**Understanding India's DPDP act:** 

# Safeguarding 2.5 quintillion

bytes of data generated daily

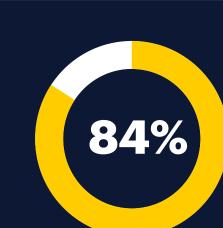
#### What is DPDP?

India's Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) is a law enacted to safeguard individual privacy and data security in the digital era by regulating the handling of sensitive personal data.

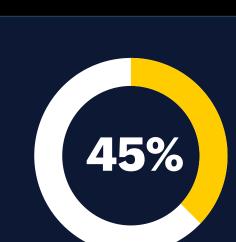
# Why is the **DPDP** being introduced in India?

#### More than 900 million

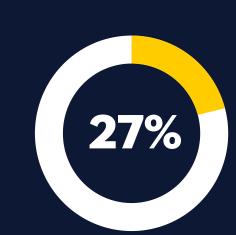
internet users, standing second only to China.



of Indians are increasingly concerned about their privacy and data protection.



surge in cyberattacks since 2020, averaging over 2,000 attacks per week on individual firms.



The average cost of a data breach has risen by 27% since 2020, reaching a staggering Rs 17.6 crores (\$2.2 million).

The DPDP act serves as a key protector to govern the collection, processing, and storage of data to ensure safe and secure online interactions for India's digital citizens.

# Key i highlights of the DPDP

## **Data localization**

Mandates storing certain types of data within the country's borders. This ensures better control and management of data.

#### Data protection authority (DPA)

Establishes an authoritative body to enforce data privacy and protection norms. DPA also has the power to investigate and impose penalties for violations.



#### Penalties for noncompliance

higher.

Severe penalties for violations are set, with fines up to ₹15 crores, or 4% of an entity's total worldwide turnover of the preceding financial year, whichever is

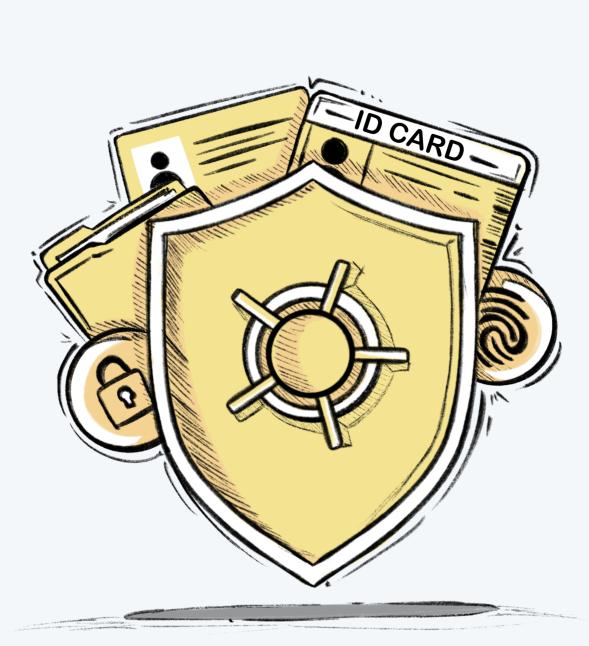
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## Who is bound by the DPDP?

The DPDP act's broad scope means that all sectors managing personal data will be impacted. These sectors are particularly notable:



### **Telecommunications**

Requires secure handling and storage of communication data.

# Banking

Imposes enhanced safeguards for personal financial information.

SMEs & startups Promotes responsible data management and drives innovation in data-centric products

and services.

### Healthcare

Enacts stricter norms for patient data protection.

### **Government agencies**

Enforces transparent and secure handling of citizen data.

### Technology

Implements mandatory privacy-focused tech s.



**Note:** The DPDP act was passed by the Indian Parliament on August 9, 2023. This infographic represents our understanding of the law, which might change as more details and clarifications are released. Stay tuned for updates.