

INSTRUMENT	LAST PRICE	1 DAY	1 MONTH	1 YEAR
USD/INR	69.99	-0.22%	-1.7%	7%
EUR/INR	78.61	-0.09%	-2.4%	-2%
GBP/INR	90.79	-1.10%	-1.3%	1%
JPY/INR	62.99	-0.08%	-2.3%	3%
EUR/USD	1.1232	-0.03%	-0.4%	-9%
GBP/USD	1.2972	-0.33%	0.9%	-7%
USD/JPY	111.11	-0.05%	0.7%	4%
USD/CNH	6.7320	0.02%	-1.0%	6%
10 YR YIELD- IN	7.37	(0.02)	0.03	(0.29)
10 YR YIELD- USA	2.64	0.01	(0.01)	(0.25)
GOLD (\$/Oz)	1,297	-0.1%	-1%	-2%
SILVER (\$/Oz)	15.30	-0.2%	-3%	-7%
BRENT CRUDE (\$/Brl)	66.02	0.4%	7%	1%
COPPER 3M (\$/Ton)	6395	-0.4%	3%	-6%
NIFTY	11095	0.54%	1.89%	8%
HANGSENG	28426	0.70%	1.00%	-8%
S&P 500	2743	-0.21%	1.23%	-2%
INR 1M FWD	0.30	0.02	0.07	0.00
INR 2M FWD	0.56	0.00	0.06	0.05
INR 3M FWD	0.79	(0.00)	0.06	0.05
INR 6M FWD	1.49	0.01	0.04	0.15
INR 12M FWD	2.80	(0.05)	(0.00)	0.25
	1 DAY	MTD	QTD	CTD
FII INVESTMENT- EQ (\$ Mn)	153	673	2,968	2,968
FII INVESTMENT- DEBT (\$ Mn)	(101)	65	(1,587)	(1,587)
TOTAL- (\$ Mn)	52	738	1,381	1,381

CURRENCY	ECONOMIC DATA
USD	Retail Sales
GBP	MPC Member Haskel Speaks

FX VIEW

Finally the announcement has come for the 17th Lok Sabha elections. According to Election Commission of India, polls will begin on April 11 and continue for over a month till May 19th. Lok Sabha election will be held in 7 phases. Model Code of Conduct has come into force as it announced the dates for the elections. The counting will be held on May 23. Lok Sabha polls are an impactful event for the Rupee and Rupee assets. Past one week, Rupee has been an outlier in the world, strengthening by a buck and a half against USD. It occurred on the back of strong carry trade flows into the Rupee derivatives as well ETF related flows into Indian equity markets. Though Indian debt has witnessed large outflows, but the quantum of inflows in equity has engulfed it. There is a growing expectation in the market that NDA may retain power post LS2019. However, as the situation stands now, if NDA fails to form a government, the alternative can be a weak ruling coalition, which will be detrimental to the markets.

We expect the term structure of volatility to make some shifts over the next few days, as traders and hedgers build positions for May end options on USDINR and Nifty. We also need to keep an eye on the risk reversals on USDINR. 25 delta risk reversal is the spread in implied volatility between 25 delta call option and 25 delta put option. Higher the demand for call options, fearing a dollar surge, higher is the risk reversal level. Currently, the 25 delta RR is at an extremely low level for 1 month duration, around 45 bps. However, the 25D RR for 3 month is almost 70 bps higher, around 110-115 bps, indicating that INR traders are still maintaining a political risk premium intact in USDINR. We need to keep a watch on the spread between 1 & 3 months. If this spread contracts sharply it can be an indication of market becoming sanguine about a NaMo win in 2019.

On the global front, traders have events to trade from UK. On one hand, the pro-Brexiteers want UK out of EU completely but not without a deal. However, Irish parties are reluctant to erect hard border between Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland. EU has offered a compromise by allowing no hard border but UK may have to remain loosely attached to EU, through the Irish backstop. EU is adamant and not willing to budge. Some UK politicians have called for another referendum. However, UK PM is not so keen on a second one, as that can not only harm her and her party's electoral prospects and also risk another "no vote". Therefore, in this hot mess, UK politicians are reluctant to back any risky move as they are not sure how that will impact their political careers. Therefore over this week, it is likely that UK may vote for an extension of the March 29th deadline. Then it will be up to EU to accept the extension, which they most likely will. The extension could be for another 4-6 months. Such an outcome would keep the political and economic uncertainty lingering for UK economy, UK assets and GBP. As a result, it may be difficult for GBP to sustain any rally post extension, beyond 1.3250/1.33 against USD and 93.00 against INR.

On Euro, post ECB, the single currency has faced a lot of heat. This week, industrial production data will be keenly watched for any revival signs. From US, after a very weak NFP for February, focus will be on retail sales, consumer sentiment and JOLTs data. If the poor show continues in US data, then USD can decline against most currencies, especially Rupee.

Technically, USDINR can face more downside pressure. As long as upside remains capped around 70.50, we would look to sell short for a test of 69.70. In case if USDINR sustains below 69.70, it can test 69.40/50. Nevertheless, in case of a break above 70.50, we would reverse to long USD for a test of 71.00

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