

Key Highlights

- OECD calls for further rate hikes, citing persistently high inflation
- As liquidity tightens, RBI injects Rs 1 trn, largest infusion in 4 yrs
- ECB hiked rates by 50bps; determined to fight high inflation

Weekly Currency Performance & Outlook

USDINR

Last week, the Indian Rupee traded in a range bound manner with a slight weaker bias tracking losses in Asian equities and currencies on concerns over the spillover fears after the collapse of the Silicon Valley Bank. Fallout from the collapse of U.S. lenders Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank prompted investors to dump risk assets and price in rate cuts by the Federal Reserve this year. Safe-haven currencies like the U.S. dollar and the yen were in bid on renewed fears of a global banking crisis after contagion from the implosion of U.S.-based Silicon Valley Bank had spread across the Atlantic to Swiss bank Credit Suisse.

USDINR SPOT (CMP: 82.55) is likely to surged towards the 83.20 mark.

EURINR

Last week, both EURUSD and EURINR plunged sharply in the initial few days of trading days as shares of European and U.S. banks declined sharply. Investors who were already reeling from the demise of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) had to contend with a selloff in the shares of Credit Suisse, after its largest shareholder said it could not provide further support to the Swiss bank. In the later part of the week, both EURUSD and EURINR recovered aided by the slight improvement in risk following bank rescues in the U.S. and Europe. The recovery in shares of European lender Credit Suisse, after it received help from Switzerland's central bank to shore up its liquidity, further helped revive risk appetite. In addition, the ECB stuck to a planned interest rate increase as it remained laser focused on battling sky-high inflation despite market turmoil over fears of a widening banking crisis.

EURINR SPOT (CMP: 88.01) is likely to trade higher towards 89.00 levels.

GBPINR

Last week, both GBPUSD and GBPINR surged by more than 1 percent owing to sharp fall seen in DXY. A pullback in Federal Reserve interest rate hike bets pushed the pairing higher. The possibility of a policy convergence between the Fed and the Bank of England (BoE) lent further support to Pound. Also, the news that HSBC and the Bank of England (BoE) had purchased the UK operations of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) worked in favor of the currency. The move is thought to have the potential to save large swathes of the UK's tech sector from insolvency.

GBPINR SPOT (CMP: 100.46) is likely to trade higher towards 101.80 levels.

CURRENCY	S2	S1	R1	R2
USDINR Mar	81.40	82.00	83.20	83.80
EURINR Mar	86.20	87.00	88.90	89.90
GBRINR Mar	98.20	99.20	101.20	102.30
JPYINR Mar	60.80	61.50	63.00	63.70

Weekly Trend Deciding Levels

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