



EMC turned 26 on 4th January 2022

09 August – International day of the World’s Indigenous People 20 August – Renewable Energy Day

A warm hello from Team EMC and Ekonnect!

We are excited to bring to you the eighth issue of this year of the monthly EMC Ekonnect joint e-newsletter comprising of some exciting updates from the previous month!



August 2022 Theme- Low Carbon Living

Click on the image to download calendar for the month of August

Exciting New Projects awarded to EMC!

- Renewable Energy-Environmental Health and Social (EHS) Compliance Audits in Vadodara & Vallam for an international organization
Collins Aerospace EHS Audit Program 2022 for an international company
EHS Compliance Audit of facilities in Paddappai and Noida, India for an international company
Environmental and Social Due Diligence (ESDD) of Cello World for India Advantage FundS4
Supply Chain Mapping and Risk Assessment for a Plastic Waste Processing industry for Circulate Capital Management Pvt. Ltd
ESDD for Affordable Housing Project by Creations Promoters and Development Pvt Ltd in Tiruvallur for Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Fund Management Corporation Limited (TNFIMC)
Preparation of Tender documents for a Material Recovery Facility for Northern Railways supported by GIZ

Ekonnect Video Library – Join Today to Avail an Amazing Offer

Last year, Ekonnect launched the 'Ekonnect Video Library that offers a repository of practice-oriented modules on key topics in the field of Environmental Management and Sustainability. The video library provides an opportunity for the participants to post their training needs.



The video topics are across three key areas- Circular Economy, Environmental Impact Assessment, and Teaching Environment and Sustainability. Some of the topics are Financing in Circular Economy, Life Cycle Assessment and Material Flow Analyses, Business Models for Circular Economy, Fundamentals of Environmental Assessment and Environmental Social Governance at Financing Institutions

Annual subscription of INR 799/- (US\$11) gives you access to this huge repository of 22 presentation videos. Still thinking! Click here to learn more.

Ekonnect Team facilitates conduct of the “CEC Replicator workshop in Bangalore”

Ekonnect along with TERI was contracted for implementing CEC Replicator workshop and CEC Starter workshop in Bangalore between July to September 2022. These workshops are a part of a bigger program "Circular Economy Catalyst (CEC)" designed by adelphi, in collaboration with SEED, and supported by IKEA Foundation in India and Kenya.



Out of the two workshops, CEC Replicator workshop was organized and conducted in Bangalore on 21 to 22 July 2022 where more than 15 individual entrepreneurs participated. The 2-day workshop primarily helped the participants to identify sector-specific market opportunities, explore impact-generating activities, and learn about key elements of successful business models. Participants worked on their own business ideas using the tool kits that were provided. At the end, a short pitching competition was held, where all participants pitched their business idea, and the best 5 pitches were awarded with conscious gifts. Sameer Kulkarni represented as a facilitator from Ekonnect team with Dr Malini Balakrishnan of TERI as Chief Mentor.

Ekonnect conducts third Training Program on Air Quality Data Analytics for ICIMOD

Ekonnect conducted a 2-days training during 21st-22nd July on Air quality data analytics for International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) in Nepal. In this program, 40 participants from 5 countries were trained on various topics related to Air Quality and Meteorological Data Analytics using platforms and tools such as R Studio, MS Excel etc. The Sessions were conducted through presentations, case studies, hands-on problem-solving interactive quizzes, and Q&A sessions. Interests were shown by the participating countries to host similar workshops by Ekonnect team in their countries. Sivaranjani, Jay Mehta and Dr Aditya Gusain were the faculty.



