

1. Pragati- Governance

In last decade, PRAGATI led ecosystem has helped accelerate projects worth more than ₹85 lakh crore- PM. Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 50th PRAGATI meeting to review ₹40,000 crore worth of infrastructure projects and the PM SHRI scheme, emphasizing a "Reform, Perform, Transform" vision. PRAGATI is a three-tier, ICT-based platform developed by the PMO and NIC that coordinates Centre-State efforts to accelerate stalled projects and resolve public grievances.

1. Highlights of the 50th PRAGATI Meeting

Milestone Event- Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 50th meeting of PRAGATI, marking a significant milestone in governance monitoring.

Review of Critical Infrastructure Projects

Scope- The PM reviewed five major infrastructure projects.

Sectors Involved- The projects spanned five critical sectors- Road, Railways, Power, Water Resources, and Coal.

Financial Scale- The combined cost of these projects is approximately ₹40,000 crore.

Geographical Spread- The projects cover five different states.

Focus on PM SHRI Scheme

National Benchmark- The Prime Minister emphasized that the PM SHRI scheme must serve as a national benchmark for holistic and future-ready school education.

Implementation Strategy- He urged Chief Secretaries to focus on outcome-oriented implementation.

Monitoring- Close monitoring of the scheme is required by Chief Secretaries to ensure it meets its educational goals.

2. About PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation)

Core Definition- PRAGATI is an ICT-based, multi-modal platform designed to foster pro-active governance and timely implementation.

Stakeholder Involvement- It involves a collaborative approach between the Central Government and State Governments.

Development and Support

In-house Development- The system was developed in-house by the PMO (Prime Minister's Office) team.

Technical Support- It is supported by the National Informatics Center (NIC).

Primary Objectives

Grievance Redressal- To effectively address the common people's grievances.

Project Monitoring- To monitor and review important programs and projects initiated by the Government of India, as well as those flagged by State Governments.

Governance Values- The system is robust, promoting e-transparency and e-accountability by facilitating real-time information exchange among stakeholders.

3. Key Features and Operational Mechanism

Technological Integration

The platform uniquely bundles three advanced technologies into a single interface-

1. Digital Data Management
2. Video Conferencing
3. Geo-Spatial Technology

The Three-Tier System- PRAGATI operates on a hierarchical structure ensuring communication from the highest office down to state administration

1. Tier 1- Prime Minister's Office (PMO).
2. Tier 2- Union Government Secretaries.
3. Tier 3- Chief Secretaries of the States.

Database Re-engineering- It integrates and strengthens various existing databases to create a comprehensive view

1. CPGRAMS- For public grievances.

2. Project Monitoring Group (PMG)- For project tracking.
3. MoSPI- Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation data.

4. The PRAGATI Timeline (Monthly Cycle)

The interactions follow a strict schedule to ensure efficiency and preparation time for all stakeholders.

PRAGATI Day- The interaction is held on the Fourth Wednesday of every month.

Issue Flagging- Issues are selected based on data from Public Grievances, ongoing programs, and pending projects.

Data Entry Deadline (Monday)- Union Secretaries and Chief Secretaries must provide comments and updates on the flagged issues within three days (by the Monday preceding PRAGATI Day).

PMO Review (Tuesday)- The PMO team reviews the entered data on Tuesday to prepare for the Prime Minister's final review.

Final Review (Wednesday)- The Prime Minister conducts the review via video conferencing, utilizing data and geo-informatics visuals.

5. Strategic Vision for the Next Phase

Prime Minister Modi outlined a "Reform, Perform, Transform" mantra for future governance.

Strategic Pillar	Focus Area	Goal
Reform	Processes	Simplify procedures to move from bureaucratic processes to solution-oriented actions.
Perform	Efficiency	Focus on Time, Cost, and Quality to ensure governance is driven by tangible outcomes.
Transform	Impact	Transform governance by measuring Citizen Satisfaction and ensuring timely delivery of services.

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State-Level Implementation- States are encouraged to establish PRAGATI-like mechanisms at the state level.

Sector Focus- There is a specific call to focus these state-level mechanisms on the social sector to drive development.

6. Key Outcomes and Impact

Revival of Stalled Projects The platform has successfully unlocked several long-pending projects, including-

1. Bogibeel Bridge
2. Navi Mumbai Airport
3. Jammu-Srinagar Rail Link

Resolution Efficiency

94% Resolution Rate- A vast majority of identified issues have been resolved through sustained follow-up.

Reduction in Inefficiencies- It has played a crucial role in reducing project delays, preventing cost overruns, and eliminating coordination failures between agencies.

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