

**Rupee trades weak on the back of lockdown:**

The rupee opened weak above the 76.00 mark on Tuesday as India activates lockdown of almost every state and domestic airlines being grounded. The tension remains in the air of further escalation and consequent economic stress amidst continued FII exodus and precipitating stock markets, with the resultant devaluation of the rupee. The premiums remained high on Monday due to panic import hedging and lack on exporter bookings. The NDF markets continues to trade weak after India close, touching 76.50 on early Monday trade. It's worth mentioning that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced on Monday that it preponed the second tranche of purchasing Indian rupee 15,000 crores of government securities under the open market operations (OMOs) that was earlier scheduled for March 26. Moving on, traders will now pay close attention to the US package and COVID-19 headlines while also following the preliminary readings of the PMI for intermediate clues.

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SMA(CloseLine:50)



**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 resistance level of 76.50, the upside rally could test the level of 77.20-78.00 in the upcoming sessions.
- Alternatively, if the resistance holds strong then the market might turn bearish once again and the downside rally could test 75.40 – 74.20 levels on the upcoming sessions.
- **USD-INR has its major support at 75.80 and resistance at 76.50.**

**Weekly Pivot Table**

Currency	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2
USD/INR	73.39	74.30	74.86	75.77	76.33
EUR/INR	78.25	79.43	81.52	82.71	84.80
GBP/INR	82.93	85.74	89.02	91.83	95.11
JPY /INR	66.40	67.37	68.89	69.86	71.37