

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY SPECIAL | #WED2021

A very warm Hello from Team EMC and Ekonnnect!

We are overjoyed to announce that **EMC and Ekonnnect's joint e-Newsletter completes ONE YEAR** since inception. A big THANK YOU for all the generous responses we've received from our readers!

We would love to hear from you about what you have liked about our e-Newsletter issues so far and what would you like to read in the ones lined up for this year. We are always on the lookout for feedback from our readers to help us curate just the right information for them! You can use this [link](#) to share it with us.

Click on the image on the right to download wallpaper for the month of June.



June 2021
Theme – Green Products

UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration – The Last Hope to Save Our Planet!

- This year, the theme for World Environment Day is **“Ecosystem Restoration”**. The month of June also marks the launch of [UN Decade of Ecosystem Restoration](#). The UN Decade runs from 2021 through 2030, which is also the deadline for meeting the Sustainable Development Goals and the timeline, scientists have identified as the last chance to prevent catastrophic climate change.
- There has never been a more urgent need to revive damaged ecosystems than now! The healthier our ecosystems are, the healthier the planet - and its people. The UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration aims to prevent, halt and reverse the degradation of ecosystems on every continent and in every ocean.
- Head over to their [website](#) to learn about ways in which you can contribute and be a part of [#GenerationRestoration](#) movement!

- Tell us about two actions that you will take in the coming months to play a part in Ecosystem Restoration. We will feature three best actions from our readers in the next month's issue! You can share your answers using this [link](#) by 25th June. Click [here](#) to access the Ecosystem Restoration Playbook and explore ways to consider your next steps!



Launching Certificate Program on Sustainability

Ekonnnect in partnership with **The National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE)** and support from **EMC** is delighted to announce the launch of a **Certificate Program on Sustainability**. The program will cover frontier topics in sustainability that are demanded in practice but not covered anywhere else. The program is designed for business leaders, division heads, managers, sustainability practitioners, inter-disciplinary knowledge seekers, finance professionals, assessors and auditors, and corporates. The program will help participants understand 360° perspective around Sustainability and improve their organization's performance in addressing complex and contemporary issues.

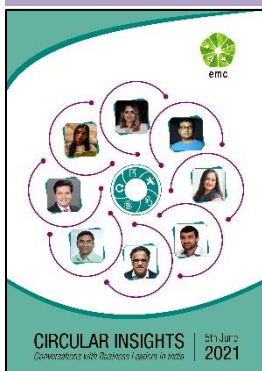
The Certificate Program will consist of following 6 modules:

- Module 1:** Essentials of Environmental Compliance (August 2021)
- Module 2:** Sustainability: Going Beyond Compliance (October 2021)
- Module 3:** Circular Economy (December 2021)
- Module 4:** Climate Change (February 2022)
- Module 5:** Biodiversity (April 2022)
- Module 6:** Environmental, Social and Governance (Data, Indicators, Rating) (June 2022)



Participants may select one or more modules. To download the program brochure, click [here](#).

Circular Insights, A publication by EMC



This World Environment Day, EMC launched **“Circular Insights”**- a report that provides a glimpse to India's leading businesses on the canvas of circular economy.

The report transcribes interviews conducted by Dr. Prasad Modak and Aneesa Patel with eight successful entrepreneurs. The interviews highlight entrepreneurs' ideologies, challenges they faced, the impact of their business and the way forward

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News from the Pyramids! - Implementation of Online Environmental Permitting System In Egypt

EMC prepared a concept note for the Egyptian Pollution Abatement Program (EPAP-III) on introducing Environmental Permitting (EP) in Egypt in 2020/21. This note has now been approved and EMC has been awarded a one-year project to implement the Pilot. The Pilot EP will be developed as an online system to help Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency (EEAA) and provide guidance to the industries on improving their environmental performance. This Pilot if successful will be a major milestone in reforming the environmental governance in Egypt. EMC has been engaged with EEAA over various projects for past 20 years.

Team at EMC consists of Dr Prasad Modak, Dr Ajay Deshpande (as a consultant) and Vishwa Trivedi.

Speaking Engagements and Partnership Updates

- EMC and Ekonnnect signed an MoU with **actusESG** to create impactful partnership focusing on Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG), Sustainable Finance and Sustainability.
- Dr Modak was invited by the **Commercial International Bank of Egypt** to deliver a talk on the topic of **Sustainable Finance**.
- Dr. Prasad Modak conducted a webinar for the top management of **Adani Total Gas Ltd.** on the subject of **‘ESG: Are we future ready?’**

Celebrating World Environment Day 2021

EMC in partnership with Legasis and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) Limited celebrated the World Environment Day on June 5, 2021, through a UN Environment Program (UNEP) recognized event. The event was attended by business leaders, ESG experts, Environmental specialists, Legal and Compliance professionals and students across all sectors globally. Dr. Prasad Modak moderated a panel discussion on challenges and opportunities in ecosystem restoration. Many other esteemed speakers and experts joined the event. The program ended with a session with artist interactions where bird watchers and environmentalists talked about their experiences with the ecosystems. This segment was in a visual (photographs) and storytelling format.



Update on EMC team

- EMC welcomes its most recent team member – Dr Asha Panwar. Asha has over 4 years of experience in circular economy and waste management. Her doctoral research work at IIT Bombay focused on applications of life cycle thinking for waste-to-resource management for C&D waste. She holds a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering & Management from IIT Kanpur. EMC is happy to have Asha on board.
- EMC would also like to welcome onboard Anirudh Gandhi who has joined the team as a Research Associate. Anirudh would be closely working with our team member Krupa Desai on the topic of Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and on Carbon Neutrality projects. Anirudh has completed his BA. in Environmental Biology from Washington University in St. Louis and has been a past summer intern at EMC.
- Four new interns joined EMC's internship program in the month of May 2021 who are engaged in various projects and studies:

Shivani Chougule
Institute: BITS Pilani
Internship Topic: Flood Hazard Mapping and Risk Assessment
Mentor: Jay Mehta

Manasi Jadhav
Institute: NMIMS, Mumbai
Internship Topic: Effective Communication and e-Learning for Sustainability
Mentor: Vishwa Trivedi

Sudha Yarabolu
Institute: The University of Western Australia
Internship Topic: Guide for organizations to transition to SPP
Mentor: Dr Asha Panwar

Bhavya Gopal
Institute: Manipal Institute of Technology, Manipal
Internship Topic: Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment
Mentor: Pranav Bhardwaj

Book Recommendations

We know learning about Climate Change can be a daunting process which begins with finding the right resources. The first step towards taking actions in combating Climate Change and restoring Ecosystems, is increasing our awareness about these issues. Don't worry! We've got you covered. Here's a hand-picked list of books you can refer to learn more about Climate Change!

- [This Changes Everything](#): Capitalism Vs The Climate, by Naomi Klein
- [The Great Derangement](#): Climate Change and the unthinkable, by Amitav Ghosh
- [Drawdown](#): The most comprehensive plan ever proposed to reverse Global Warming, by Paul Hawken
- [Field Notes from a Catastrophe](#): Man, Nature and Climate Change, by Elizabeth Kolbert
- [The Climate Solution](#): India's Climate Change Crisis and What we can do about it, by Mridula Ramesh

For more highlights and details on past projects, you can access the previous issues of our e-newsletter, [here](#)

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