

WEEKLY FOREX INSIGHT

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KEY HEADLINE

The Indian rupee against US dollar gain to away from record low on Friday thanks to dollar demand from foreign banks and firm equity market which converted funds flow into domestic currency and after the Indian central bank kept rates unchanged.

At the NSE Future April 26 contract, the rupee ended Strong by 13 paise to closed at 83.37 against the previous close of 83.50 and made low of 83.30 and high of 83.49 during the day.

The Indian central bank's key interest rate was kept unchanged for a seventh straight policy meeting on Friday as growth in the economy is expected to remain robust while inflation stays above the 4% target. The 6-member MPC kept the main lending rate at 6.5%, in line with expectations. The repo rate was raised by a total of 250 basis points between May 2022 and February 2023. The central bank said the Indian economy is expected to expand by 7% in the fiscal year 2025, which began on April 1.

India's foreign exchange reserves rose for a 6th straight week to hit a lifetime high of \$645.58 billion as of Mar. 29, data from the central bank showed on Friday. The reserves rose by \$2.95 billion in the reporting week, after having risen by a total of \$26.5 billion in the previous five weeks.

The dollar strengthened on Friday but was still set for a weekly loss after data showed U.S. employers hired far more workers than expected in March, potentially delaying anticipated interest rate cuts from the Federal Reserve this year.

Nonfarm payrolls increased by 303,000 jobs last month against Economists polled by Reuters had forecast 200,000 jobs.

Currency pair (NSE 26 April)

Currencies	2/4/2024	5/4/2024	Change (%)
USDINR	83.40	83.37	0.0
EURINR	89.70	90.40	0.80
GBPINR	105.15	105.27	0.10
JPYINR	55.44	55.28	-0.30

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USDINR

RECOMMENDATION: BUY ABOVE 83.40 SL 83.20 TARGET 83.80

EURINR

RECOMMENDATION: SELL BELOW 90.35 SL 90.60 TARGET 89.80

GBPINR

RECOMMENDATION: SELL BELOW 105.10 SL 105.50 TARGET 104.30

JPYINR

RECOMMENDATION: <u>SELL BELOW 55.20 SL 55.50 TARGET 54.60</u>

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