

WEEKLY FOREX INSIGHT

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KEY HEADLINE

The Indian rupee against US dollar closed higher on Friday amid positie sentienr after budget added by gain in Asian peers as well strong equity market which attract foreign inflows and strengthen domestic currency below 83 ark and towards 2–week high.

At the NSE Future Feb 27 contract, the rupee ended strong by 8 paise to closed at 82.97 against the previous close of 83.05 and made low of 82.89 and high of 83.0 during the day. Most Asian currencies advanced, led by the Indonesian rupiah, which was up 0.6%. Meanwhile, rupee forward premiums fell, with the 1-year implied yield falling 3 bps to 1.82%.

The Indian government set lower-than-expected fiscal deficit and gross borrowing targets for the financial year starting April 1 in the budget, a move that is likely to aid debt inflows into India.

The U.S. dollar index jumped to a seven-week high on Friday after data showed that employers added far more jobs in January than expected, reducing the chances of near-term Federal Reserve interest rate cuts. The dollar index was last at 103.98, the highest since Dec. 13 and up 0.90% on the day. The euro fell to \$1.07840, down 0.80%.

Nonfarm payrolls increased by 353,000 last month, beating economists' expectations for a gain of 180,000. Average hourly earnings increased 0.6% after rising 0.4% in December.

Traders are now pricing in an 22% chance of a rate cut in March, down from 38% on Thursday, and a 71% probability for May, down from 94%, according to the CME Group's FedWatch Tool.

Currency pair (NSE 27 FEB)

Currencies	29/1/2024	2/2/2024	Change (%)
USDINR	83.20	82.97	-0.30
EURINR	90.40	90.37	0.00
GBPINR	105.68	105.82	0.10
JPYINR	56.61	56.83	0.40

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USDINR

RECOMMENDATION: SELL BELOW 82.91 SL 83.10 TARGET 82.50

EURINR

RECOMMENDATION: BUY ABOVE 90.50 SL 90.20 TARGET 91.0

GBPINR

RECOMMENDATION: BUY ABOVE 105.90 SL 105.50 TARGET 106.50

JPYINR

RECOMMENDATION: <u>SELL BELOW 56.75 SL 56.90 TARGET 56.40</u>

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