

OPTIMAL GOVERNANCE OF NON-PERSONAL DATA



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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.