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### A PROJECT REPORT ON

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#### **ABSTRACT**

This framework addresses the critical need for balancing the extraction of valuable customer insights with stringent privacy protections. By leveraging advanced anonymization techniques, differential privacy, and federated learning, businesses can analyze aggregated data without accessing individual-level information. These methods ensure that customer data remains secure and private, while still enabling the identification of key trends and patterns. The framework also includes comprehensive data governance policies to comply with international regulations and build customer trust. This approach not only mitigates privacy risks but also enhances the credibility and ethical standing of businesses in the eyes of consumers.