

Team EMC and Ekonnnect wishes its readers, a very
Happy World Environment Day 2020

This World Environment Day, it's Time for
Nature | **#FORNATURE**

Hello from Team EMC and Ekonnnect! Hope you are keeping healthy and safe in the COVID-19 time!

[Environmental Management Centre LLP \(EMC\)](#) is a management consulting company in the field of environment and sustainability. Our services are strategic, knowledge driven and supported through research and training. All our clients and partners benefit from our expertise in harmonizing economic, environmental and social considerations into business logic, development plans and policy frameworks. We have been in the business over 24 years.

The idea of a knowledge enterprise that broadly supported diverse stakeholders began much earlier through the work being done by EMC. At the turn of the millennium, it was evident that there was a desire for implementable information among a variety of stakeholders on sustainability. To fill this knowledge gap, early programs were developed and delivered through EMC which eventually led to the formation of [Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation \(Ekonnnect\)](#).

Established in 2012 as a section 25 not-for-profit company, Ekonnnect offers awareness, training, education and entrepreneurship programs in environmental management and sustainability. Apart from above, Ekonnnect undertakes policy research and action-based projects with community-orientation to catalyse innovations and foster green investments.

We are delighted to jointly release our very first **monthly e-newsletter** on the World Environment Day (WED). The theme for WED 2020 is, 'Time for Nature,' with a focus on providing the essential infrastructure that supports life on Earth and human development. To read more about this year's WED theme, please click [here](#).

Biodiversity Loss – One of the Drivers of COVID-19?

The emergence of COVID-19 has underlined the fact that, loss in biodiversity has led to destruction of the system that supports human life. About 75% of all emerging infectious diseases in humans are zoonotic in nature, which means that they are transmitted to people by animals. Monoculture of animals (after removing the host species) can result in the transmission of diseases. A high host species diversity helps in reducing the disease risks. Read more about the correlations between loss of biodiversity and global pandemics, [here](#).

We recognize the importance of biodiversity in our assignments. We have developed a practical method of Bird and Bat Assessment in Environmental & Social Impact Assessment of Wind Energy projects. You can read more about EMC's approach [here](#).

Biodiversity Conservation Efforts in India: An Example from Indian Railways

Plan Bee of Indian Railways: Northeast Frontier Railways (NFR) of Indian Railways has come up with an innovative way of getting elephants to ward off from train tracks. They deploy speakers that play the sound of bees to scare the elephants away. The buzzing is played as trains approach vulnerable points and can be heard up to 600 meters. Click [here](#) to learn more.

Recommended to Watch for this World Environment Day

- [Wild Karnataka](#), India's first 4K blue chip natural history documentary
- [Our Planet](#), narrated by Sir David Attenborough

Did You Know?

MoEF&CC is on Instagram. Follow their [account](#) to stay updated on various initiatives and to learn more about India's rich Biodiversity

International e-School on Circular Economy | 12th – 26th May 2020

Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation conducted the first ever International e-School on Circular Economy. This e-School received support from IIT-Bombay, NITIE and Bombay Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

The e-School received an extremely encouraging response from participants and faculties alike. Participants rated overall e-School Program at a high score of 8.7 out of 10. Together, we could donate INR 80,000 from the accrual of the registration fees, between two NGOs viz., Stree Mukti Sanghatana and Kashtakari Panchayat Trust towards supporting 50 women with daily essentials and 133 waste pickers with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), respectively for a period of 1 month. As the e-School program was conducted virtually, we avoided approximately 6 tons of CO₂ emissions.

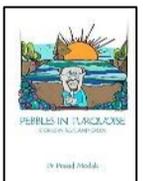
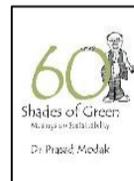
Click [here](#) to learn more about the International e-School on Circular Economy, its outcomes and Participants' feedback. The next e-School will be launched in the last week of November 2020.

Introducing EMC Team Blog!

Dr Prasad Modak regularly posts his blogs once a week at www.prasadmodakblog.com that has more than 2000 subscribers and more than 135,000 hits. A curated collection of Dr Modak's blogs are published in a series of books available on [Amazon](#), [Flipkart](#) and [Pothi.com](#)

We would be hosting blogs written by EMC Team members and select blogs of Dr Prasad Modak on EMC website.

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Announcements

- EMC and Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation are proud to announce its International Advisory Board. Our esteemed Board members will provide strategic directions to our businesses. Click [here](#) (for EMC) and [here](#) (for Ekonnnect) to know more
- Recently EMC signed up several important MoUs. Learn about these MoUs [here](#)
- Over the years, 87 interns successfully completed their internship at EMC. An 'Intern Tracer Study' was conducted at EMC during the month of May 2020 to assess the effectiveness of the internship program. Please click [here](#) to access the tracer study.
- We are hiring! EMC is inviting applications for the [post](#) of Environmental and Social Due Diligence Specialist and Ekonnnect is inviting applications for the [post](#) of Program Co-ordinator (Learning & Communication).



Our team Working from Home: At EMC and Ekonnnect, the health and well-being of our team is at the forefront of our thinking. We have been one of the firsts to mandate working from home from 16th March foreseeing the difficult times ahead. We have been working since then through video calls ensuring timely deliverables of our services to our clients. We hope, that you too are staying healthy and safe.

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