

A warm hello from Team EMC and Ekonnnect!

We hope 2022 has been amazing for you thus-far. We are excited to bring to you the third issue of this year of the monthly EMC Ekonnnect joint e-newsletter comprising of some exciting updates from the previous month!

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March 2022
Theme- Energy Efficiency

Exciting New Projects at EMC and E-Konnnect!

- EMC was appointed by HDFC Ltd. to conduct an Environmental and Social Due Diligence of three projects in which they are planning to invest. The assessment included assessment of measures undertaken on environment, health and safety management at the project site including safe work practices, waste management, training of workers, incident management, emergency preparedness & response, and community grievance redressal.
- EMC is conducting dispersion modelling study using AERMOD to model the impact of Tata Powers Trombay plant on the urban air quality in Mumbai.
- EMC is conducting ESDD of a blockchain based traceability platform that enhances supply chain visibility for Agri Impact Fund.

Some Project Updates

- Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation was appointed by Godrej Properties to conduct Impact Assessment of their Watershed Development Project implemented in 3 villages of Beed district as a part of Corporate Social Responsibility. A local NGO was appointed by Godrej to set up structures like loose boulder structures, stone gully plug, continuous contour trench, water absorption trench, farms bunds etc. as a part of watershed management interventions. Ekonnnect conducted Watershed Impact Assessment and Socioeconomic Impact Assessment to study the impact of these intervention on the watershed and livelihoods of people in these villages.
- EMC was engaged by Aga Khan Agency for Habitat to develop a comprehensive Climate Change Risk Assessment Framework for the urban settlements. The framework focuses on addressing risk to urban habitat from different natural and climate change induced hazards. Such a framework can help the City administrators, City planners and architects, to plan and prepare short-term mitigation and long-term adaptation strategies. This framework was then applied to Ahmedabad City to assess the climate risk Ahmedabad City is facing. AKAH along with EMC organized a workshop to share the Framework and its application to Ahmedabad City with the stakeholders. Various stakeholders including NGO, Developmental Organization, Educational Institute, Municipal Corporation, Gujarat Climate Change Cell, etc. were invited to the workshop.

EMC on Stewardship council of Inclusive Capitalism

Dr. Prasad Modak has joined the [Council for Inclusive Capitalism](#) on invitation as a Stewardship member. The Council is a global nonprofit organization that addresses both moral and market imperatives to build a more inclusive, sustainable, and trusted economic system that addresses the needs of our people. Visit [here](#) for more details regarding EMC's commitment on influencing private sector investments in South Asia.

Online Training on Environmental and Social Framework for Project Team Leaders at AIIB

Dr Prasad Modak in partnership with Dr Mohammad Zaman concluded a year-long training for the Project Team Leaders at the Asian Infrastructure and Investment Bank (AIIB) on Environmental and Social Framework. The program was designed to illustrate the benefits of safeguards in project planning, how to integrate ESIA, highlight internationally recognized best practices and ending with a session on alternative approaches for ESIA and ESDD during the COVID-19 pandemic.

EMC is looking for Partners in supporting E-learning services

Ekonnnect knowledge foundation has been actively engaged in conducting both face to face and virtual training programs on frontier topics in environmental management and sustainability. We have created our niche position in this area across geographies over last 10 years. We have built a solid network of alumni and received excellent feedback enthrusing us to scale up our capacity building efforts towards lifelong learning.

We are now looking forward to set partnership with companies who have expertise in creating e-learning modules. We believe that such partnership will help us in joint brand building and deliver our services on scale, at high quality and in time.

If you are interested, kindly write to us at prasad.modak@ekonnnect.net with your company profile and samples. Visit www.ekonnnect.net to know more about us.

Top 3 winners of the WasteEntrepreneurs Announced

Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation, with support from HT Parekh Foundation, announced the WasteEntrepreneurs program in October 2021 to support entrepreneurs working towards promoting Circular Economy. Applications were invited from start-up enterprises with a Minimum Viable Product (MVP) or established Proof of Value (PoV) working towards promoting Circular Economy in the Construction, Textiles and Packaging Sectors.

