

Rupee closed weaker on Friday:

The Indian rupee closed markedly weaker on Friday as domestic share indices and their Asian peers slipped after reports that the Russian troops attacked Europe's largest nuclear plant in Ukraine. Asian share indices fell following reports that smoke was seen from a Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in the Ukrainian city of Enerhodar after an attack by Russian troops. The plant is the largest of its kind in Europe. Ukraine's second-biggest city, Kharkiv, suffered heavy bombardment, while officials said Russian forces have gained control of the key port city of Kherson in southern Ukraine. These developments come as Russian and Ukrainian officials held another round of talks in Belarus on Thursday. Prices of Brent crude oil closed higher on Friday as the intensifying Russia-Ukraine war likely disrupted the Russian oil supply. Moreover, the US currency edged higher on Friday as weekly US jobless data indicated the US labour market was gaining steam. This may further dampen sentiment for the Rupee. Furthermore, during his second day of testimony before Congress on Thursday, US Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell reiterated that he supports a 25-basis-point hike in March.

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Technical Outlook:

- USD-INR (MAR) has formed a “Rising channel” pattern on the weekly chart.
- The market is expected to continue its bullish momentum based on the current price action. Once the price breaks and sustains above the resistance level of 76.50, the upside rally could test the level of 77.20-78.00 in the upcoming sessions.
- On the contrary, if the resistance holds strong then the market might turn bearish once again and the downside rally could test 75.80 – 75.30 levels in the upcoming sessions.
- **USD-INR has its major support at 75.30 and resistance at 76.50.**

Weekly Pivot Table

Currency	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2
USD/INR	73.73	74.67	75.33	76.27	76.93
EUR/INR	83.36	83.68	84.29	84.61	85.22
GBP/INR	100.32	100.93	101.42	102.03	102.52
JPY /INR	65.11	65.65	65.93	66.47	66.75