

Forex kitty shrinks by \$1.31 bn after gain last wk

Forex reserves dropped by \$1.31 billion to \$593.74 billion for the week ended June 9, the Reserve Bank of India said on Friday.

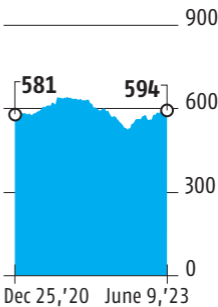
The overall reserves had jumped by \$5.93 billion to \$595.06 billion for the previous reporting week. It can be noted that in October 2021, the country's forex kitty had reached an all-time high of \$645 billion. The reserves have been declining as the central bank deploys the kitty to defend the rupee amid pressures caused majorly by global developments.

For the week ended June 9, the foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, decreased by \$1.12 billion to \$525.07 billion.

Expressed in dollar terms, the foreign currency assets include the effect of appreciation or depreciation of non-US units like the euro, pound and yen held in the foreign exchange reserves.

Gold reserves dropped by \$183 million to \$45.37 billion, the RBI said. The Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) were up by \$2 million to \$18.18 billion. The country's reserve position with the IMF was down by \$8 million to \$5.115 billion in the reporting week, the apex bank data showed.

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