

Workshop on Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023 under State Capacity-Building Initiative

The Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY), in collaboration with the National e-Governance Division (NeGD) and NISG, conducted a capacity-building workshop on the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023, on **July 8, 2025**, at **Hycinth Hotel, Thiruvananthapuram**, aiming to strengthen institutional readiness across government bodies and industry stakeholders

Over 100 participants, including senior officials from MeitY, NeGD, State IT mission representatives, government departments, data protection officers from the banking, financial services, and IT sectors, attended the event. The workshop featured panel sessions led by reputed experts in privacy, legal, and cybersecurity domains .

Objective of the Workshop

- Enhance understanding of the **DPDP Act, 2023**, including obligations of Data Fiduciaries and rights of Data Principals
- Promote best practices in **data mapping and classification, consent management, and privacy by design**
- Offer practical guidance on compliance mechanisms, technical safeguards, and data governance strategies

Key Highlights & Sessions

1. **Session on Data Inventory & Mapping**
 - **Shri Raghav Kukreja**, DPO, SBI Cards, shared insights into practical approaches for data categorization and governance based on industry experience
2. **Rights Management & Notice Obligations**
 - **Shri Anand Kumar Kasturi**, DPO, Kotak Mahindra Bank, presented real-world strategies for compliant notices, handling data principal requests, and embedding these notice in operational processes.
3. **Consent Management**
 - **Ms. Sujathasree GS**, Lead – Global Privacy Office, TCS, discussed on the framework which can be used to manage the consents of the Data Principal
4. **Technical & Organizational Safeguards**
 - **Shri Pravin Kumar**, DPO, NPCI, discussed techniques such as encryption, breach reporting norms, and setting up grievance redressal mechanisms.
5. **Privacy By Design**
 - **Ms. Sanyogeeta R**, Chief Privacy Officer, Privacient, discussed about the seven importance of embedding the Privacy by Design principals into the applications right from the design phase.

Participant Engagement

The workshop encouraged open dialogue and Q&A, enabling attendees to share challenges unique to their organisations. The interactive format fostered valuable peer-to-peer learning and exchange of best practices.

MeitY and NeGD reaffirm their commitment to supporting the implementation of the DPDP Act by building capacity across government and private sectors. With data protection as a key pillar of digital transformation, MeitY will continue facilitating workshops to uphold privacy, trust, and security in India's evolving digital ecosystem.