PM chairs 55th PRAGATI meeting

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Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi chaired the 55th meeting of PRAGATI, the ICT-enabled, multi-modal platform aimed at fostering Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation, at Seva Teerth earlier today. The platform brings together the Central and State Governments to address implementation bottlenecks and improve the delivery of projects and welfare schemes.

During the meeting, the Prime Minister reviewed five critical infrastructure projects in the road, power, coal and railway sectors, with a total cost of over ₹78,000 crore. He also reviewed the Industrial Training Institute (ITI) ecosystem, including the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (PM-SETU).

Prime Minister emphasised that delays in infrastructure projects have consequences beyond cost escalation, as they postpone the benefits intended for citizens, businesses and the economy. He called upon the concerned Ministries and State Governments to resolve pending issues with clear responsibility and realistic timelines. He stressed that timely execution must be accompanied by high standards of construction quality.

Reviewing the road project, the Prime Minister called for expeditious implementation and reiterated the need to focus on outcomes over outlays. While reviewing the coal project, the Prime Minister emphasised that rehabilitation and resettlement should be undertaken in a timely and dignified manner alongside timely project implementation.

While reviewing the power project, the Prime Minister suggested exploring innovative models for decentralised solar and wind power projects. He emphasised that such projects should be developed closer to centres of consumption wherever feasible, taking into account local resource availability and demand. These efforts should aim to improve the availability of reliable and affordable power and ease pressure on transmission infrastructure.

Reviewing the ITI ecosystem and the implementation of PM-SETU, Prime Minister called upon Chief Ministers and Chief Secretaries to provide leadership in strengthening ITIs and deepening industry participation under PM-SETU. He emphasised that this was an opportune time for industry to partner with ITIs, contribute to their upgradation and help align training with current and future manpower requirements. He called for close collaboration between States, ITIs and industry to translate these partnerships into better training and employment opportunities for young people.

Prime Minister called upon Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) to assess their future manpower requirements and strengthen linkages with ITIs for training and recruitment in relevant trades. He encouraged PSUs to support practical training and apprenticeships and give greater attention to the intake of trained ITI graduates. Such engagement would provide students with industry experience and help PSUs access a ready pool of skilled manpower suited to their operational needs.

Prime Minister emphasised that skilling should be organised around industrial clusters and the requirements of individual sectors. He called for ITI trades, curricula and training capacity to be aligned with existing industries and upcoming investments in each region.

Prime Minister highlighted the potential of locally relevant skilling to improve employment opportunities closer to home. He noted that Stronger links between ITIs and local employers could expand employment opportunities closer to home and help reduce distress-driven migration, while enabling young people to contribute to the economic development of their own regions.

Prime Minister advocated a ‘Classroom–Company–Career’ (3C) approach to ITI education, linking classroom learning with practical experience in industry, followed by employment and career progression. He stressed that ITIs and industry should work together to provide students with relevant technical knowledge, exposure to actual working conditions and a clear pathway from training to employment.

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