

# *Data Protection Act to curtail privacy rights*

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**Oct. 14:** The Digital Society Foundation of India (DSFI) along with other institutions is organising a national seminar on privacy rights and data protection in cyber spaces.

The seminar will be held on October 17, which is observed as digital society day. Chairman of DSFI N. Vijay Shankar said that ever since the European

Union came up with the data protection Act, prohibiting cross-border transfer of data to countries without a corresponding legislation, the Indian IT industry has been demanding a suitable law. "Two pieces of legislation are pending before Parliament in the form of bills having a direct impact on data protection. The first is the bill for personal data protection and the IT Act 2000 amendment bill with several

provisions regarding data protection," he said. The seminar will be organised to help the government arrive at a balanced legislation on data protection. "In terror acts, police often find it difficult to get adequate information from intermediaries such as websites, internet service providers because of the privacy aspect of information. Therefore, legislations are being formed to curtail privacy rights," he said.



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