

Paytm Gets Third-party Licence from NPCI

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The <u>National Payments Corporation of India</u> has recently granted approval to Paytm-owner One97 Communications Ltd to participate in <u>Unified Payments Interface (UPI)</u> as a **Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP)** under the multi-bank model.

- Axis Bank, HDFC Bank, State Bank of India, and YES Bank will act as Payment System Provider (PSP) banks to Paytm.
 - Previously, Paytm operated through its own <u>payments bank</u> licence. However, due to regulatory non-compliance, RBI imposed several restrictions on <u>Paytm Payments Bank</u>.
- TPAPs are entities facilitating UPI payments by connecting customers and merchants through applications or platforms.
 - They serve as intermediaries, ensuring seamless transactions and play a vital role in the UPI ecosystem, handling millions of transactions daily.
- NPCI, formed as a collaboration between the RBI and Indian Banks' Association (IBA) under the <u>Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007</u> operates as a not-for-profit entity to enhance India's payment and settlement infrastructure.
 - It aims to provide both physical and electronic payment solutions to the banking sector, leveraging technology to drive operational efficiency and expand payment system accessibility.

Read more: RBI Imposes Restrictions on Paytm Payments Bank

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