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In his past role, Rahul has worked with Data Security Council of India (DSCI) for over 6 years, where he led DSCI's Policy initiatives and engaged in advocacy on Cybersecurity, Privacy, Internet governance, Cyber laws etc. matters. He engaged with policy makers, regulatory bodies and agencies, data protection authorities, sectoral regulators, think tanks and international bodies on various policy issues. Rahul ran industry consultation and developed formal industry positions on policy issues, and work towards advocacy and outreach with different stakeholders. He also worked on Cyber diplomacy efforts, involving matters such as Internet governance, cybercrime, cyber norms, ICT supply chain security, etc. He liaisons with the Governments, Industry and global stakeholders on trade negotiations concerning data security and privacy issues that impact trans-border data flows, and has been part of several bilaterals and multilaterals representing govt. and industry. Rahul was part of the Expert Group deliberations between EU-India & recently constituted EFTA-India to deliberate on Data Flow arrangements between the regions.

Rahul represented NASSCOM & DSCI in various forums and platforms both globally and domestically. He anchored NASSCOM-DSCI Cyber Security Task Force, which works on India's emergence as the cybersecurity hub of the world. He took NASSCOM-DSCI (India's first) cyber security delegation to Hague and Oxford to study cyber security clusters.

Rahul led DSCI's GDPR initiative and engaged with clients and stakeholders globally to raise awareness on GDPR in Indian Industry, conducting multiple workshops on the subject Pan India. He is one of the authors for 'DSCI Privacy Assessment Framework' and has developed two Privacy certifications 'DSCI Certified Privacy Lead Assessor (DCPLA)' and 'DSCI Certified Professional Program (DCPP)'. Rahul was instrumental in building DSCI Privacy community comprising more than 1000 professionals in India. He has worked on developing national information security policy

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