

# Practical Mechanisms to Protect Children's Data

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In 2019, 41% of India's 503mn internet users were estimated to be below the age of 19 years. This number would have surely gone up by now, given the forced digital transition for users on account of the Covid-19 pandemic induced lockdowns. Most digital services inevitably entail collection, storage, processing and often sharing of children's data.

Protecting children's data has been given special attention under the PDPB, 2019. Whilst its provisions have the right intention, CUTS has observed a few lacunas in some of its provisions. This webinar is being organised with panellists representing lawmaker, law enforcement, civil society, research and business, to deliberate upon the following provisions of the bill:

- High age threshold of defining children, & mandating parental consent (S.3(8) & S.16(2))
- Blanket prohibitions on tracking and behaviour monitoring of children (S.16(5)) and
- Implementation gaps/challenges in age verification (S.16(2))

