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## Central Employment Guarantee Council

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### Why in News

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Recently, the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the **Central Employment Guarantee Council** was held through video-conferencing.

### Key Points

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- The government highlighted the work done under **Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005**, by providing employment to rural people.
  - The government has allocated Rs. 61,500 crore for MGNREGA for the Financial Year 2020-21, which is an all-time high.
  - Additional provision of Rs. 40,000 crore has been made for this programme under **Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan** to provide employment to the needy workers during the difficult period due to Covid-19.
- The government has also stressed on the irrigation and water conservation activities under the MGNREGA.
- **Central Employment Guarantee Council:**
  - The Central Council has been **constituted under Section 10 of the MGNREGA**.
  - It is chaired by the **Minister of Rural development**.
  - It is **responsible for advising the Central Government on MGNREGA related matters**, and for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the Act.
  - It prepares Annual Reports on the **implementation of MGNREGA for submission** to Parliament.

**Source: PIB**