

INSTRUMENT	LAST PRICE	1 DAY	1 MONTH	1 YEAR
USD/INR	71.74	-0.09%	2.9%	11%
EUR/INR	82.02	-0.25%	2.8%	3%
GBP/INR	93.54	-0.23%	5.1%	3%
JPY/INR	65.24	-0.12%	1.8%	11%
EUR/USD	1.1433	-0.04%	-0.4%	-8%
GBP/USD	1.3038	0.01%	2.0%	-7%
USD/JPY	109.97	0.07%	1.1%	1%
USD/CNH	6.7585	-0.30%	-1.3%	7%
10 YR YIELD- IN	7.41	0.03	(0.04)	(0.16)
10 YR YIELD- USA	2.72	(0.01)	0.05	0.01
GOLD (\$/Oz)	1,315	0.2%	2%	-2%
SILVER (\$/Oz)	15.91	0.3%	2%	-5%
BRENT CRUDE (\$/Brl)	62.78	0.4%	10%	-7%
COPPER 3M (\$/Ton)	6168	0.5%	4%	-12%
NIFTY	10897	-0.14%	1.59%	2%
HANGSENG	27990	0.21%	9.23%	-13%
S&P 500	2725	0.68%	7.62%	3%
INR 1M FWD	0.23	0.01	(0.00)	0.00
INR 2M FWD	0.51	0.00	0.04	(0.01)
INR 3M FWD	0.75	0.00	0.05	(0.02)
INR 6M FWD	1.51	0.03	0.09	0.02
INR 12M FWD	2.94	0.03	0.14	0.07
	1 DAY	MTD	QTD	CTD
FII INVESTMENT- EQ (\$ Mn)	170	170	94	94
FII INVESTMENT- DEBT (\$ Mn)	68	68	(299)	(299)
TOTAL- (\$ Mn)	237	237	(205)	(205)

CURRENCY	ECONOMIC DATA
GBP	Services PMI
USD	ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI

FX VIEW

Dollar Rupee is expected to open flat, around 71.75/80 levels on spot, on the back of steady oil prices and strength in Dollar against major currencies like Euro, GBP and JPY. Overnight US stock market clocked gains of nearly 1%. Corporate results season has been lacklustre in US but that has not been able to derail the US Bull Run. China and HK are shut for New Year week long holidays. Therefore, for this week, majors can be more useful as an inter-market guide than the Asian FX.

In India, post Budget, next major event is RBI meeting day after tomorrow. With new governor in place, there is a view that he may be more sympathetic to growth, than his predecessor. For a long time now, RBI has been warning about upside risks to inflation but it has consistently surprised to the downside. However, with base effect waning, headline inflation is expected to pickup in the coming months but still is expected to remain below RBI's median level of 4% over the foreseeable future. RBI is expected to lower inflation target from 3.2% for Jan-March and also downgrade its forecast for GDP from 7.4% for FY19. Though there is a possibility that RBI may err on the side of caution due to elevated levels of core inflation and not reduce rates and only switch to a neutral stance but pressure is building on the central bank to consider a cut of 25 bps.

If RBI only switches its stance to neutral, and not reduce rates, then it can open up a play for Indian bonds by foreign investors. Over past couple of days, inflows into the debt segment has picked up pace and the above move from RBI can add momentum to that. However, if RBI delivers a rate cut, then though there would be sharp drop in yields, but it could one-off as market would judge that as one and done move from RBI. In such a scenario inflows from FPIs may not be as large as it could be if they only flip their stance and keep door open to rate cuts.

It is not just the RBI policy which will impact the bond yields. Bond market is worried about Gol's fiscal math for FY19 and FY20. Questions are being raised over the average 20% growth in projections for income tax for FY19 and FY 20, at a time when nominal GDP growth is being forecasted around 11% for next financial year. At the same time. Higher gross borrowing needs of the Government in FY20 at 7.1 lakh crore can keep the yield curve steep. Current spread between repo and 10 year is around 90 bps if we consider the new 10 year, which can edge towards 110 bps over the next few weeks.

In domestic stock market, major indices like Nifty and Sensex continues to trek higher. However, core of the market, mid-cap and small cap stocks continue to languish. Over the past one year, every up move in Nifty and Sensex has not been backed by breadth, which raises question on the sustainability of the uptrend.

TECHNICAL VIEW:

Technical trend remains upward for USDINR. We would look to buy the dips as support lay between 71.40/50 levels on spot and resistance is closer to 72.00 levels. Above 72.00 it can aim for 72.35/50 zone on spot. On crosses, we continue to remain bullish on EuroINR and would look to buy the dips as long as the pair holds above 81.00 levels on spot. Interestingly, if one were to create an equal weighted index of the USD, Euro, GBP and JPY against INR and track it, it would point towards a bullish trend, confirming the weakness inherent in INR.

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Equal weighted index of USDINR, EURINR, JPYINR AND GBPINR.

Upmove = INR depreciation. Downmove= INR appreciation

source: bloomberg

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