India Digital Personal Data Protection Act + AI Advisory (MEITY)

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Summary

India's primary AI-adjacent statute is the DPDPA + MEITY's binding AI advisories (Mar 2024 + Apr 2024 walked-back versions). No dedicated AI law yet; the proposed Digital India Act was paused 2024-2025. Affects 1.4B people — the single largest population under any AI-governance regime tracked here. Currency (2026-06-21): India operationalised the DPDPA via the Digital Personal Data Protection Rules 2025 (notified 13 Nov 2025, phased to May 2027) and issued its first AI governance framework — the India AI Governance Guidelines (5 Nov 2025, no standalone AI law) — followed by IT Amendment Rules 2026 mandating deepfake/synthetic-content labelling and 3-hour takedowns.

DRIFT-WATCH CORRECTION (2026-07-17, /wiki/drift.json): effectiveDate was "2025-01-01" and status "in_force" — BOTH WRONG. s.1(2) as enacted makes the Act non-self-executing ("It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification ... appoint and different dates may be appointed for different provisions"). No commencement existed until MeitY's G.S.R. 843(E) (dated 2025-11-13, gazetted 2025-11-14), which set a THREE-PHASE commencement: (a) 2025-11-14 — definitions, the Data Protection Board (ss.18-26) and rule-making powers; (b) ~Nov 2026 — s.6(9), s.27(1)(d); (c) ~2027-05-14 — the substantive core (ss.3-5, 7-17, 27-34, 36, 37). So as of 2026-07-17 the Act is PARTIALLY in force: no data-fiduciary obligation (notice, consent, safeguards, breach notification, data-principal rights) is yet enforceable. effectiveDate now records the first commencement (2025-11-14). Source: https://www.meity.gov.in/static/uploads/2025/11/53450e6e5dc0bfa85ebd78686cadad39.pdf

At a glance

Adopted

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Effective

2025-11-14

Status

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