



New Data protection policy

What is the issue?

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- Union Government has constituted a committee under Justice (Retd) BN Srikrishna to suggest and draft a new data protection Bill.

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- Well-functioning data privacy legislation will provide an efficient redress mechanism for data subjects.

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What is the need for new data protection law?

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- With the proliferation of smartphones use data is very vulnerable.

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- Personal information is now being challenged as companies are also exploiting real-time data generated from daily activities.

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- Government is increasing its focus on digital payments, which is fuelled by data.

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How the new data protection law need to be?

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- **Inclusive**-It is imperative to bring government agencies within the ambit of the new framework, participation of private firms is also highly recommended.

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- **Versatile**-New data privacy framework must aim to harmonise principles such as limitation on collection and purpose, disclosure, openness, security.
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- **Dynamic**-The approach must be based on standards relevant to enable the law to keep pace with rapid changes in technology.
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- **Regulated**-Regulating the collection of data may not be enough, its use by data collectors and data processors could also be regulated.
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