Various Talks by Dr. Prasad Modak

- The Sustainable Chennai Forum of the Madras Chambers of Commerce and Industry (MCCI) invited Dr. Prasad Modak to deliver a talk on the topic of Circularity for Sustainability. The session was held virtually on 29th July 2022. Listen to the talk here
UNIDO organized a Green Industry Summer School during 26th July- 29th July under the United Nations Partnership for Action on Green Economy (PAGE) to provide guidance to policymakers and practitioners on green industrial transformation and provide an up-to-date overview of the debate on green industrial policy. Dr. Modak was invited by UNIDO as a Faculty to this School to share experience on the impact of COVID-19 on MSMEs in Ghana, Uruguay and India and strategies for recovery. To learn more and download resources, click here.
NEERI organized i-Connect (iCEN-53) event on the Impacts of Climate Change on Water. Dr.Prasad Modak delivered a talk on Water Stress Index for India on 7th July 2022.



Release of Recommendations of International Circular Economy Forum 2022



CIRCULAR ECONOMY ACTION AGENDA: KEY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE INDIA CIRCULAR ECONOMY FORUM

EMC was a knowledge partner to the International Circular Economy Forum (ICEF 2022) organized by International Council for Circular Economy (ICCE).

EMC and ICCE worked to produce a knowledge product that is the distillation of the discussions at ICEF and can be accessed HERE.

Training of EMC Team

Prahsant Kokil, a Senior Associate and Mentor at EMC, coordinated a half a day virtual training on Environmental Social Governance Due Diligence (ESD-DD) on 9th July 2022 to enhance team’s technical capabilities on this subject. Dr. Prasad Modak was the faculty with case study presentations by Dr. Shilpi Kapur and Akshay Nare. The next training session will be on IFC Performance Standards and Environmental & Social Management Systems (ESMS)

Four team members from EMC- Vrushali Bachhav , Pashmin Dee, Akshay Nare and Bhavnidhi Sood attended an online training programme on Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) from July 26th to August 4th, 2022. The training program was conducted by Centre for Science and Environment and included sessions on methodology for preparing an EIA, approach for baseline data collection, identification and assessment of impacts along with the Environmental Clearance process and understanding of EIA process and legislation from developed countries

EMC & Ekonnect teams expand

EMC and Ekonnect welcome our most recent team members- Prahlad Tewari, Sharvari Lowalekar, Anjali Pala, Priyanka Kulkarni, Darshna Chauhan, and Rashi Agarwal

Prahlad joined EMC & Ekonnect as Vice President. He holds M. Tech in Production Engineering from Delhi Technical University (DTU) (formerly Delhi College of Engineering (DCE)), Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering and Diploma in Production Engineering. He has also completed a certificate course in Sustainable Consumption & Production (SCP) in Asia from United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR). He has over 12 publications in journals and conferences to his credit. He leads the activities in the fields of Resource Efficiency and Cleaner Production (RECP), Circular Economy, Sustainability Strategies, ESG-DD, Eco-entrepreneurship program, and CSR support for industries and corporates. Before joining EMC & EKF, Prahlad worked for 23 years at The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI). Apart from work, he enjoys travelling, jogging and interacting with people. Prahlad is also pursuing his PhD in the Department of Energy and Environment from TERI School of Advanced Studies.

Sharvari joined EMC as a Research Assistant after working with EMC as an intern for 2 months. During her internship, she worked on creating a knowledge product on the topic "Decarbonization for a Net Zero Future: Initiatives for Industry and Policy Support". She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics Honours from Symbiosis School of Economics, Pune. She wrote her final year dissertation on the topic of Sustainable Menstruation and conducted primary research to understand the extent of awareness, usage and factors inhibiting the use of sustainable menstrual products amongst women in Pune City. Sharvari is trained in classical dance (Kathak) and loves practicing the art in her free time. She is also very fond of animals and likes to spend her weekends volunteering at shelters and rescue organizations.

Anjali joined EMC as an Environmental Engineer. Anjali graduated with Bachelor’s in Environmental Science and Engineering from Gujarat Technological University. She also has a Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law and Policy from National Law University, Delhi. She has over 5 years of experience in the field of environmental management and statutory compliances. Some of the projects she has worked include environmental audits, environment impact assessments, and feasibility studies for pollution control technologies. She enjoys reading and listening to music in her free time.

