- The **Northeastern region** has surpassed the national average in the adoption of **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**-based digital payments, according to data presented by **State Bank of India**.
- UPI transactions now account for nearly **90% of all digital transactions** in the region, reflecting rapid digital transformation and growing financial inclusion.
- The trend highlights increasing smartphone penetration, improved internet connectivity, and wider acceptance of digital payment platforms among consumers and businesses.
- The achievement underscores the Northeast’s emergence as a leader in India’s digital economy and cashless payment ecosystem.

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