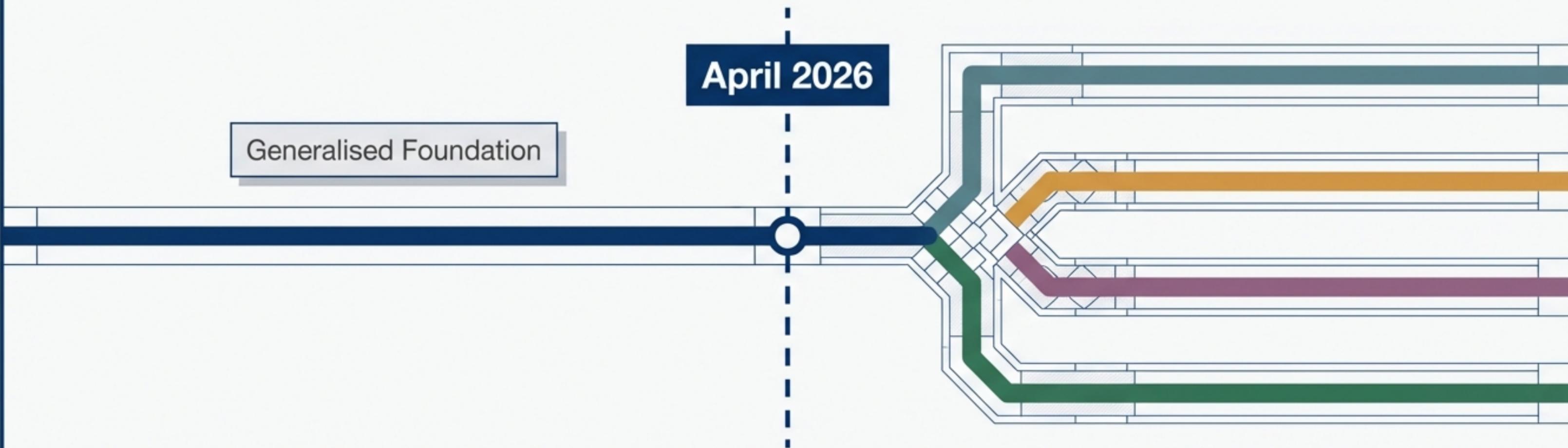




Navigating the 2026 evolution of FDPPI training programmes

A comprehensive guide to the four new certification pathways for Data Protection Professionals.

Restructuring the core training stream into highly specialised professional tracks



From April 2026, FDPPI is enacting significant changes to its main stream of training programmes. To address the growing complexity of data protection laws and compliance demands, the foundational training is being restructured. Instead of a generalised approach, professionals will now navigate a suite of four role-specific certifications covering modern Indian and global data protection frameworks.

Four distinct pillars defining the data protection ecosystem



The Legal Track

CDPP-I

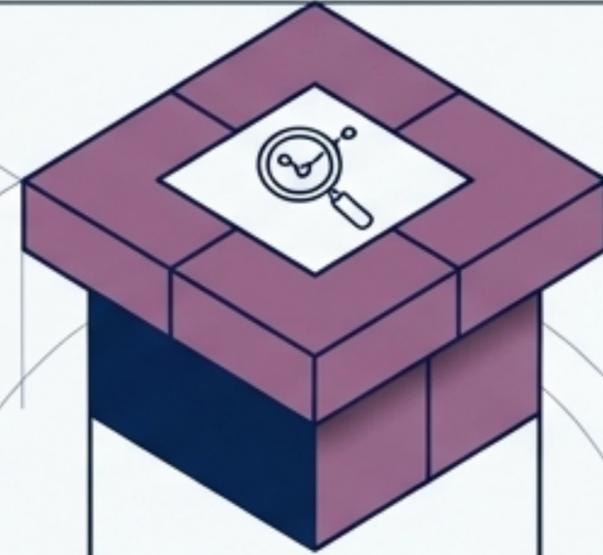
Certified Data Protection Professional - India



The Implementer Track

CEDPO

Certified Elite Data Protection Officer



The Auditor Track

CIDA / CIDPO

Certified Independent Data Auditor



The Global Track

CDPO-GDPR

Certified DPO for GDPR

Mastering the legal frameworks of Indian data protection



CDPP-India
Certified Data Protection
Professional

Primary Focus: Legal interpretation and regulatory compliance within India.

Core Syllabus

Information Technology Act (ITA) 2000

Specific focus on Intermediary Guidelines

Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDPA)
alongside associated Rules

Driving technological and governance implementation for DPDPA



CEDPO

Certified Elite Data
Protection Officer

Primary Focus: The practical, ground-level implementation of the DPDPA within corporate environments.

