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- DPDP Act Awareness Session Conducted for NCERT Officials to Strengthen Data Protection Practices in the Education Sector

New Delhi, August 7, 2026: The National e-Governance Division (NeGD), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), conducted an Awareness Session on the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023 for officials of the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) on August 7, 2026.

The series of awareness sessions is being conducted in five batches to sensitise NCERT officials and stakeholders across States and Union Territories on the key provisions of the DPDP Act and their practical application within the education sector. The first batch of the programme was conducted on August 7, 2026 and comprised NCERT officials from Odisha, Goa, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

The session, focused on building a practical understanding of the DPDP Act and its relevance to the education ecosystem, was covered by Shri Naman Agrawal, Team Lead, DPDP from NeGD. Given the extensive collection and processing of personal data across educational institutions and administrative systems, Shri Agrawal highlighted the importance of adopting responsible and secure data-handling practices throughout the data lifecycle.

Key areas covered during the session included the fundamentals and applicability of the DPDP Act, roles and responsibilities of Data Fiduciaries and Data Processors, obligations relating to personal data processing, consent and lawful processing, data principal rights, security safeguards, data retention and erasure, and management of personal data breaches.

The session also provided an education-sector perspective on implementing the principles of data protection in day-to-day operations. Participants were sensitized to practical scenarios involving students, parents, teachers, employees and other stakeholders, including the collection, use, sharing and storage of personal data through educational platforms, examination systems, administrative processes and digital services.

The session emphasised that effective implementation of the DPDP Act is not limited to compliance with legal requirements but also requires the development of a strong organisational culture around

responsible personal data management. Officials were encouraged to assess existing data practices, identify areas requiring improvement and incorporate privacy and security considerations into processes and digital systems.

The remaining four batches will cover officials from other States and Union Territories, further strengthening awareness and capacity-building on data protection across the education ecosystem.

The initiative is part of the broader efforts towards creating awareness and building institutional capacity for effective implementation of the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, and promoting a culture of responsible personal data handling across government and public-sector organisations.



