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## WHY IN NEWS

The Prime Minister chaired the 52nd meeting of PRAGATI (Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation) on June 24, 2026, reviewing stalled infrastructure projects worth around Rs 30,000 crore and pressing for faster, technology-driven governance.

## WHAT IS PRAGATI

**PRAGATI** stands for **Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation**. It is an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) based, multi-purpose and multi-modal platform launched on **March 25, 2015**. Its core purpose is to [redress](https://ujjyari.com/vocab/redress/) citizen grievances and, at the same time, to monitor and review important programmes and projects of the Government of India along with projects flagged by State Governments.

PRAGATI uniquely bundles three technologies into a single dashboard:

TECHNOLOGY	ROLE ON THE PLATFORM
Digital data management	Real-time data on project status, budgets and grievances
Video-conferencing	Direct, face-to-face review between the Centre and the States
Geo-spatial technology	Satellite and map-based visualisation of project sites and progress

## A three-tier review architecture

PRAGATI works through a three-tier system that links the apex [apex](https://ujjyari.com/vocab/apex/) of the Union executive directly to the States:

- 1 **Prime Minister's Office (PMO)** at the top.
- 2 **Union Government Secretaries** of the concerned ministries.
- 3 **Chief Secretaries of the States.**

The Prime Minister interacts with these officials through video-conferencing, supported by data and geo-informatics visuals. The sessions are traditionally held on the **fourth Wednesday of the month**, a day designated as **PRAGATI Day**. The model embodies the principle of **cooperative federalism** (<https://ujivari.com/terms/cooperative-federalism/>), since stuck projects often involve both Central clearances and State-level land, law-and-order or utility issues.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 52ND MEETING

The 52nd meeting reviewed **four critical infrastructure projects across four States**, with a combined cost of about **Rs 30,000 crore**, spanning the **road, power, industrial corridor and metro rail** sectors. The Prime Minister directed the concerned ministries and State governments to resolve pending issues in a **mission mode** and to ensure monitoring at the highest level.

Two governance themes stood out:

### e-Zero FIR for cyber-financial fraud

The meeting reviewed grievances relating to cybercrime and “**digital arrest** (<https://ujivari.com/terms/digital-arrest/>)” scams and pushed States to roll out the **e-Zero FIR** mechanism. e-Zero FIR automatically converts cyber-financial-fraud complaints above **Rs 10 lakh** into **Zero FIRs** for swift action.

A **Zero FIR** is a First Information Report that can be registered at **any police station, regardless of territorial jurisdiction**, and is later transferred to the police station that actually has jurisdiction. It ensures that victims are not turned away on the ground that the offence occurred elsewhere, which is vital for cyber fraud where the offender, victim and money trail span multiple States.

The nodal agency for cybercrime coordination is the **Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C)** under the **Ministry of Home Affairs**, which also runs the national cyber-fraud helpline (1930) and reporting portal.

### Artificial Intelligence for TB elimination

The Prime Minister reviewed the **TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan** and stressed leveraging emerging technologies, including **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**, to strengthen the drive to eliminate tuberculosis. AI can aid early screening through chest X-ray analysis, predictive identification of high-burden pockets and tracking of patients to prevent treatment drop-out.

## ANALYSIS AND WAY FORWARD

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PRAGATI's strength is that it collapses the distance between the highest political authority and field-level implementation, creating accountability that ordinary inter-ministerial correspondence rarely achieves. By visualising projects geo-spatially and confronting Secretaries and Chief Secretaries together on a live call, it removes the "buck-passing" between the Centre and the States that delays large projects and inflates costs.

The way forward lies in institutionalising this culture beyond the monthly meeting: integrating PRAGATI with project-monitoring portals, ensuring that e-Zero FIR is uniformly operationalised by every State police force, and embedding data-protection and due-process safeguards as AI tools enter sensitive areas such as health and policing. The model also offers a template for evidence-based, real-time governance that could be extended to district administration.

## UPSC RELEVANCE

**GS Paper 2:** Government policies and interventions for development; mechanisms, laws, institutions and bodies constituted for the protection of citizens; transparency and accountability; e-governance applications and models; role of civil services in a democracy.

**Prelims pointers:** PRAGATI full form (Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation) and launch year (2015); the three technologies it integrates; three-tier structure (PMO, Union Secretaries, Chief Secretaries); PRAGATI Day (fourth Wednesday); Zero FIR and e-Zero FIR (**threshold** (<https://ujjiyari.com/vocab/threshold/>) Rs 10 lakh); I4C under the Ministry of Home Affairs; TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan.

**Mains question:** "Real-time, technology-enabled monitoring platforms such as PRAGATI have reshaped Centre-State coordination in project implementation. Examine their contribution to cooperative **federalism** (<https://ujjiyari.com/terms/federalism/>) and good governance, and the safeguards needed as Artificial Intelligence enters governance." (15 marks, 250 words)

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**PRAGATI:** Pro-Active Governance And Timely Implementation, an ICT-based platform launched March 25, 2015.

Three technologies: Digital data management, video-conferencing and geo-spatial technology.

Three-tier structure: PMO, Union Secretaries, State Chief Secretaries; meetings on the fourth Wednesday (PRAGATI Day).

52nd meeting: Reviewed about Rs 30,000 crore of projects across four States in road, power, industrial-corridor and metro sectors.

Zero FIR: Can be filed at any police station irrespective of jurisdiction, then transferred to the competent one.

e-Zero FIR: Auto-converts cyber-financial-fraud complaints above Rs 10 lakh into Zero FIRs.

I4C: Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre, nodal body under the Ministry of Home Affairs (helpline 1930).

TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan: National drive to eliminate tuberculosis, now leveraging AI.

*Sources: Press Information Bureau (<https://pib.gov.in>), Prime Minister of India (<https://www.pmindia.gov.in>), Ministry of Home Affairs (<https://www.mha.gov.in>)*

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