

CIOA CHRONICLES

Dear Esteemed Members & Partners,

Over the past few months, one topic has consistently dominated conversations across boardrooms and technology forums alike – **the Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDPA)**.

At the CIO Association's recent Cyber Security Symposium, it was evident that organisations are no longer asking whether they need to prepare for DPDPA, but how they can embed privacy, governance, and trust into the very fabric of their business. The discussions reinforced an important reality: data privacy is no longer just a legal or compliance requirement. It is a business imperative and a defining measure of customer trust.

For CIOs, this marks a significant shift. Privacy can no longer be addressed through isolated technology projects or policy documents. It demands enterprise-wide collaboration, strong governance, resilient architecture, and a culture where responsible data stewardship becomes everyone's responsibility.

This edition of **CIOA Chronicles** explores the many dimensions of this transformation – from governance frameworks and implementation challenges to leadership perspectives and practical lessons from organisations already navigating the journey.

If you were unable to attend the Cyber Security Symposium, I encourage you to download and read our **Cybersecurity White Paper**, which captures many of the key discussions, expert insights, and practical recommendations shared during the event.

[Download the White Paper](#)

As always, I hope this edition sparks ideas, encourages conversations, and helps you prepare your organisation not just for compliance – but for a future where trust becomes one of your greatest competitive advantages.

Happy reading.

With Warm Regards,
Umesh Mehta
President, Governing Body
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The Privacy Paradox

By **Jaspreet Singh**, Partner at Grant Thornton Bharat LLP

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Privacy in the Everyday: Turning Policy into Practice

By **Mini Gupta**, Partner : Consulting - Cyber security,
National Leader Data Privacy & Data Protection, EY LLP

Privacy is often associated with regulations, policies, consent notices and compliance programmes. Yet, in practice, some of the most important privacy decisions happen far away from formal privacy processes.

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The 2026 Tech Agenda: Five Signals Every CIO Should Be Reading

The world's major analyst houses have published their 2026 outlooks. They pose the same questions the CIO Association's IT Priorities Survey 2026, now in the field, is asking India's CIOs to answer for themselves.



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The CIO Association is launching three vertical Special Interest Groups over September & October – BFSI & NBFC, Manufacturing and Pharma & Healthcare.



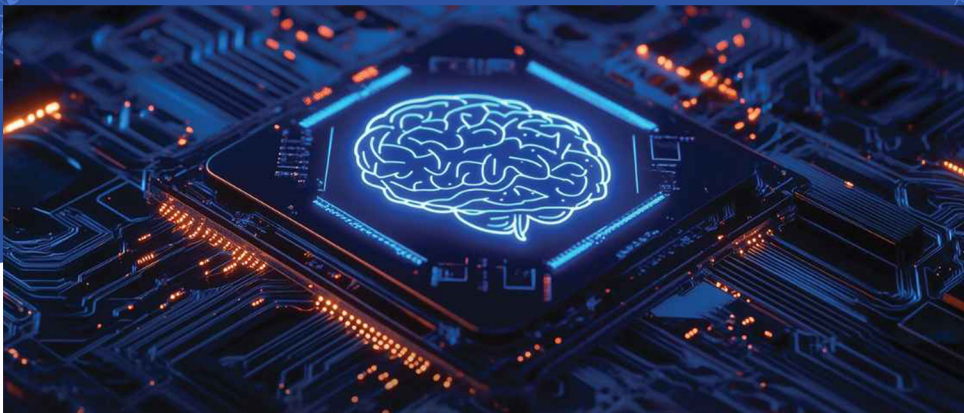
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Written by Niveditha S



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CIO IT Priority Survey 2026: Have Your Say

What will define the CIO agenda in 2026? Where will organisations invest, what risks will demand greater attention, and which technologies will move from experimentation to enterprise-wide adoption?



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Spotlight of Past Events

A look back at the moments, conversations, and leadership exchanges that shaped the last few weeks across CIO Association chapters.

Chapter Bespoke Events

Pune



SHRO Workspace & AI Customer Experience Center

5th June, 2026
Partner: Shro Systems Pvt. Ltd. & Hewlett Packard Enterprise

Kerala



Industry Consultation on 'Supporting AI Transformation of the IT Services Industry'

15th June, 2026

Hyderabad



AI, Security & Quantum Tech Conference

27th June, 2026
Partner: siliconops.ai

Punjab



Factory visit to MG Petrochem Pvt. Ltd.

28th June, 2026
Partner: MG Petrochem Pvt. Ltd.

Chennai



Breakfast session on 'FinOps for the AI Era: Funding Your Innovation by Addressing Cloud Waste'

18th July, 2026
Partner: TivonaGlobal Technologies

Hyderabad



Sovereign Security, India-Built Innovation.

31st July, 2026
Partner: Accops

Thematic Event

Delhi NCR



India CyberSecurity Symposium 2026

4th July, 2026

Annual Chapter Events

Bangalore



CIO Habba 2026

13th June, 2026

Pune



TECH SAGA 2026

11th July, 2026

Forthcoming Events

We invite partners to collaborate in these events and showcase their solutions to technology leaders, foster innovation, and create powerful brand engagement opportunities across the CIO community.

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