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### DSCI organized India Data Leadership Summit 2018 in Delhi today

**New Delhi, October 30, 2018:** DSCI organized India Data Leadership Summit 2018 with the aim to bring diverse themes, narratives and evolution of data to the forefront. With data becoming one of the key features of innovation, transactions, governance, policy discourse, the summit brought stakeholders together to deliberate on the broadening impact of data, when the nation marches towards digital transformation. The conference hosted influencers, global thought leaders, Security & Privacy officers, policy & legal experts, from across industries, regulatory bodies, think tanks, civil societies and media.

Supported by Digital Europe – an European Digital technology industry body, the summit's key themes centered around global Data Flows, Data Driven Public Governance, Data Diplomacy, Transparency & Journalistic Freedom: reconciliation with individual's right, Data Imperatives in improving Law and Order, Privacy Governance and more. India Data Leadership Summit witnessed intense deliberations around imperatives of data driven digital economy, underpinning the emergence of various business models, opportunities and innovative solutions for public governance. Additionally, debate around privacy governance, regulations while examining various legislations across different geographies including EU GDPR, data protection, data diplomacy and other key issues were delved upon during the day-long conference.

The occasion was graced by Shri Ajay Sawhney, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY) in presence of Debjani Ghosh, President, NASSCOM. Senior officials including Sanjay Kumar Verma, Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Sudhanshu Pandey, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce and Industry also shared their views at the summit.

During the inaugural address Shri Ajay Sawhney, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology praised and congratulated DSCI for its active participation and leading the discussion around data protection and security in the country. While talking about the significance of data privacy in Indian context he said, *"Data privacy emanates from fundamental right, a justiciable right for citizens"*. In his address he also highlighted key components of the draft Personal Data Protection Bill underscoring it being technology agnostic, long lasting, holistic, covering aspects of informed consent, data minimization and purpose limitation, storage, controller accountability, and deterrent penalties.

The Summit was one of its kind, with over 150 leaders from across the key government departments, industry, academia, think tanks and civil society. Components of the summit were featured discussions on key themes, keynote and a special roundtable discussion for startups. Deliberations on country's diplomacy efforts with respect to data from the perspective of commerce and trade and the overall strategy became one of the key features of the Summit.

DSCI since inception has been working towards promoting data protection, building capacity and helping organizations maturing in their privacy journey. In the recent past DSCI had been leading deliberation around EU GDPR, free data flows, and closely engaging with the government on data protection deliberations in the country.

Speaking on the occasion Rama Vedashree, CEO, DSCI *"In the last one year, data and contours of data economy, have shaped the conversations of business leaders, global think tanks, and governments across the world. In India our members have been partnering with government to support India's Digitisation Journey."*

On the need and significance of taking a holistic approach to policy making, she added *“When India is becoming a hub for both inward and outward cross border data flows, platformization of IT/BPM industry where Indian IT is offering platform based services to global customers across various geographies, policy making should reflect the nuances of data led innovation, complexity of global supply chain.”*

Advocating the need for a robust data protection regime, she said *“we will continue to engage with Government to help India have a data protection regime architected on the global principles and best practices and legislation and enforcement that will fuel our digital economy and India becoming a hub for data led innovation and digital services to consumers and citizens”*.

The summit was supported by partners including Google, Facebook, Microsoft, Infosys, TCS and startups including Arkka and Klassify.

### **About DSCI**

Data Security Council of India (DSCI) is a premier industry body on data protection in India, setup by NASSCOM®, committed to making the cyberspace safe, secure and trusted by establishing best practices, standards and initiatives in cyber security and privacy. DSCI brings together governments and their agencies, industry sectors including IT-BPM, BFSI, Telecom, industry associations, data protection authorities and think tanks for public advocacy, thought leadership, capacity building and outreach initiatives. The ‘CyberSikshaa’ program is aligned with DSCI’s Cyber Security Skills Development and ‘Women in Security’ Initiative.

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