

ALL IN A DAY

Forex reserves drop for 4th week, decline to over 5-month low

India's foreign exchange reserves declined for a fourth straight week to \$586.91 billion, the lowest in more than five months, as of September 29, data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) showed on Friday. That was a decrease of \$3.8 billion from the previous week.

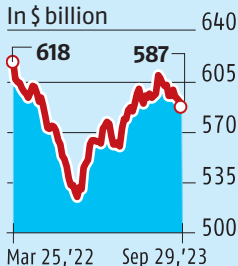
Reserves had fallen by a total of \$8.2 billion in the prior three weeks. The central bank intervenes in the spot and forwards markets to prevent runaway moves in the rupee.

India's forex reserves are "sizeable" and "very comfortable," RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Friday, while reiterating that the central bank's intervention aims to prevent any volatility of the rupee's exchange rate.

Foreign exchange reserves include India's Reserve Tranche position in the IMF.

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