

IMF: India makes faster payments than other countries, courtesy UPI

India now makes faster payments than any other country with the quick growth of Unified Payments Interface (UPI); and the usage of other instruments, including debit and credit cards, is on the decline, according to an International Monetary Fund (IMF) note.

IMF's Fintech Note titled 'Growing Retail Digital Payments: The Value of Interoperability' said that since its launch in 2016, UPI has grown quickly, while some proxies for cash usage have begun to decline.

UPI now processes more than

18 billion transactions per month and dominates other electronic retail payments in India. "India now makes faster payments than any other country. At the same time, proxies for cash usage have fallen," the note said.

It presents evidence consistent with this framework using granular data covering the universe of transactions on India's UPI.

It is an instant and real-time payment system developed by NPCI to facilitate inter-bank transactions through mobile phones.

