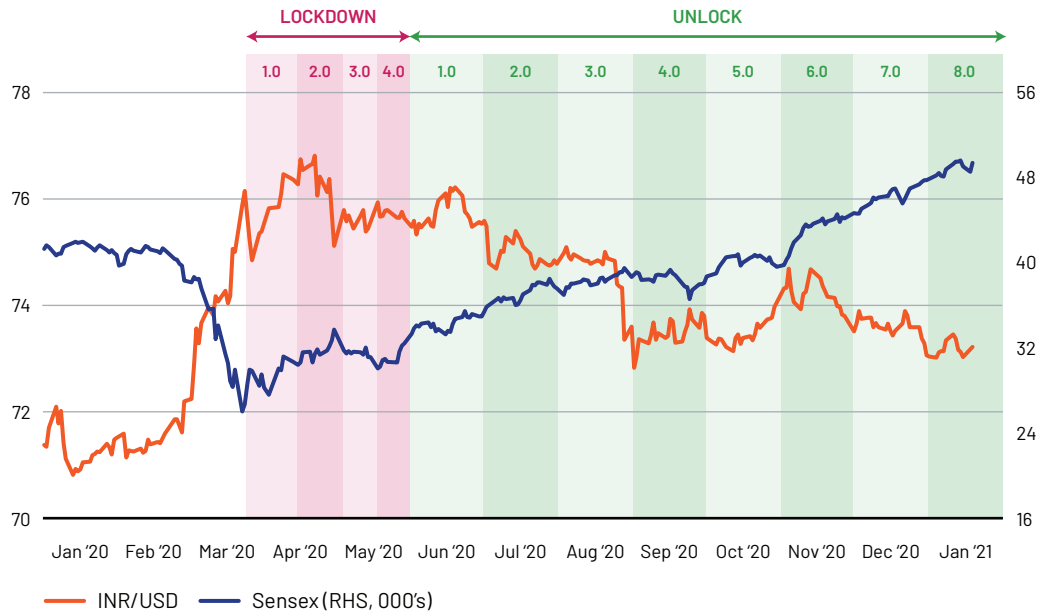


Chart 21: INR and Sensex reached record high

Source: FBIL, BSE Sensex, Acuity Knowledge Partners
 Note: Data as on 18 January 2021



- » In 2020, INR was weaker by around 2.4% even as the rout was halted by a series of RBI measures (FX intervention, reduction in key rates and announcement of liquidity measures)
- » After reaching as low as 72.8 on 1 September, the INR is currently trading around 73.2 (Dec: 73.6), to some extent helped by fresh stimulus announced in the US (leading to a weak USD)
- » On the contrary, equity markets successfully recovered from the freefall seen in March (26K), with Sensex closing 2020 at 47.8K
- » Boosted by vaccination kick-off and stable INR, Sensex breached the 50K level on 21 January