

PM asks states to draft an export strategy

Narendra Modi-led government also reviewed development projects worth ₹1.41 lakh crore spread across 10 states

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday asked states to develop an export-centric strategy in order to boost business and reviewed development projects worth ₹1.41 lakh crore spread across 10 states and union territories. According to sources in the PMO, Modi asked the states to prepare a list of products and select the areas which can be developed into export hubs. "Even in the Budget, the focus was on developing export

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hubs but there is a greater emphasis on this now as the government is working towards Atma Nirbhar Bharat. So, all the states who participated in the virtual meeting have been asked to submit a list of the products and clusters which can be promoted under the PLI scheme by December 10," said an official, adding that the Prime Minister also asked the concerned officials to complete the pending work ahead of the deadline. "Reforms are beneficial only when one performs, and this is



the way forward to transform the country, Modi added. As part of the PRAGATI meeting, multiple projects, grievances and programmes are reviewed. PRAGATI is an ICT-based

multi-modal platform for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation (PRAGATI) involving central and state governments.

Odisha, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Dadra and Nagar Haveli participated. The PM also expressed his unhappiness over the slow progress in the pre-construction activities in Maharashtra for the ambitious bullet train project as well as dismal progress of

PM SVANidhi, a highly subsidised micro-financing scheme for street vendors, in West Bengal.

In the previous 32 such meetings, a total of 275 projects worth ₹12.5 lakh crore were reviewed, along with that 47 programmes/schemes and grievances across 17 sectors were taken up. The meeting involved projects of Ministry of Railways, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, and the Ministry of Power.