Ekonnnect received submissions from 53 enterprises. Thirty enterprises were shortlisted who received several rounds of mentoring. After virtual pitching sessions in front of a panel of Jury, top 6 enterprises were selected for further due diligence.

Finally, 3 enterprises have now been shortlisted as the winners of WasteEntrepreneurs program. These are Saltech Design Labs Private Limited (Construction theme), InfinityBox (Packaging theme), and reCharkha - The EcoSocial Tribe (Textile theme). These winners will be awarded with a grant of INR 5 Lacs each to further and strengthen their operations.

Global Sustainability Champions

Ekonnnect announced "Global Sustainability Champions" program in February 2022 in the memory of Late Dadasaheb Rege, Founder of Balmohan Vidyamandir School, Mumbai. Dr Prasad Modak is alumni of this prestigious school.

Global Sustainability Champion calls students of grade 8, 9, 10 and 11 to learn about the importance of sustainability and prepare neighborhood sustainability plans.

There is no registration fees. Click [here](#) to learn more and click on [this link](#) to register!



Program highlights:

- One week spaced out program between March 21-27.
- 3 online sessions of 2 hours each on Monday, Wednesday and Sunday
- Offline assignment on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- Awards to the top three teams
- E-publication featuring shortlisted neighborhood sustainability plans

Speaking Engagements

- Dr. Shilpi Kapur, Vice President EMC, participated as a panelist in the World Sustainable Development Summit 2022 organized by TERI. She shared her perspectives on how to make Extended Producer Responsibility(EPR) workable to foster circular economy for plastics.
- Dr. Shilpi Kapur was a panelist in the launch event of RLG Systems India Pvt. Ltd.'s new initiative named Sankalp-A festival of possibilities that aims to build a sustainable future. Dr. Kapur spoke on the topic of future initiatives that need to be taken for better waste management
- Dr. Shilpi Kapur was invited to share her perspectives as an author at the e-launch event of the Journal on Circular Economy that has been published by the International Council for Circular Economy. The event took place on 11th February 2022

Announcing the Module 4 on Climate Change under the Certificate Program on Sustainability

Ekonnnect in partnership with National Institute of Industrial Engineering (NITIE), India with support from EMC have jointly launched a unique certificate course on sustainability. The course consists of 6 modules that will be conducted over a year. Each module runs over a week with 3 sessions of 2.5 hours each on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons. Assignments are given on an individual basis on Tuesday and Thursday and an examination is held on Saturday morning. Participants can choose to join one or more modules during the program. Module 4 on Climate Change will be conducted between 14-18 March 2022. For more details and registration for Module 4, click [here](#) or write to vishwa.trivedi@ekonnnect.net.

We are hiring!

In view of our expanding business canvas, we are looking for experts in the following areas

- Environmental, Health & Safety and Social Due Diligence
- Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Management Systems
- Circular Economy driven Road mapping for the Business
- Program management and Implementation of CSR Projects

The above positions are open to both senior and middle level professionals and also to those who prefer to work remotely and on assignment basis. Those with international experience and willing to work in our Mumbai office will however be preferred.

If interested, please send your CV to Dr Prasad Modak, Executive President, EMC at prasad.modak@emcentre.com highlighting your work in the areas cited above.

Internships at EMC

EMC has a robust internship program for students and young professionals willing to pursue a career in sustainability. We receive at least three applications every week!

Our new interns are

Ms. Divya Shastri, B.Sc. (Economic) Honors from Symbiosis School of Economics, Pune, India. She will work on **ESG Metrics for Sustainable Finance**.

Ms. Maureen Anna James, B.Tech Chemical Engineering, Manipal Institute of Technology, Karnataka, India. She will work on **Sustainable Consumption and Production**.

Kindly write to Dr Shilpi Kapur at shilpi.kapur@emcentre.com to learn more about internships and explore the opportunities for collaboration.

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

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