



Credit Cards in India

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Further expansion of credit cards

INDUSTRY PERFORMANCE

Moderate growth in transaction value driven by higher spend per card

Commercial credit cards continue to gain traction amongst corporate clients

WHAT'S NEXT?

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Evolving financial cards and payments landscape

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