



## 35th Pragati Meeting

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### Why in News

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The Prime Minister of India recently chaired the 35<sup>th</sup> edition of **Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation (PRAGATI)** - the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) based multimodal platform, involving Central and State governments.

Ten projects were taken for review involving a total investment of Rs. 54,675 crore. A review of **Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana** was also taken.

### Key Points

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- **About:**

- Launched in 2015, PRAGATI is the multimodal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation involving central and state governments.
- It has been designed by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) team with the help of the **National Informatics Center (NIC)**.
- It enables the PM to discuss the issues with the concerned central and state officials with full information and latest visuals of the ground-level situation.

The PRAGATI platform uniquely bundles **three latest technologies:** Digital data management, video-conferencing and geo-spatial technology.

- It is a **three-tier system** (PMO, Union Government Secretaries, and Chief Secretaries of the States).

- **Objective:**

- Grievance Redressal.
- Programme Implementation.
- Project Monitoring.

- **Significance:**

- It promotes **cooperative federalism** as it brings together the Secretaries of Government of India and the Chief Secretaries of the States.
- It is a robust system for bringing e-transparency and e-accountability with real-time presence and exchange among the key stakeholders.
- It is an innovative project in **e-governance** and **good governance**.

- **Concerns:**

- The direct interaction of the PM with the state secretaries without involving the political executives of the states is undermining the state political executive.
- It is also said that this is leading to a concentration of power in the extra-constitutional office of PMO.

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