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Press Note

NeGD, MeitY and the Department of Science and Technology, Government of Gujarat, conduct a Two-Day Workshop on the Digital Personal Data Protection Act and Rules

Gandhinagar, Gujarat, August 13, 2026: The Department of Science & Technology (DST), Government of Gujarat, in collaboration with the State e-Governance Mission Team (SeMT) Gujarat and the National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), conducted a two-day workshop and strategic consultation on the **Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023 and the DPDP Rules, 2025** on August 12 & 13, 2026.

The workshop focused on strengthening awareness and preparedness among government departments and public authorities in Gujarat for implementing the DPDP framework. It provided participants with a practical understanding of the Act and Rules, with particular emphasis on the requirements, roles and responsibilities applicable to government departments and state instrumentalities. The sessions were covered by Ms. Sanyogeeta Gaekwad, Industry Expert and Mr. Naman Agrawal, DPDP Lead, NeGD.

The workshop commenced with the inaugural session featuring a welcome address by the Department of Science & Technology, Government of Gujarat, opening remarks by SeMT Gujarat on the objectives and expected outcomes, a keynote address on the **Gujarat State Data Governance Framework and the road to DPDP compliance** and a special address by NeGD, MeitY, providing a national perspective on DPDP implementation.

The first day covered the foundations of the **DPDP Act, 2023**, including its genesis, objectives, guiding principles, key definitions, applicability and territorial scope. Participants also examined the key provisions of the **DPDP Rules, 2025**, including



notice requirements, standards for valid consent, Consent Managers, obligations of Data Fiduciaries and provisions relevant to the State and its instrumentalities.

The sessions further examined the roles and responsibilities of Data Fiduciaries, Data Processors, Data Officers, Sub Data Officers and Data Stewards under the Gujarat State Data Governance Framework. Participants also discussed the rights of Data Principals, legitimate uses under Section 7 of the Act, consent and notice management and approaches for managing consent relating to legacy data and existing databases.

The workshop also featured discussions on implementation experiences and case studies from Central Government organisations and other State Governments, highlighting best practices, lessons learnt and common pitfalls in DPDP readiness. The first day concluded with an open-house session involving questions, clarifications and discussions on the Act, Rules, roles and responsibilities.

The second day focused on the practical implementation of data protection and governance requirements. Sessions covered personal data lifecycle management, data mapping and inventory, purpose limitation, data minimisation, storage limitation, retention and erasure practices. Participants also discussed personal data breach management, intimation requirements, grievance redressal mechanisms and penalties under the Act.

A dedicated session on **Privacy by Design and Security Safeguards** addressed the integration of privacy considerations into government schemes, e-governance applications and procurement processes. The session also covered technical and organisational security safeguards, Data Protection Impact Assessments, anonymisation and access controls.

The workshop also focused on developing a **Departmental Compliance Roadmap**, covering a step-by-step approach for departments and public authorities, institutional mechanisms, prioritisation of actions, milestones and monitoring of compliance.



A key component of the programme was the **Strategic Consultation and Group Exercise**, during which department-wise groups worked on identifying DPDP-related gaps and developing departmental action plans. The groups also presented key action points emerging from the exercise.

The workshop concluded with a valedictory session that included a readout of the strategic consultation, consolidated action points and discussions on support mechanisms, handholding and the way forward for continued DPDP implementation. Closing remarks were given by the Department of Science & Technology, Government of Gujarat, while the vote of thanks was delivered by SeMT Gujarat.

The two-day workshop provided a platform for government stakeholders to enhance their understanding of the DPDP framework and identify practical measures for responsible, secure and compliant processing of personal data across government services and programmes.

