



37th Pragati Meeting

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Why in News

Recently, the Prime Minister (PM) chaired the 37th edition of **Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation (PRAGATI)** - the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) based multimodal platform, involving Central and State governments.

- The PM reviewed various **projects worth Rs 1,26,000 crores** along with the **'One Nation – One Ration Card' (ONORC) scheme'**.
- The ONORC scheme **aims at providing subsidised food grains to migrant workers and their family members at any fair price shop anywhere in the country** under the **National Food Security Act, 2013.**

Key Points

- **About:**
 - Launched in 2015.
 - 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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