

**Rupee closed higher on Thursday:**

The Rupee closed stronger even as the dollar index touched a fresh near two-year high globally in early trade on the prospect of more aggressive pace of rate hikes by the US Federal Reserve. On Thursday, St. Louis Fed President James Bullard said he prefers boosting the policy rate to 3.00-3.25% in the second half of 2022. The US dollar continued to gain after minutes released on Wednesday showed many participants were prepared to raise interest rates by 50 bps in the months to come.

In the meantime, oil prices fell due to uncertainty that the Euro-zone will be able to effectively sanction Russian energy exports as well as the announcement of a 120 million barrel release from IEA reserves to counter the tightening supply. Falling oil prices cause India's import bill to fall, which boosts sentiment for the Indian currency.

The RBI, in its first monetary policy of 2022-23 keeps repo rate and reverse repo rate unchanged at 4% and 3.5%, respectively. also, the RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said the Indian economy has large forex reserves and that it stands ready and resolute to defend the economy.

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**Technical Outlook:**

- USD-INR (APR) has formed a “Falling channel” pattern in 4hr time frame.
- The market is expected to move in the range of 75.80 to 76.30.
- Fresh buying is recommended only when the prices break and sustain above the resistance level of 76.30, the upside rally could test the level of 76.80-77.30 in the upcoming sessions.
- On the contrary, if the resistance holds strong then the market may resume its downside rally for the target of 75.80-75.30 in the upcoming sessions.
- **USD-INR has its major support at 75.80 and resistance at 76.30.**

**Weekly Pivot Table**

Currency	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2
USD/INR	75.13	75.57	75.88	76.32	76.63
EUR/INR	81.39	82.08	83.19	83.88	84.99
GBP/INR	98.22	98.69	99.34	99.81	100.46
JPY /INR	60.48	60.91	61.60	62.03	62.72