

## **CURRENCY INSIGHT**

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## Dollar Index Retreats amid Mixed Economic Signals and Rate Hike Impact, USDINR Faces Resistance at 83 Mark with Limited Upside Potential



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he dollar index retreated below 102.5 for the second consecutive session as traders awaited a significant monthly jobs report that could influence US interest rate decisions. Mixed economic signals played a role, with jobless claims remaining near five-month lows and factory orders surging in June, while services sector growth slowed in July. Despite this uncertainty, the dollar looked set for its third straight week of gains, buoyed by strong US economic data and rising Treasury yields. A recent downgrade in the US credit rating added to the dollar's appeal as a safe-haven asset, particularly evident in its performance against risk-sensitive currencies like sterling and the Australian dollar. The Bank of England's recent rate hike decision also contributed to the dollar's dynamics, showcasing the intricate interplay of global currencies in response to major central bank policy shifts.

The Dollar-Rupee pair found a firm foothold around the 200-day Exponential Moving Average (EMA) at approximately 81.70 levels, initiating a robust upswing towards a resistance range spanning 82.90 to 83, a level not seen in several months. As of the latest data, the pair is currently trading within this resistance zone, striving to overcome it, a task it has been tackling over the past two days.

However, the recent momentum in the Dollar Index, which experienced a pause, combined with the noteworthy strength exhibited by the Pound and Euro following the Bank of England's rate hike decision, implies a potential weakening of the Dollar in the near future.

Taking a technical perspective, the 14-period Relative Strength Index (RSI) for the USDINR pair is positioned around 68, slightly below the overbought threshold. This suggests that the pair might have limited upside potential at this point. It's worth noting that the RSI could act as a limiting factor, possibly impeding the USDINR from breeching the 83 level easily.

Taking into account various factors including the recent pause in the dollar's upward rally, the notable strength observed in the Pound and Euro, the multi-month resistance faced by USDINR, the overbought indication from the RSI, and the anticipation of possible RBI intervention, it appears that the potential for further upside in USDINR is limited, particularly around the 83 level.

In the upcoming week, we could anticipate a period of consolidation or even a correction, especially if the currency experiences a pullback from its current major resistance. Should a correction occur, there's a likelihood of the pair aiming for a rebound towards its mean support area, situated around the 21-day Exponential Moving Average (EMA) at approximately 82.32 levels.

However, it's crucial to acknowledge that if circumstances shift and USDINR successfully breaches its significant resistance barrier at the 83 mark, this could trigger a sharp and immediate upward rally. To navigate these potential scenarios, it's advisable to exercise caution and implement a strategic approach. We recommend considering the placement of a stop-loss order above 83.15 levels to manage potential risks associated with sudden market movements.



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