



PRAGATI Meeting

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Why in News

Recently, the **Prime Minister (PM)** has chaired the **33rd PRAGATI meeting**.

Interaction through PRAGATI is held once every month on **Fourth Wednesday**, known as **PRAGATI Day**.

Key Points

- **Highlights of the Meeting:**
 - The PM **asked states to develop a state-specific export strategy**, and **reviewed development projects** worth Rs. 1.41 lakh crore spread across 10 states and union territories.
 - Grievances related to **Covid-19** and to the **PM Awas Yojana (Gramin)** were also taken up.
 - **PM SVANidhi**, **agriculture reforms** and development of districts as export hubs were reviewed.

- **PRAGATI:**

- 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.
- It is a **three-tier system** (PMO, Union Government Secretaries, and Chief Secretaries of the States).
- **Objective:**
 - Grievance Redressal
 - Programme Implementation
 - Project Monitoring
- The PRAGATI platform uniquely **bundles three latest technologies:** Digital data management, video-conferencing and geo-spatial technology.
- **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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