

DAILY CURRENCY UPDATE

Friday, 03 May 2019

| DOMESTIC MARKET ACTIVITY AS ON 02-05-2019 | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|---------------------------|--------|
| Currency Pairs | Open Interest | % Chg | Total Trade Volume | % Chg | No of Contracts Traded | % Chg |
| USDINR | 2680867 | +3.99 | 10914.67 | -37.08 | 1564102 | -36.80 |
| EURINR | 58591 | +19.01 | 553.38 | +0.89 | 70605 | +1.25 |
| GBPINR | 30576 | -5.22 | 1484.91 | +43.26 | 162867 | +42.99 |
| JPYINR | 23323 | -1.45 | 138.01 | -38.15 | 22018 | -37.81 |

CURRENCY UPDATES

- DOLLAR INDEX- The dollar recovered on Thursday after suffering some brief losses overnight with traders focusing on relatively confident comments from Fed Chair Jerome Powell on the economy's outlook. The greenback took a beating after a surprisingly sharp retreat in the ISM index of manufacturing to 52.8 and downgrades of the U.S. inflation outlook prompted investors to sell the U.S. currency and push Treasury yields lower. But that changed when Fed Chair Jerome Powell said the factors dragging on inflation might be "transitory" and he saw no case for a rate move in either direction. As a result, the dollar was half a percent above overnight lows against a basket of its rivals while 10-year Treasury yields was seven basis points above overnight lows. "Powell is seeing the glass half full," said Konstantinos Anthis, Dubai-based head of research at ADSS. "What's more important though is that he made it clear that he sees no case for easing interest rates, which of course will not make President Trump happy at all." Still, interest rate futures markets are pricing in a 64 percent probability of a rate cut by the end of the year though that probability might change after monthly jobs data due on Friday and U.S. inflation data next week.
- EUR/USD EUR/USD price action shows that hopes of euro area recovery hinges on Germany Optimism in the euro levels off after Germany final manufacturing PMI data for April reaffirms the country's struggles After the release of the Spain, Italy and French final readings, EUR/USD climbed from 1.1205 to a high of 1.1219 before those gains levelled off to just under 1.1210 now after Germany's final reading confirmed that the country's manufacturing sector is still struggling heavily. With the backbone of the euro area's most important economy failing to stand upright, it will continue to prove to be an unwanted headwind for the single currency. And that is evident with a bit of the tapering of enthusiasm in EUR/USD price action earlier. If the final print for Germany actually showed a notable improvement to the initial estimate, I would've expected the euro to keep up with light bids throughout the session.

TECHNICAL LEVELS

| Currency Pairs | Fut. Closed | % Chg | S2 | S1 | Pivot | R1 | R2 |
|-------------------|-------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|
| USD-INR | 69.59 | -0.38 | 69.33 | 69.46 | 69.69 | 69.82 | 70.05 |
| EUR-INR | 78.21 | -0.44 | 77.89 | 78.05 | 78.33 | 78.50 | 78.78 |
| GBP-INR | 90.96 | -0.05 | 90.48 | 90.72 | 91.06 | 91.30 | 91.65 |
| JPY-INR | 62.54 | -0.54 | 62.31 | 62.43 | 62.64 | 62.75 | 62.97 |



CURRENCY IN FOCUS

USD-INR (May)



Technical Strategy: Sell USD-INR May AT 69.68 – 69.70 with SL above 69.85 TP-69.50/69.35.

| Major Economic Data and Events Schedule For 03-05-2019 | | | | | | | |
|--|----------|---------------------|----------|----------|-----------------|--|--|
| Time | Currency | Economic Indicators | Forecast | Previous | Possible Impact | | |
| - | - | No major release | - | - | - | | |

Impact - High Medium Low

Note: Economic data expectations are based on median forecast by economists or Reuters and Bloomberg survey. Here positive impact indicates currency could appreciate and negative indicates currency could depreciate in comparison with US Dollar.





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