

# View from India: Latest Developments in Legislation and Regulation

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## SESSION DESCRIPTION

After a seven-year wait, India's comprehensive personal data protection law, the Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDPA), is set to come into force. Impacting 1.4 billion people, the law is India's attempt to stake a "third way" between the regulatory models of the US and the EU. With DPDPA's implementing regulations (DPDP Rules) expected to be finalized this year, this session will unpack the practical implications of this landmark legislation. Key themes include notice and consent, children's data, data breach notifications, and the contentious possible reintroduction of data localization measures. The discussion will also unpack new concepts such as "significant data fiduciaries" and "consent managers." Most importantly, the session will cover compliance challenges and how companies can navigate this transformative privacy regime.

## 5–8 KEY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does the DPDPA's consent-centric approach differ from global equivalents, such as the GDPR? What unique challenges does the consent focus pose for you?
2. Rule 12(4) of the draft DPDP Rules has sparked debate over the potential "back-door" reintroduction of data localization. What are the practical concerns for businesses?
3. What are the operational implications of being classified as a "significant data fiduciary"? What criteria are you using to evaluate their potential status?
4. In the absence of a material threshold requirement or a timeline for breach notifications, how are you preparing internal processes?
5. How can organizations design compliant age-verification and parental consent mechanisms?
6. How will the establishment of the Data Protection Board (with purely adjudicatory functions) impact the enforcement of the law? How will the stakeholders grapple with questions around interpretative guidance?

## 0–3 PRE-READ DOCUMENTS (optional)

- FPF Blog: The Digital Personal Data Protection Act of India, Explained ([link](#))
- FPF APAC Policy Brief: Update on India's Draft DPDP Rules, 2025 ([link](#))
- FPF Comments on the draft Digital Personal Data Protection Rules ([link](#))
- FPF Blog: Five Ways in Which DPDPA Could Shape the Development of AI in India ([link](#))