

The Rupee closed higher on Friday

The Indian rupee closed slightly higher from its opening on Friday as flat inflation reading in the US, which arrived on Wednesday, calmed market jitters about inflationary pressures. Expectations of exporters dollar deliverables have also bunched-up and inflows may also support the rupee through the day. Data released in the US on Wednesday showed that the consumer price index rose 0.4% in February, in line with expectations. The core consumer price index, which excludes volatile food and energy costs, rose 0.1% from a month ago against the market estimate of a 0.2% gain. The key data point tamed concerns surrounding the rise in inflation for now. But some market players expect inflation to accelerate in the coming months due to the massive stimulus package in the US, income growth, and COVID-19 vaccinations.



Technical Outlook:

- USD-INR (MAR) managed to sustain above the 100DMA support level of 72.80 on the weekly chart.
- The market is expected to continue its bullish momentum based on the current price action, the upside rally could test the level of 73.80-74.30 in the upcoming sessions.
- On the contrary, if prices break and sustain below the support level of 72.60 then the market might turn bearish once again and the downside rally could test 72.30 – 71.80 levels.
- **USD-INR has its major support at 72.60 and resistance at 73.30.**

Weekly Pivot Table

Currency	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2
USD/INR	72.30	72.60	73.07	73.37	73.84
EUR/INR	86.38	86.66	87.12	87.40	87.86
GBP/INR	100.82	101.16	101.52	101.86	102.22
JPY /INR	66.22	66.55	67.19	67.52	68.16