threat while the offshore Chinese yuan was down 0.2%.

President Donald Trump said on Monday the U.S. would impose a 25% tariff on imports from Japan and South Korea beginning Aug. 1 as he unveiled the first two of an expected 12 letters to trading partners outlining the new levies they face. "If for any reason you decide to raise your Tariffs, then, whatever the number you choose to raise them by, will be added onto the 25% that we charge," Trump said in letters to the leaders of the two Asian countries, which he posted on his Truth Social platform. Later, Trump also announced the U.S. will impose 25% tariffs on Malaysia and Kazakhstan, 30% on South Africa and 40% on Laos and Myanmar.

Rupee posted modest losses of 0.2% and 0.3% respectively for the month June and qter, underperforming most Asian peers amid a broad dollar downtrend. Asian peers such as the Taiwan dollar and Korean won have risen about nearly 13% and 8% year-to-date, respectively, while the offshore Chinese yuan, a closely tracked peer of the rupee, is up over 2%.

The dollar firmed against other major currencies on Monday, after remarks from U.S. officials offered little clarity on the outlook for tariffs, days ahead of a crucial deadline. Most U.S. trade partners face the prospect of steeper duties at the end of the 90-day moratorium on U.S. President Donald Trump's "Liberation Day" reciprocal tariffs on Wednesday. Trump clarified on Sunday that the new rates would take effect from August 1.

The dollar index, rose 0.34% to 97.294 and briefly hit a one-week high, Still, the index is close to a 3-1/2-year trough and has declined 10% so far this year as investors

questioned the safe-haven status of the U.S. currency and reassessed earlier expectations that the U.S. could be spared in the event of a global economic slowdown.

The dollar inched up 0.25% to 0.797 against the Swiss franc on Monday, near the January 2015 low it revisited in the previous week. The euro slipped 0.41% to \$1.1738 having rallied over 13% so far this year. The dollar reversed an earlier decline and rose 0.78% at 145.725 yen , reaching a one-week high. Sterling weakened 0.08% to \$1.364, but stayed near its strongest level since October 2021.

Market expectations that the Fed will leave rates unchanged at its July meeting rose to a 95.3% probability, up from 76.2% a day ago, according to the CME's Fedwatch tool, while a cut by September has a 93% probability, according to the CME Group's FedWatch Tool. In total, traders see 66 basis points of cuts by year-end, indicating a potential third 25-basis point reduction, up from 46 basis points on Friday.

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

Indicator	Currency	Forecast	Previous	Impact

Cash Rate	AUD	3.60%	3.85%	HIGH

## <u>Support Resistance Levels – Currency Future: ( NSE CUR - 29 July 25)</u>

Currency	LTP	<b>S1</b>	S2	R1	R2	Trend
USDINR FUTURE	85.96	85.50	85.25	86.30	87.10	SIDEWAYS
EURINR FUTURE	100.90	100.40	99.70	101.50	102.20	BULLISH
GBPINR FUTURE	117.01	116.30	115.50	117.50	118.10	BEARISH
JPYINR FUTURE	59.75	59.50	59.0	60.10	61.0	SIDEWAYS

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