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Government Organises Sensitization Workshop on Digital Personal Data Protection Act for Central Line Ministries

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A high-level Sensitization Workshop on the implementation of the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act was convened at Vigyan Bhawan on March 18, 2026 for Central Line Ministries of the Government of India.

The workshop chaired by Shri S Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), witnessed participation from senior officials across Ministries, including Secretaries, Additional Secretaries, Joint Secretaries and other key functionaries.

Addressing the gathering, Secretary Krishnan underscored the transformative significance of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act in shaping a robust data governance framework in the country. He emphasized that the Government must lead by example in ensuring responsible and secure handling of citizens' personal data, thereby strengthening public trust in digital governance and services.

The workshop aimed to build awareness among Government officials and facilitate readiness among Departments/Ministries for effective implementation of the provisions of the Act. With increasing reliance on digital platforms for delivery of citizen-centric services, participants were sensitized to the need for safeguarding personal data such as names, addresses and identification details, in accordance with the law.

Technical presentations were made by leading government technology organizations, including CDAC-Kolkata, BISAG-N, and NIC. These presentations highlighted ongoing initiatives and technological adaptations being undertaken to align existing systems with DPDP Act requirements.

Key areas of discussion during the workshop included:

- **Consent Management:** Developing user-friendly and accessible mechanisms to obtain informed consent from citizens across diverse demographics
- **Data Minimisation:** Ensuring that only essential personal data is collected for the delivery of specific services

The deliberations provided a platform for inter-ministerial exchange of best practices and practical challenges in implementing the Act. Participants also discussed strategies for integrating privacy-by-design principles into existing and upcoming digital services.

The workshop marks a significant step towards strengthening the foundation of a secure and trusted Digital India ecosystem. It reaffirmed the Government of India's commitment to protecting the privacy of citizens and ensuring responsible data governance across all Ministries.

