



21 April – World Creativity and Innovation Day

22 April – Earth Day

Hello from Team EMC and Ekonnect!



April 2021

Theme – Composting

We hope you enjoyed reading our special FY end issue last month. We are pleased to bring to you, the fourth issue of 2021 of EMC Ekonnect monthly e-newsletter.

EMC and Ekonnect wishes its readers healthy times ahead! The pandemic has halted normal life yet again. While we did not expect to be at this same juncture in 2021, let us remember that we're all in this together and one small act of kindness can go a long way. Stay safe, mask up!

Click on the image on the right to download wallpaper for the month of April. Click [here](#) to download EkoCalendar 2021.

EMC's Services on ESG to Funds and Financing Institutions Continue

- EMC has been working with the SBICAP Ventures Ltd. to conduct the Environmental and Social Due Diligence (ESDD) for their investments across North and West India. The fund is set up under the Special Window for Affordable and Mid Income Housing (SWAMIH) by the government. Till date, EMC has conducted ESDDs for more than **20 investments** for the Fund. The ESG-DD reports comprehensively identify environment, health, safety and social (EHSS) risks and impacts across the project lifecycle and recommend the Fund/Borrower with suitable mitigation measures for each identified risk and impacts. This has enabled the Fund to invest responsibly whilst influencing the sector to improve its E&S performance and adopt environmentally friendly and safer construction practices.
- Another major milestone! EMC will be developing an Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS) for a reputed financing institution that is setting up a 1 billion USD infrastructure fund. We are all excited to work on this prestigious assignment.

Mentorship Program on Circular Packaging

Ekonnect Knowledge Foundation, in partnership with [Packaging 360](#), completed the mentorship program on circular packaging (18 March 2021 – 15 April 2021). This program was supported by [The Incubation Network](#). Four (4) full day virtual workshops with technical sessions and panel discussions on circular packaging were conducted. Dialogues and experience sharing with experts were facilitated and several case studies were discussed. Group work sessions with interactive tools such as Mentimeter and Miro Whiteboard were carried out. Participants were provided with a guidebook on how to conduct mentorship program on circular packaging. Training services heads of Entrepreneur Support Groups (ESO), Packaging Designers & Manufacturers, Brand Owner and Waste Aggregators and Recycling Companies (WMRs) joined the program representing **17 different countries**. Participants rated the mentorship program at **8.6 out of 10**.

EMC expanding the Team

EMC continues to build a world class team of professionals. There are four positions immediately available. Areas are:

ESG - using metrics for transforming the Organization to mainstream sustainability, increase resilience and the investor pull **ESDD** with integration of Resource Efficiency and Resource Security as value add

Carbon - Transitioning to NetZero and managing vulnerability of Physical Assets

Circular Economy with skills in Material Flow Analysis and various advanced forms of LCA

Obviously, it is hard to find a perfect fit, as these areas are new, but we do not mind investing in training if the candidate is qualified enough, willing and shows fire in the belly. Write to prasad.modak@emcentre.com but only if you see yourself fit

Thank you for a Positive Response to the Ekonnect Video Library

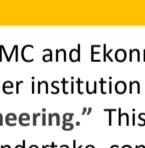


Ekonnect Knowledge Foundation announced the 'Ekonnect Video Library' on 1st April 2021. The Video Library offers a repository of modules on key topics in the field of Environmental Management and Sustainability. The topics currently include environmental impact assessment, circular economy, and sustainability. More topics will be added as the members' demand.

We are very glad about the response received. We appreciate the support of our subscribers. In order to grow to scale up the video library to **Ekonnect Academy**, we request a **small one-time donation of INR 799/- (US\$11)**. Upon making this donation, you will be provided an access to the entire video library that is updated every month. Click [here](#) to learn more and join

Meet EMC Associates

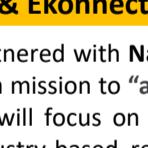
EMC is proud to announce Team of Associates who bring in wealth of experience and expertise. Some of these Associates have worked with us on several project over past several years. You can view their profiles [here](#). With their support, EMC's capacity to handle complex and multiple assignment has increased.



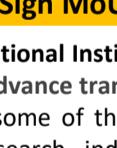
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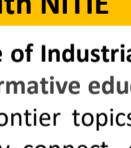
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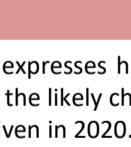
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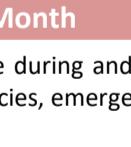
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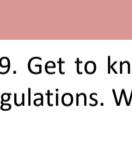
Ajay Sachdeva



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This Month's Blogs

• This month in our Team blog post, **Sakshi Gore** talks about impact of capacity building programs and competitions. Read her blog on '**Decoding Impact of Capacity building programs and Competitions – Case of Circular Economy Challenge 2020**' [here](#). Visit emcentre.com/emcblogs/ to subscribe to EMC Team Blog

• ESG has been a topic of current interest to several environmental and social professionals. Read Dr Modak's blog on "**ESG Disclosures, Diagnosis and Decisions**" and have some fun with his typical satire style and conversations with his Professor Friend. Click [here](#)

EMC & Ekonnect Sign MoU with NITIE

Under this MoU, EMC and Ekonnect have partnered with **National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE), Mumbai**. NITIE is one of the premier institution in India with a mission to "advance transformative education and industry-inspired research in Industrial Engineering." This partnership will focus on some of the frontier topics in environmental management and sustainability to undertake consultancy, industry-based research, industry connect, carry out joint research & academic activities and conduct joint events. EMC and Ekonnect always like to connect practice with research.

Video of the Month

Dr Prasad Modak expresses his views on environmental governance during and post Covid-19. Get to know the challenges faced, understand the likely changes in environmental and social policies, emergence of new regulations. Watch the complete video of the talk given in 2020. Visit : https://lnkd.in/eV_iBbC

'e-internship' is open at EMC!

Given the lockdown situation due to Covid-19, we have designed our 'e-internship' program such that interns can work with us remotely. Once the project and duration of internship is agreed, a mentor is assigned to the intern who will stay connected online. **Some of our Associates listed above will also participate as mentors giving benefit of their vast experience**. A weekly workplan will be prepared and the intern will make presentation to the EMC Team every week ending with submission of the final report. **The 'e-internship' is open to both Indian and international students**. To learn more about the EMC Internship Program, click [here](#). Over the years, EMC has engaged with 90+ interns. Meet some of our most recent interns:

Himshweta Gogoi Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM) Bhopal Internship Topic: Development of Assessment Tools on E&S safeguards (such as IFC PS) and Indian OHS Framework	Dawar Mahim Nareshbhai Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT Bombay) Internship Topic: Green Office catalog, Compilation of Adaptation measures for Ports
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Satyaki Roy Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani (BITS Pilani) Internship Topic: Sustainability in Plastics Economy at different stages of life cycle focusing on packaging	Shivani Chougule Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal Internship Topic: Flood Hazard Mapping and Risk Assessment
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Vaibhav Pandey Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM) Bhopal Internship Topic: A study on Environmental Sustainability and Strategic CSR in Indian Context	Bianca Kapur Dickinson College, Carlisle, USA Internship Topic: Building a database of greener products in India
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For more highlights and details on past projects, you can access the previous issues of our e-newsletter, [here](#)

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