

# DAILY CURRENCY UPDATE

Wednesday, 13 March 2019

DOMESTIC MARKET ACTIVITY AS ON 12-03-2019							
Currency Pairs	Open Interest	% Chg	Total Trade Volume	% Chg	No of Contracts Traded	% Chg	
USDINR	2409374	+0.22	18694.46	+42.64	2677152	+43.22	
EURINR	76915	+2.68	458.23	+3.77	58184	+3.98	
GBPINR	67276	+0.14	2102.45	+101.94	228520	+100.07	
JPYINR	38814	+2.27	191.83	+21.57	30546	+22.31	

#### **CURRENCY UPDATES**

- **DOLLAR INDEX-** The U.S. dollar stayed within familiar trading ranges as investors looked ahead to February inflation figures due at 8:30AM ET (12:30 GMT). Data on Monday showed U.S. retail sales rose moderately in January, lifted by an increase in purchases of building materials and discretionary spending. The U.S. dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against a basket of six major currencies, was down 0.25% at 96.93.
- EUR/USD What's more is that the core rate of inflation is projected to print 2.2% for the fourth consecutive month, and signs of sticky price growth may spark a bullish reaction in the U.S. dollar as it put pressure on the Federal Reserve to bring back the hawkish forward-guidance for monetary policy. As a result, the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) may have a difficult time in abandoning the hiking-cycle even though Chairman Jerome Powell asserts that the central bank won't 'overreact' to above-target inflation, and the Summary of Economic Projections (SEP) may renew bets for a rate-hike if Fed officials continue to forecast a longer-run interest rate forecast of 2.75% to 3.00%. However, a dismal development may encourage the FOMC to endorse a wait-and-see approach throughout the first-half of 2019 as 'some risks to the downside had increased,' and the dollar may face a more bearish fate over the near-term should the data prints keep the Fed on track to halt the hiking-cycle. The U.S. Consumer Price Index (CPI) may undermine the recent rebound in EUR/USD as the headline reading is expected to hold steady at 1.6% in February.

#### **TECHNICAL LEVELS**

Currency Pairs	Fut. Closed	% Chg	S2	<b>S1</b>	Pivot	R1	R2
USD-INR	69.81	-0.30	69.50	69.65	69.76	69.92	70.03
EUR-INR	78.75	-0.16	78.44	78.60	78.74	78.90	79.04
GBP-INR	90.99	-0.16	89.81	90.40	91.49	92.08	93.17
JPY-INR	62.88	-0.29	62.47	62.67	62.81	63.01	63.14



#### **CURRENCY IN FOCUS**

### **USD-INR (Mar)**



Technical Strategy: Buy USD-INR Mar AT 69.80 with SL below 69.60 TP-70.10/70.25.

Major Economic Data and Events Schedule For 13-03-2019							
Time	Currency	Economic Indicators	Forecast	Previous	Possible Impact		
Tentative	GBP	Parliament Brexit Vote	Reject	Reject	High		

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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