## USD/INR at Resistance

## Rupee closed flat on Friday:

The Indian Rupee recovered from its weak opening, closing flat despite a rise in crude oil prices amid uncertainty around how aggressively the Fed will hike interest rates to combat inflation. The Fed Governor Christopher Waller said he supported another 75 -basis-point interest rate hike at the central bank's policy meeting, due later this month, but would lean towards a larger hike if new data shows demand is not slowing fast enough to reduce inflation.
On Thursday, Indian data showed that the merchandise trade deficit reached a record high of $\$ 26.18$ billion in June due to high oil imports, raising fears that the rupee could lose more value.This is the second straight month in which trade deficit has hit a record high. Data from the US Labor Department on Wednesday showed that inflation in the US jumped 9.1\% in June, higher than the anticipated 8.8\%, marking the largest increase in nearly 41 years.


## Technical Outlook:

- USD-INR (JUI) has formed a "Inside Bar Candlestick" pattern on a daily time frame.
- The overall trend is bullish but, fresh buying is recommended only when the prices break and sustain above its resistance level of 80.00, the upside rally could test the level of 80.60-81.30 in the upcoming sessions.
- On the contrary, if the resistance holds strong then there is a chance of a reversal in prices for the downside targets of 79.50-78.80.
- USD-INR has its major support at $\mathbf{7 9 . 2 0}$ and resistance at $\mathbf{8 0 . 2 0}$.


## Weekly Pivot Table

| Currency | S2 | S1 | Pivot | R1 | R2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| USD/INR | 78.99 | 79.44 | 79.79 | 80.24 | 80.59 |
| EUR/INR | 79.29 | 79.87 | 80.37 | 80.95 | 81.45 |
| GBP/INR | 93.55 | 94.07 | 94.73 | 95.25 | 95.91 |
| JPY /INR | 55.85 | 56.76 | 58.38 | 59.29 | 60.91 |

