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UPI transactions top Rs 20 trn for third straight month

India's flagship payments platform, Unified Payments Interface (UPI), reported a 45 per cent year-on-year (Y-o-Y) growth in transaction volume to reach 14.44 billion in July. The value of transactions also saw a 35 per cent Y-o-Y increase, totaling Rs 20.64 trillion, according to data released by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). This marks the third consecutive month when the value of transactions exceeded Rs 20 trillion. Previously, UPI transaction values totaled Rs 20.07 trillion in June and Rs 20.44 trillion in May. The data also shows the average daily transaction count on UPI in July was 466 million, amounting to Rs 66,590 crore. Sequentially, the volume of UPI transactions grew by 3.95 per cent in July, while the value of transactions increased by 2.84 per cent during the same period. In the current financial year (FY25), UPI recorded 55.66 billion transactions worth Rs 80.79 trillion. In FY24, UPI surpassed 100 billion transactions for the first time, ending the year at 131 billion, compared to 84 billion in FY23.

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Retail credit growth moderates to 16.6% in June 2024, shows RBI data

The retail loan growth declined to 16.6 per cent year-on-year (YoY) in June 2024 from 21.3 per cent a year ago, largely due to sharp moderation in credit in the segment. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data showed that growth in the other personal loan category, which consists mainly of unsecured credit, fell sharply to 13.2 per cent YoY in June 2024 from 28.4 per cent in June 2023. However, credit growth to 'housing,' the largest constituent of the segment, accelerated to 18.2 per cent YoY from 14.8 per cent YoY. The credit growth numbers exclude the impact of the merger with Private Bank. The RBI in its statement said non-food credit grew by 13.9 per cent in June 2024, down from 16.3 per cent in June 2023. Credit to industry inched up to 7.7 per cent YoY in June 2024 compared with 7.4 per cent a year ago. There was a slight improvement in credit to large industries at 6.9 per cent in June 2024 from 5.4 per cent a year ago.

Digitalization

UPI transactions cross ₹20 trillion for third successive month in July 2024

Payments through the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) reported a 45% yearly growth, according to data from the National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI). The value of transactions also saw a growth of over 35%, totaling ₹20.64 trillion. This marks the third consecutive month when total transactions exceeded ₹20 trillion. In June 2024, the total UPI transaction value was ₹20.07 trillion, while in May it was ₹20.44 trillion. NPCI data also showed that the average daily transaction value through UPI in July 2024 was ₹466 million, or about ₹66,590 crore. Compared with June, the volume of UPI transactions grew by 3.95% in July, while the value of transactions increased by 2.84%. In the first four months of the current fiscal year (2024-25), UPI recorded transactions amounting to ₹80.79 trillion across approximately 55.66 billion transactions.

Economy

India economic outlook, August 2024

The country ended fiscal year 2023 to 2024¹ with a big bang, surpassing all market estimates of GDP, with 8.15% year-over-year (YoY) growth. For three consecutive years, India's economy has exceeded growth expectations (averaging 8.3% annual growth over this period) despite global uncertainties, driven by strong domestic demand and continuous government efforts toward reforms and capital expenditure. Optimism prevails, as highlighted by a Deloitte pre-budget expectation survey, which shows high confidence among industry leaders in India's continued robust growth.² With prevalent signs of the rural economy rebounding, strong growth in manufacturing, robust bank balance sheets and credit growth, and stronger exports in services and high-value manufacturing, there is confidence that India's underlying potential will help it outpace growth in the rest of the world.

Banking

RBI's Digital Rupee Program

India accounts for nearly half of the world's digital payments, holding a 48.5 percent share in the global real-time payments volume, a report from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said on Monday. The report also highlighted that India leads the world in global remittances, having received \$115.3 billion in 2023. "India is leading the world with a share of 48.5 per cent in global real-time payments volume. Global remittances that are increasingly being affected through mobile money and digital platforms are estimated to have increased to \$857.3 billion in 2023, led by India (\$115.3 billion)," the report said. Digital payments in India have recorded a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 50% and 10% in volume and value terms, respectively, in the last seven years, involving 164 billion transactions worth ₹2,428 lakh crore in 2023-24.

Market

Rupee Stays Steady As RBI Steps In To Balance Market

In August 2024, the Indian rupee remained stable at 83.7175 against the US dollar, demonstrating resilience amid global currency pressures. This stability is likely due to the Reserve Bank of India's strategic interventions, which helped counteract the weak Chinese yuan and high dollar demand from importers. Despite a 0.3% slip in the offshore Chinese yuan to 7.24 against the dollar and a rebound in the dollar index to 104.4, the rupee held firm. Most Asian currencies appreciated, though the Chinese yuan continued to decline. The US Federal Reserve's decision to keep policy rates unchanged, with potential rate cuts in September, provided further relief to global markets. The rupee's stability reflects India's robust economic management and strategic monetary policies, fostering a positive outlook.

Currency	Rate (Rs)	Change	Index	Change	
USDINR	83.552	0.013	NIFTY 50	24,613.00	26.30
EURINR	91.315	0.27	BSE Sensex	80,716.55	51.69
GBPINR	108.892	0.509			
JPYINR	53.35	0.6056			