

OPTIMAL GOVERNANCE OF NON-PERSONAL DATA

The much-awaited report on Non-Personal Data (NPD) Governance Framework by the Committee of Experts headed by Kris Gopalakrishnan (Report) was released recently. The Report aims to unlock the immense potential of NPD in creating social, public, and economic value for citizens and communities in India. While an extremely timely initiative, the assumptions, findings, and recommendations of the Report need to be analysed dispassionately. Specifically, following issues need to be discussed –

- How can we address regulatory overlaps between NPD governance framework, Personal Data Protection Bill (PDPB) 2019, and other existing and upcoming regulations in the areas of e-commerce, competition, and consumer protection?
- What frameworks for data sharing could be adopted in the Indian context to promote digital economy in the light of growing concerns of unjustified mandatory data sharing and surveillance state?
- What measures can be taken to protect the interest of data principals, empower them, and ensure adequate grievance redress and resolution mechanisms?

These are some of the issues that would be examined during the webinar. Perspectives of policymakers, influencers, regulators, industry, experts on these issues will be synthesised and documented to contribute to facilitate design of optimal governance framework for NPD in India.

AGENDA

Time	Session
15:00 - 15:05	Introductory Remarks: Setting the context and highlighting the purpose of the webinar Udai S. Mehta , Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International
15:05 - 15:15	Brief Presentation of CUTS Preliminary Response on the Report Kapil Gupta , Assistant Policy Analyst, CUTS International
15:15 - 16:30	Panel Discussion Moderator: Bipul Chatterjee , Executive Director , CUTS International Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• B.N. Srikrishna, Former Judge, Supreme Court of India, and Chair, Committee of Experts on Data Protection• Amar Patnaik, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and Member, Joint Parliamentary Committee on Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019• Geeta Gouri, Former Member, Competition Commission of India• Ritesh Pandey, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha and Member, Joint Parliamentary Committee on Personal Data Protection Bill, 2019• Gowree Gokhale, Partner, Nishith Desai Associates
16:30-16:50	Question and Answer Session
16:50-17:00	Closing Remarks: Summarising the key points of the discussion Amol Kulkarni , Director (Research), CUTS International