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Conference on

Navigating the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 and Rules, 2025

DATA MISUSE AFFECTS ALL PERSONALLY & PROFESSIONALLY



Saturday 5th December 2026

9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Babubhai Chinai Committee Room
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Churchgate, Mumbai

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OBJECTIVE

AI is the current slogan with **DATA** being the new oil. For data generation, human interaction is critical. A simple gaming app records and saves your personal data such as name, age, sex, image, email ids results, bank account and other details, all of which have a value to the user. Data is the backbone of Machine Learning and thus for Artificial Intelligence.

Sam Altman, CEO of Open AI recently said "we believe that the world should accept some bad things happening for the benefits of this technology and people having the agency."

Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology Ashwini Vaishnaw has stated that the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023 establishes a rights-based framework to safeguard citizens' digital data while supporting technological growth.

Data can be stored, processed or transmitted electronically and hence Trade Secrets, Intellectual Property, Business Plans, Confidential Client Information, Pre-Launch Schemes, Sales Strategy, Contract & Agreements, etc. are considered as **Valuable Data.**

Have YOU ever paused to think as to how YOUR personal digital data is being handled by Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, Google, Zoom, Teams Meetings, Chat GPT, Banking, Stock Market Applications, and the like. What checks and balances do they have to control access, manage, use and protect **YOUR digital personal data?**

The Indian Constitution does not explicitly recognise the right to privacy. The Courts in India initially held varying perspectives on the nature and scope of the right to privacy. It took approximately 67 years after the Indian Constitution's adoption for the right to privacy to be acknowledged as a fundamental right. It was not until a landmark decision came in August 2017, K.S. Puttaswamy (Privacy-9J.) v. Union of India, (2017) 10 SCC 1, wherein the Supreme Court held that privacy is a fundamental right. The rapid digitalisation of personal data was what awakened everyone to change their perspective on privacy.

The European Union framed the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and it came into effect on 25th May 2018. It not only applies to the EU but also to organisations outside the EU if they collect or process personal data of individuals located inside the EU.

The Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, India's novel privacy law, represents a significant step in safeguarding personal data, including that of children. The Act regulates processing of digital personal data and prescribes data protection rights of data principals. The DPDP Act differs significantly in scope, legal basis, and individual rights and thus compliance with GDPR does not automatically ensure compliance with the DPDP Act.

Non-compliance carries severe financial risk, with statutory penalties reaching up to ₹250 crores. Enterprises must rapidly transition from outdated data practices to a strictly structured, legally bulletproof framework.

The conference will help to prepare a comprehensive operational blueprint. Led by legal experts and policymakers, it will equip corporate leaders, compliance officers, and technology heads with the system, practices, processes, procedure and tools needed to ensure enterprise-wide compliance, mitigate liabilities, and build trust with clients and consumers.

WHO SHOULD NOT MISS?

The Conference is a NO MISS for business leaders and stakeholders across **All industries** (Tech, FinTech, Manufacturing, E-Commerce, Healthcare, Professional Services, and Public Enterprises).

- **Promoters, CEOs, Managing Directors, and Board Members** looking to mitigate enterprise-wide statutory risks.
- **Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) and CIO/CTOs** managing IT infrastructure, data warehousing, and cloud security.
- **General Counsel, Compliance Officers, and Company Secretaries** responsible for regulatory alignment and legal auditing.
- **Chief Marketing Officers (CMOs) and Product Managers** handling customer-facing platforms, CRM systems, and data analytics.
- **CHROs and Human Resource Heads** managing large datasets of internal employees, gig workers, and external consultants.



CHIEF GUEST

Mr. Virendra Singh, IAS,
Hon'ble Secretary, Electronics, Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence Department, Government of Maharashtra

SPEAKERS



Mr. Devroop Dhar
Chief Executive Officer
Primus Partners Private Limited



Mr. Jatinkumar Modh
Founder
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Adv Pankaj Bafna
Founder of Bafna Law Associates, Bafna Legal LLP, and Bafna Cyberjuris LLC



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DPDP Act Compliance Officer
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Adv Puneet Bhasin
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Adv Supratim Chakraborty
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ABOUT CEAI & CEAI ACADEMY

Consulting Engineers Association of India (CEAI) is the apex body of consulting engineers in India. CEAI represents the Indian Engineering Consultancy profession at the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC). CEAI has, behind it, over 60 years of accumulated knowledge and experience. CEAI Membership comprises practicing consultants, private and public sector firms engaged in the entire range of engineering consultancy services. CEAI looks after the interests and enhances the status of consulting engineering profession in India and is equally concerned with quality development, productivity enhancement and promotion of ethical practices. CEAI has established linkages and strong bonds with its counter parts in various countries and is a staunch advocate of global networking and co-operation.

CEAI Academy is an initiative by CEAI to train professionals in the engineering and sectors connected with it. The Academy offers specialized training, workshops, and seminars led by industry experts to build a stronger and more knowledgeable workforce for India's development.

REGISTRATION DETAILS

Conference Fee in INR, per participant, *to be paid along with GST.*

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Registration Link: Google Form

Early Bird Discount till 28th November 2026

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Seats are Limited

PROGRAMME

9:00 am to 6:00 pm	
Light Breakfast (9:00 am to 9:30 am)	
Dr. Harshavardhan Subbarao Chairman, CEAI-WRC	*Welcome Address*
Mr. Chetan Kavdia Hon' Secretary & Treasurer, CEAI-WRC	*About the Theme of the Conference*
Mr. Virendra Singh, IAS Secretary DEIT&AI Department, Government of Maharashtra	*Keynote Address*
Tea/ Coffee Break	
Mr. Devroop Dhar CEO and MD, Primus Partners Pvt Ltd	*DPDP ACT – A Roadmap for Implementation and Compliance for Companies*
Mr. Jatinkumar Modh Founder SECUREKAL	*Smart DPDP Compliance - The Practical Guide*
LUNCH Break	
Adv Pankaj Bafna Founder of Bafna Law Associates, Bafna Legal LLP, and Bafna Cyberjuris LLC	*Mechanism for Grievance Redressal, Appeal and Alternate Dispute Resolution*
Adv Anirban Mohapatra Partner, Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas	*Objectives and framework of DPDP Act – Legal Challenges to Implementation*
Ms. Ruchi Jain DPDP Act Compliance Officer, ICICI Prudential AMC	*Understanding Consent under DPDP Act - Above and Beyond*
Adv Puneet Bhasin, Cyber Law and Data Protection	*Data, DPDP Act in the World of AI- What it means for Organisations & Individuals*
Tea/ Coffee Break	
Adv Supratim Chakraborty Partner, Khaitan & Co.	*Rights and Duties of Data Principal*
Panel Discussion	
Vote of Thanks	