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1. Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000, and its 2008 Amendment

- The IT Act of 2000 was India's first law on cybercrime and electronic commerce.
- By the late 1990s, with a growing global digital economy, many companies, especially Silicon Valley ones, were looking to India for expansion and collaboration.
- Many Indians immigrated to Silicon Valley, but Foreign Companies were doubtful due to the lack of laws in India.
- The IT Act primarily catered to corporate needs like e-commerce, digital signatures, and preventing hacking.
- However, it was criticized for neglecting personal data privacy and protection, an issue that only started to be addressed later with amendments and new laws.

2. Section 66A of the IT Act

- This section criminalized the sending of "offensive" messages through digital communication, including emails and social media.

3. Reasonable Security Practices and Sensitive Personal Data or Information Rules (2011)

- These rules were introduced under the IT Act to ensure that businesses handling personal data followed reasonable security practices.

4. AP Shah Committee Report on Privacy (2012)

- The AP Shah committee was established to explore and recommend a framework for privacy protection in India.

5. Private Member Bill on Data Privacy Protection

- A private member bill was introduced to push for robust data privacy laws safeguarding individual rights in the digital era.

6. Other Relevant Legislation

a. Aadhaar Act (2016)

- Linked direct benefit transfer scheme to stop leakage.

b. National Identity Card Post-Kargil (1999)

- After the Kargil War in 1999, discussions around a national identity card system gained momentum, with a focus on national security.

c. TRAI Regulations (2010)

d. Clinical Establishments Rules - 2012

- AI Task Force report (2017): Focused more commercially
 - Impact on people not considered.
- NITI-Ayog + Google (2018): India as garage
- NITI Ayog and Responsible AI Paper (2022)
 - Facial recognition is prohibited in policies.
 - Case study of Digi-yatra