Core Syllabus

Designing Governance Structures
for DPDPA



Deploying Technological Measures for
strict compliance

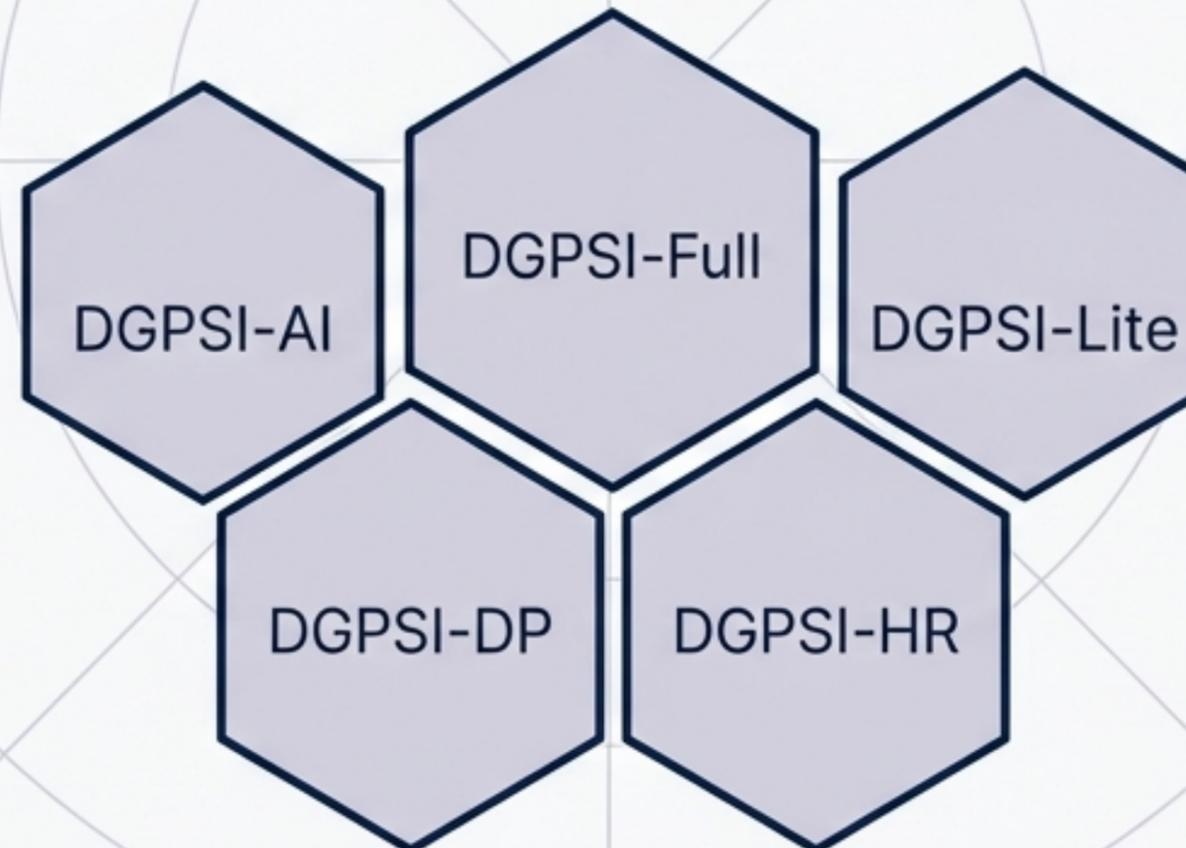
Auditing data governance and protection management systems



CIDA / CIDPO
Certified Independent
Data Auditor

Primary Focus: Independent auditing and assurance of Data Governance and Protection Management Systems (DGPMS).

Core Syllabus: Mastery of DGPSI Frameworks



Navigating European standards and international compliance



CDPO-(GDPR)
Certified DPO for GDPR

Primary Focus: European Union data privacy standards and holistic international alignment.

Core Syllabus Elements

The GDPR
as law

ISO 27701
(Privacy
Information
Management)

The
DGPSI-GDPR
framework

Aligning your career trajectory with the appropriate certification

	CDPP-India	CEDPO	CIDA / CIDPO	CDPO-(GDPR)
Target Persona	Legal Advisors & Counsel	IT & Compliance Officers	Systems Auditors	Global Privacy Officers
Geographical Focus	India	India	Agnostic / Broad	European Union
Core Skill Acquired	Legal Interpretation	System Implementation	Framework Auditing	International Standardization
Key Frameworks	ITA 2000, DPDPA	DPDPA Governance & Tech	DGPMS, All DGPSI Variants	GDPR, ISO 27701, DGPSI-GDPR

A hybrid learning architecture designed for working professionals

All FDPPI programmes starting in April 2026 will be delivered through a flexible, hybrid methodology designed to balance theoretical foundations with practical application.

Phase 1: Asynchronous Foundation

- Pre-recorded video modules
- Allows for self-paced theoretical absorption of the frameworks.

Phase 2: Synchronous Extension

- Live interactive sessions
- Executed as either virtual engagements or physical extensions, focusing on practical application.

**Outcome:
Unified Professional
Certification**

Prepare your team and career for the April 2026 rollout

The restructuring of the FDPPI training streams represents a maturation in data protection qualification. By separating legal interpretation, technological implementation, independent auditing, and global compliance into **distinct pathways**, professionals can build a highly targeted skillset.

Watch out for more information in due course regarding registration processes and detailed programme schedules.