

Rupee Under Pressure Despite RBI Intervention

The Indian rupee remained under significant pressure, briefly slipping to a record low of 91.07 against the US dollar before recovering part of its losses, supported by strong intervention from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The central bank stepped in after the currency hit fresh record lows for four consecutive sessions, triggering its sharpest intraday recovery in about seven months. Despite a weaker US dollar and falling global crude oil prices, the rupee has been weighed down by sustained foreign portfolio outflows and an ongoing stalemate in India-US trade negotiations. Over the past 10 trading sessions, the rupee has weakened nearly 1%, and so far, this year it has declined about 6%, making it one of the worst-performing global currencies. A widening trade deficit, high US tariffs, and persistent capital outflows continue to keep the currency under stress.

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