

Data Security Council of India appoints Neelam Dhawan as the new Chairperson

1st April 2026: Data Security Council of India (DSCI), has appointed Neelam Dhawan as its new Chairperson effective April 1, 2026. Neelam joined the DSCI board in December 2025 and now will serve as the Chairperson of the board. She is succeeding Promod Bhasin, Chairman, ICRIER and Founder, Genpact Ltd & Chairman, Clix Capital, who served as DSCI Chairman for three years from April 2023 to March 2026.

Neelam currently serves on the Board of Directors at Tech Mahindra Limited, Hindustan Unilever Ltd, Fractal Analytics Ltd and Capita PLC. She is also the Chairperson of the Board of Ather Energy Limited and Capillary Technologies. She advises and mentors various organizations on business transformation.



DSCI, along with the newly appointed Chairperson, and the board will work alongside the Indian Industry and Government bodies to develop policies and practices to strengthen cyber security and data privacy posture while positioning India as a global leader in cyber.

At the backdrop of emerging technologies such as AI and Quantum Computing, and ongoing geopolitical risks, cyber security is getting more complex and needs a collective effort from entire ecosystem to foster innovation and create opportunities for sustainable business growth and development in India.

Neelam Dhawan, Chairman, DSCI said, "Today cyber security is not just a strategic priority, but a business enabler and true competitive differentiator. DSCI is playing a key role elevating the cyber security posture of the industry as well as supporting national priorities. In an era defined by emerging tech and rapidly evolving AI enabled threats, staying ahead demands relentless innovation and collaboration. Being part of the DSCI Board, I am honored and excited to take on this new responsibility. I look forward to working closely with the board and leadership team to drive innovation, accelerate DSCI's growth charter, and meaningfully contribute to the Indian ecosystem."

As a welcome note, **Vinayak Godse, CEO, DSCI**, said, "We are delighted to welcome Neelam Dhawan as the Chairperson of DSCI board. Being a veteran business leader and guiding large organizations across various sectors for a decade, DSCI team looks forward to her continuous guidance and leadership. Her vast experience would help us scale our efforts not only matching the industry expectations but also steer DSCI to play a pivotal role shaping security narratives in a world with shifting geopolitics and cyber risks posed by technologies such as AI and Quantum Computing which require strategic business rethinking."

About DSCI

Data Security Council of India (DSCI) is a not-for-profit, industry body on data protection in India, setup by Nasscom, committed towards making the cyberspace safe, secure and trusted by establishing best practices, standards and initiatives in cyber security and privacy. DSCI works together with the Government and their agencies, law enforcement agencies, industry sectors including IT-BPM, BFSI, CII, Telecom, and think tanks for public advocacy, thought leadership, capacity building, and outreach initiatives. For more information, visit: www.dsci.in