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CAMBODIA BECOMES THE 9TH COUNTRY TO INTRODUCE UPI

- India introduced the UPI payment system using QR code-based transactions. It has already been expanded to Singapore, the UAE, France, Mauritius, Nepal, Bhutan, and Sri Lanka. Now, it has been introduced in Cambodia as the 9th country.
- For this, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) signed an agreement with ACLEDA Bank Plc.
- Through this initiative, Indian tourists visiting Cambodia can make payments at around 4.5 million shops there. Earlier, travelers going abroad faced difficulties in converting Indian rupees into foreign currencies for spending.
- Now, as the UPI system expands to more countries, making payments has become easier for Indians. They can directly know the equivalent value in rupees for purchases and make payments through their bank accounts.
- Currently, in the first phase, Indian users can make payments in Cambodia using UPI. In the next phase, Cambodian citizens will be able to use UPI payments while in India.



UN AWARD FOR INDIAN WOMAN MILITARY OFFICER

- Around 5,000 personnel are currently serving in UN peacekeeping forces. Every year, May 29 is observed as UN Peacekeepers Day.
- On the occasion of this year's UN Peacekeepers Day, the "Dag Hammarskjöld Medal" was announced for Indian soldiers Harbhajan Singh and Sujit Kumar Pradhan, who lost their lives in service.
- Indian Army woman officer Major Abhilasha Barak, serving in the UN peacekeeping mission in Lebanon, has been actively involved in various initiatives for the safety and empowerment of women there.
- In recognition of her service, the "Military Gender Advocate of the Year" award was announced for Abhilasha Barak.