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Simplify and Enhance

The DPDP Act, 2023, marks a transformative step in India's journey toward safeguarding personal data. It reflects a deliberate and measured approach to aligning with global best practices while fostering a thriving and inclusive digital ecosystem.

Accelerate Growth

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Create a Fair Framework

This legislation aims to: Create a fair yet flexible framework that balances individual privacy rights and the freedom to innovate.

Key Features of the DPDP Act and Draft Rules

1 Consent as Empowerment

Consent is no longer a checkbox. It must be specific, unambiguous, and clear, ensuring that individuals retain autonomy over their data. Individuals can easily withdraw consent, reinforcing their control over personal information. Consent notices must use simple language and be presented as standalone documents for better understanding.

2 Obligations for Data Fiduciaries

Organizations must adopt reasonable security safeguards, including encryption and access controls. They are required to provide mechanisms for data erasure and ensure transparency in their data-handling processes. The principles of data minimization and purpose limitation are embedded to optimize operational efficiency and reduce risks.

3 Data Principal Rights

Individuals have the right to access, correct, and erase their data. Flexibility is given to organizations to set response timelines for data requests, provided these timelines are clearly communicated and adhered to. A unique feature of India's framework is the ability for individuals to nominate representatives to manage their data rights in cases of death or incapacity.

4 Digital Data Protection Board

A fully digital, technology-driven platform that enables complaints and adjudications efficiently and inclusively.

Policy Intent and Considerations

Promote Accountability

The DPDP framework underscores the government's commitment to: Promoting accountability and trust in the digital ecosystem.

Ensure Conducive Environment

Ensuring that the regulatory environment is conducive to innovation and growth.

Balance Data Protection

Balancing data protection with India's competitiveness in the global digital landscape.



Industry Implications and Opportunities



Adapt Practices

Organizations will need to: Adapt their data handling practices to comply with the new framework.



Implement Mechanisms

Organizations will need to: Implement mechanisms for transparency, security, and data rights management.



Embrace the DPDP Act

Organizations will need to: Embrace the DPDP Act as a chance to contribute to India's digital narrative.

Final Thoughts

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As we stand on the cusp of a new era in data protection, collaboration will be key to realizing the potential of the DPDP Act. Corporations must act responsibly, citizens must stay informed and vigilant, and together, we can create a digital future rooted in accountability and trust.

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We are presently holding consultations on the Draft Rules which are going to operationalize the regime. Collectively shaping the future of data protection in India.

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M2M or IoT wherever its personal data DPDP Act comes in play. Thank you!!