Priyanka joined Ekonnect as a Project Co-Ordinator for the Parivartan project and is working in the domain of Circular Economy and Sustainability. She is an Environmental Architect/Researcher with 7 years of diverse experience on a range of projects that include macro level urban-environmental planning to micro level sustainable design. She has worked with different companies and experts on varied sustainability project sectors such as Sustainable Design/Planning, Environmental Clearance/Impact Assessment, Green Building/Energy Efficiency and Ecological Land Planning with experience of working in Germany. She holds a Master’s Degree in Environmental Architecture from Dr. Bhanuben Nanavati College of Architecture (B.N.C.A), Pune University and a Bachelor’s Degree in Architecture from Pillai’s College of Architecture, Mumbai University. Apart from work, she is fond of hiking, travelling, sketching, and painting.

Rashi joined EMC as a Sustainability Specialist. While pursuing her master's degree in International Affairs from the National University of Singapore, she realized her passion for working in the environment and sustainability sector. This translated into her working for the Stockholm Environment Institute, Asian Venture Philanthropy Network's Climate Action Platform and as a student researcher for the Institute of Public Understanding of Risk wherein she worked on topics including energy inequality and climate change, agriculture, air pollution, climate philanthropy, renewable energy, among others. Apart from thinking about the climate crisis, she spends her time reading, watching Korean dramas and making travel plans.

Darshna joined Ekonnect as a Project Associate. She graduated from Fergusson College Pune with a Bachelors degree in Environmental Science and completed her Masters from Savitribai Phule Pune University. As part of her Masters Thesis, Darshna developed ideas for sustainable parks of smart cities considering SDG-11. Her Bachelor's thesis was on examining the role of public transport in regulating the health & environment of Pune city air as well as noise pollution. Darshna has done internships in IITM, Freeland, Climate Hub, WASP (NGO),Waatavaran & Nature's eye. She has also completed few on-line courses in Economics and Sustainability, Data Science Analysis, and Introduction to ESG. Apart from work, she enjoys doing nature's photography, travelling, and spending her leisure time in nature, gardening, and sketching.

Featuring EMCians

At EMC, we cherish our relationship with our alumni, including interns and continue to stay connected on a WhatsApp group “EMCians” that now has more than 100 members. We take pleasure to introduce some of them who shined in their careers.

- Anagha Paranjape- Purohit, worked at EMC for six years (2001- 2006) as Senior Environmental Planner. Currently She is Director at VK:e Environmental consultancy. Anagha has two decades of professional experience in the field of Architecture, Sustainable Design and Urban Environmental Planning. She was Adjunct Professor at College of Energy, Environment and Sustainability (CEES) for 12 years. In 2007, she worked with Science and Technology Park, Pune for Eco Housing Projects, under the Eco Housing programme initiated by USAID and IIEC, Mumbai.
Neha Anand was Intern at EMC for two months in 2005. Later she studied at The Johns Hopkins University and at the Yale University to secure MBA. In 2013, Neha was appointed as the deputy project leader at Engineers Without Borders Boston, USA for the Honduras Water Project and played an active role in water system design, project management, fundraising and team-building. Currently, She is Senior Director at EY-Parthenon. She has more than ten years of experience in commercial due diligence and strategy projects focusing on market assessment, customer and channel dynamics.

We continue to hire at our Mumbai and Ahmedabad Offices!

In view of our expanding business canvas, we are constantly looking for expanding our team. We need people that come from interdisciplinary areas, have a passion towards environment and have good writing and communication skills. If you have a fire in the belly and are ready to learn, then EMC/Ekonnect is the place for you.

If interested, please send your CV to Dr Prasad Modak, Managing Director, EMC at prasad.modak@emcentre.com

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

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