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- As decline in dollar index and bounce back in equity markets were partially offset by elevated crude oil prices and FII outflows. The government's recent cut on fuel excise duty and increased subsidies on food and fertilizers also weighed down on Rupee, as it might lead to further widening of fiscal balance.
- □ FPI Net investments witnessed an outflow of more than Rs.1.75 trillion for the year 2022, owing to elevated crude oil prices and widening domestic trade deficit, prompting foreign outflows.
- □ Both the benchmark indices, Nifty and Sensex bounced back from lows and closed higher amid broad risk on sentiments from a declining dollar index and waning concerns about overly aggressive interest rate hikes by the central banks, lifting sentiments globally.
- ☐ There was no major economic data in the previous week. India's retail inflation in India increased to 7.79% in April, the highest since May 2014, as food inflation accelerated for the 7th straight month to 8.38%.
- □ India's forex reserves spiked for the first time snapping nine consecutive shrinkages. The forex kitty increased by \$4.2 billion to \$597.5 billion for the week ended 20th May, according to RBI data.

□ Dollar index closed lower at 101.67, against previous week's close of 103.15.

- □ Dollar index witnessed second consecutive weekly decline, easing more than 3% from a two decade high of 105 touched on 13th May, as softness in US economic data and corporate earnings raised fears of an economic slowdown. Investors reassessed expectations about future Federal Reserve rate hikes amid signs the central bank might slow or even pause its tightening cycle later this year.
- □ On the economic data front, the personal consumption expenditure price index in the United States increased 0.2% month-over-month in April of 2022, much less than a 0.9% rise in March. Meanwhile, US economy contracted an annualized 1.5% on quarter in the first three months of 2022, slightly worse than initial estimates of a 1.4% decline, with the biggest drag coming from trade.

Global Currencies wow Change						
Currencies	Last	Abs Chg	% Chg			
Dollar Index	101.67	-1.48	-1.44%			
EUR Spot	1.0735	0.02	1.62%			
GBP Spot	1.2631	0.02	1.21%			
JPY Spot	127.11	-0.77	-0.60%			
US 10 Year	2.7378	-0.04	-0.04%			

Domestic Currencies wow Change						
Currencies	Last	Abs Chg	% Chg			
Rupee spot	77.571	0.03	0.03%			
USDINR	77.659	-0.05	-0.06%			
EURINR	83.488	1.27	1.54%			
GBPINR	98.107	1.18	1.22%			
JPYINR	61.21	0.46	0.75%			

■ What lies ahead?

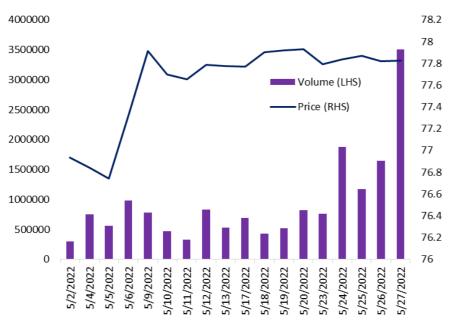
Rupee spot (CMP: 77.52) might appreciate towards 77.30 levels, as:

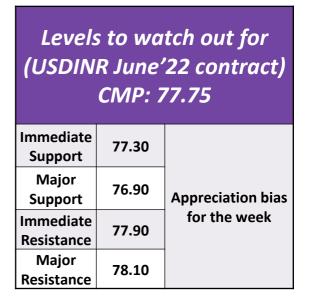
- Weakness in dollar index coupled with risk on sentiments after China eased some covid restrictions might underpin
 Rupee. Fed hawkishness seems to have peaked out and dollar index might further weaken unless we see a new surge in
 US rate pricing or renewed economic concerns from China.
- Rupee might gain ahead of RBI meeting on 8th June, where the central bank is expected to hike rates by 25-50 basis
 points as domestic inflation runs hot, well above RBI's upper target range.
- However, upside might be limited as rising crude oil prices, trading above \$116 per bbl poses trade risk and prompts FII
 outflows from the domestic currency.
- US Labour data will be the major focus for the week which might provide further cues on Fed's plans. A slew of domestic economic data are also due this week, including Q1 GDP, Fiscal deficit, Infrastructure output and PMI's.





NSE USDINR June 2022 Future





Source: Bloomberg

				Technical Le	evels For th	ne Week				
Currencies	Expiry	Close	Trend	S1	S2	S3	Pivot	R1	R2	R3
Dollar Index	-	101.668	•	101.433	101.051	100.433	102.050	102.668	103.050	103.667
USDINR Spot	-	77.57	•	77.47	77.41	77.30	77.57	77.68	77.74	77.84
USDINR	Jun	77.83	•	77.73	77.66	77.54	77.84	77.95	78.02	78.13
EURINR	Jun	83.45	A	82.80	82.49	81.99	83.31	83.81	84.12	84.63
GBPINR	Jun	98.07	A	97.42	97.10	96.58	97.95	98.47	98.79	99.31
JPYINR	Jun	61.41	A	61.09	60.94	60.71	61.32	61.55	61.69	61.92
EUR spot	-	1.074	A	1.060	1.055	1.046	1.068	1.077	1.082	1.090
GBP Spot	-	1.091	▼	1.083	1.075	1.063	1.095	1.107	1.114	1.126
JPY Spot	-	127.110	▼	126.526	126.120	125.463	127.183	127.840	128.246	128.903

Upcoming Key Economic Indicators (US)						
1 st June, 2022	ISM Manufacturing PMI	Higher than expected PMI positive for dollar				
2 nd June, 2022	ADP Employment Change	Higher than expected employment change positive for dollar				
2 nd June, 2022	Factory orders	Higher than expected factory orders positive for dollar				
2 nd June, 2022	Durable goods orders	Lower than expected goods orders negative for dollar				
3 rd June, 2022	Non farm payrolls	Higher non farm payrolls positive for dollar				
3 rd June, 2022	Unemployment rate	Higher than expectations are negative for dollar				
3 rd June, 2022	ISM Services PMI	Higher than expectations are positive for dollar				





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