

A warm hello from Team EMC and Ekonnnect!

We hope you all are doing well. We bring you issue 7 of this calendar year with some interesting information about our recent projects at EMC and Ekonnnect along with some exciting updates on the upcoming events. Hope you enjoy reading this issue!



July 2021  
Theme- Plastic-free July

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

### Register for Certificate Program on Sustainability

#### Certificate Program on Sustainability

Program Timeline August 2021 – June 2022

##### Organizers



We are thrilled to announce that registrations for **The Certificate Program on Sustainability** organized by [National Institute of Industrial Engineering](#) in partnership with Ekonnnect and with support from Environmental Management Centre LPP, are now OPEN! The program is designed for business leaders, division heads, managers, sustainability practitioners, finance professionals, auditors and students. Discount on bulk registration is available for corporates. Click [here](#) to learn more.

A total of 6 modules will be conducted over a year. The program will cover frontier topics in sustainability that are demanded in practice but are not covered in the university curricula. Module 1 will be conducted between 2nd - 7th August 2021.

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Each Module will be conducted over 1 week, consisting three sessions of 2.5 hours each, held on Monday, Wednesday and Friday along with home assignments. An examination will be held on Saturday. Dr. Prasad Modak and Prof. Anju Singh are the anchor faculties for this program. Last date for registration is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021.

Participants can choose to join one or more modules. Hurry! Click [here](#) to enroll!

### Project Highlights

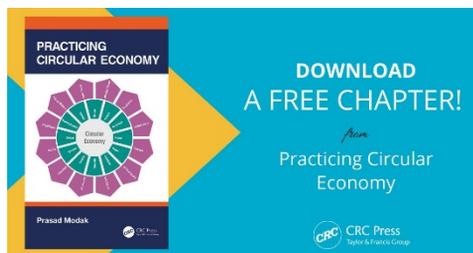
- EMC has been engaged by **The Social Investment Consultancy (TSIC)** to develop an Environmental Impact Framework to guide and monitor the environmental performance of supply chain partners of furniture manufacturing. A data collection tool will be developed for the metal, fabric and plastic manufacturing industries.
- EMC has been appointed to develop an Environmental and Social Management System for the **Kotak Performing Real Estate Credit Strategy Fund**. The Fund targets investments in real estate developments across the Metro and Tier 1 cities of India.
- EMC has been engaged by **Kathari Water Management Private Limited** to develop an Environmental and Social Management System along with development of the knowledge resources and sustainability communication strategy. The communication strategy and toolkit will be used in assessing the potential opportunities, guide investees, and partners in projects on sewage treatment, industrial wastewater recycling and desalination projects.
- Ekonnnect had partnered with **The International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)**, to conduct a Beginner's level four-day virtual training program on Air Quality Data Analytics in November 2020, to train participants from Nepal, Bhutan and Afghanistan. Based on the positive response received for the previous program, Ekonnnect is now conducting an advanced training on Air Quality Data Analytics in association with ICIMOD by the end of July 2021.

### Speaking Engagements

- Dr. Prasad Modak delivered a presentation on the subject of **“Challenges and Opportunities on Environmental Sustainability under India's Environmental and Social Governance”** at a webinar series titled “Resume SDGs-aligned South-South Investments beyond COVID-19” on 25<sup>th</sup> May.
- Dr. Prasad Modak delivered a talk in one of the **Air Quality Management Lecture (AQML)** series on the latest advancements and technologies in the area of Air Quality Management. The event was jointly organized by the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M), GCRF-Clean Environment and Planetary Health in Asia (CEPHA) and Indian International Conference on Air Quality Management (IICAQM) on 18<sup>th</sup> June.
- Dr. Prasad Modak was invited to present his thoughts, on the subject of **“Disaster Waste Management”** at a training program organized by National Institute of Disaster Management, Ministry of Home Affairs, Centre for Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development, and IMPRI Impact and Policy Research Institute on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

### Practicing Circular Economy - Download a FREE chapter now and avail discount of 20%!

We announced the launch of the book **“Practicing Circular Economy”**, authored by Dr. Prasad Modak in our previous issue. The book is strongly recommended for students, educators and practitioners in the field of Circular Economy. The book distills Dr Modak's four decades of experience. The book presents 100+ case studies covering various sectors and geographies. The book covers a wide range of topics such as Evolution of Circular Economy, Business Models, Governance, Policies, Finance, Entrepreneurship opportunities and the way forward.



**Special Offer:** Click on this [link](#) to download **Chapter 5 for FREE** and use the code enclosed within, to avail a 20% discount on the purchase of this book! Offer valid up to 31<sup>st</sup> September 2021 only.

### We are hiring!

EMC is hiring and if your profile matches with any of the following descriptions, kindly email your CV to [sivaranjani@emcentre.com](mailto:sivaranjani@emcentre.com) and [vishwa.trivedi@emcentre.com](mailto:vishwa.trivedi@emcentre.com).

- ESG Specialist:** Working knowledge of Indian regulatory requirements and international environmental and social safeguards / frameworks such as IFC Performance Standards, World Bank EHS guidelines, Equator Principles etc. Knowledge in sustainability reporting and ESG rating would be an advantage.
- Climate Change and Low Carbon Specialist:** Knowledge of Climate Change Vulnerability Analysis, Climate Risk Assessment and Climate Adaptation Plans. Well versed with GHG Emission calculations for various sectors including ISO14064 and GHG Protocol, understanding of CDP as well as TCFD requirements.
- Program Officer- Social Impact:** Experience with Needs Assessment, Implementation and Impact Assessment of CSR preferably with project implementation experience on water, waste, renewable energy and livelihoods.

### Actions towards Ecosystem Restoration

United Nations has declared this decade (2021-2030) as The Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, and we received great responses from our readers on the actions they will take to play a part in Ecosystem Restoration on an individual level. As promised, we are featuring 3 best responses received from our readers:

- Set up roof-top harvesting system to reduce our groundwater demand and store water for usage
- Explore and set up kitchen garden in balcony and actively participate in tree plantation drives and other community volunteering activities
- Practice composting at home to prevent organic waste from reaching the landfill

### Resources for “Plastic Free July”

We are halfway through 2021 and we hope you are enjoying the monthly themes of our EkoCalendar. The theme for July has been derived from a global movement called “Plastic free July” which has inspired millions of people to be a part of the solution to plastic pollution. Around 326 million people across 177 countries signed up for the challenge to lead a ‘Plastic free July’ on this [website](#). You can sign up for this challenge by visiting their [website](#), and pledge to lead a ‘Plastic free July’ by replacing plastic items in your day-to-day life through sustainable, conscious and more environment friendly alternatives.

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

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