

**Rupee closed slightly higher on Friday:**

The Rupee continued to strengthen and closed near 4 month highs in the last session appreciating by 5 paise. It also closed below 73 levels which is also the strong support level amid continued flows seen in domestic equities. The Reserve Bank of India recently signaled that it wouldn't ease back on US Dollar purchases. The RBI's buying action pushed the India Rupee to the bottom of the list for Asia's currency ranking in 2020.

Despite rising versus the Indian Rupee the US Dollar trended lower amid raise in global risk appetite. The upbeat mood in the market from rising stimulus optimism sapped demand for the greenback. Hopes, that President Biden's \$1.9 trillion COVID stimulus package will quickly be pushed through over shadowed weaker data.



**Technical Outlook:**

- USD-INR JAN future closed below its critical support level of 73 on a daily chart.
- The market is expected to continue its bearish momentum based on the current price action and the downside rally could test the levels of 72.50-71.80 in the upcoming sessions.
- **USD-INR has support at 72.80 and resistance at 73.60.**

**Weekly Pivot Table**

Currency	S2	S1	Pivot	R1	R2
USD/INR	72.63	72.79	73.10	73.26	73.57
EUR/INR	88.10	88.47	88.79	89.16	89.48
GBP/INR	98.70	99.21	99.76	100.27	100.82
JPY /INR	70.12	70.25	70.50	70.63	70.88