



EMC turned 25 on
4th January 2021

14 October – International E-waste Day
16 October – World Food Day
24 October – International Day of Climate Action

A warm hello from Team EMC and Ekonnnect!

Welcome to the tenth issue of EMC Ekonnnect monthly joint e-newsletter. We hope our previous issues to keep up-to-date with our latest news, courses, projects, job openings and a whole lot more. With th to you latest update from EMC/Ekonnnect office. Happy reading!

Click on the image on the right to download calendar for the month of October.



October 2021
Theme- Managing E-waste

Exciting Ongoing Projects at EMC!

- EMC has been appointed by **NITI Aayog** to prepare a Consolidated and Strategic Action Plan based on inputs developed by various key ministries. The Action Plan will present an integrated strategy with enabling framework to move the wheel of circular economy in India.
- EMC organized a consultation workshop with some of the major Development Financing Institutions (DFIs) to discuss strategies for supporting **Just Transition** in India. This workshop was held on September 30. Participants included Asian Development Bank (ADB), The World Bank, KfW, Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), Global Climate Protection Fund (GCPF), Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC) and project partners Professor Nick Robins and Sabrina Muller from London School of Economics and Suranjali Tandon of National Institute of Public Finance and Policy. The workshop witnessed insightful discussions and all participants gave an update on the ongoing efforts on Just Transition.
- EMC was engaged by **Aga Khan Agency for Habitat**, to prepare a Toolkit for Urban Ecosystem Management that presents a holistic evaluative framework for ecosystem health assessment and monitoring. The toolkit also includes a catalogue of nature-based solutions. Click [here](#) to download the toolkit.

Association with HT Parekh Foundation for implementing CSR Interventions

EMC and Ekonnnect have been engaged by HT Parekh Foundation to help implement Environmental Management and Sustainability related projects under Foundation's Corporate Social Responsibility. Four projects are shortlisted to promote Waste Management (bio-methanation and composting), Eco-entrepreneurship and Renewable Energy in urban landscape.

These projects will be implemented across India. Here are some photographs from one of our reconnaissance visit. Stay tuned for individual project updates.



Visit to composting facilities in residential apartments



Visit to Dadar composting facility



Visit to 2 TPD Biogas plant – IITB



Rapid Assessment of a potential Solar Water Heater Institution



Expansion of existing Solar Heater infrastructure

Speaking Engagements

- Dr. Prasad Modak was invited to be a part of ESG Expert Talk Series at HDFC Housing Finance where he delivered a talk on **The Importance of ESG Practices in Housing Finance**.
- Dr. Prasad Modak has been invited to present on the subject of **“Sustainable Packaging – A Game Changer towards Circular Economy”** at an event organized by The Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) and Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board. On 12th October 2021. Kindly use [this link](#) to register for the event!



MOU with IIMN Foundation for Entrepreneurship Development

Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation signed an MoU with [IIMN Foundation for Entrepreneurship Development](#) (InFED, IIMN) on October 1, 2021. InFED, IIMN is a Section-8 company under the Companies Act, 2013 established by the Indian Institute of Management Nagpur (an Institute of National Importance) in 2018 as a 'Special Purpose Vehicle' to drive initiatives on innovation and entrepreneurship. InFED, IIMN is a recognized business incubator of the Ministry of MSME, Government of India. Ekonnnect and InFED will collaborate in the field of Incubation and Acceleration programs, Services to Startups, Innovators/ aspiring entrepreneurs and research and educational programs to promote Greener Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

We are Hiring!

1. **EHS specialist** in conducting **Environmental & Social Due Diligence** - Should have experience of at least 3 years in an industry or a consulting company. Familiarity with Indian legislation on environment, health & safety including social welfare is essential. Familiarity with IFC Performance Standard will be desirable. Note that this is a middle-level position in Mumbai.
2. **GHG Inventorization and Decarbonization Expert** - Should be well versed with GHG Emission calculations for various sectors including ISO14064 and GHG Protocol, understanding of CDP as well as TCFD reporting requirements. At least 3 years of related experience. Position in Mumbai.
3. **Sustainability Specialist** - Experience in developing ESG roadmaps for organizations, familiarity with ESG rating schemes. Knowledge in sustainability reporting would be an advantage. At least 5 years of related experience required. This is a middle-level position in Mumbai.

Kindly write to us with your CV to sivaranjani@emcentre.com

Video Library

Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation announced the launch of 'Ekonnnect Video Library' in August 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.

A total of **25 videos** are currently available in the library that can be availed by paying a small donation of INR 799/- (US\$11). New videos will be added every month! This is an annual subscription amount. Click [here](#) to learn more and join.



EkoCalendar theme for October: Managing E-waste

India is ranked fifth in the world amongst top e-waste producing countries after the USA, China, Japan, and Germany and recycles less than 2 per cent of the total e-waste it produces annually formally. Here are some actionable steps to reduce generation of e-waste at an individual level:

1. Buy less
2. Give away or donate your e-waste to authorized e-waste recyclers in your area
3. Live in the cloud: Skip buying large server or heavy-duty machines for either work or personal storage and use services like Dropbox and Amazon AWS cloud.
4. Buy unboxed and refurbished gadgets on [Amazon](#)



Update on EMC and Ekonnnect team!

Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation welcomes its most recent team member – **Sameer Kulkarni**. Sameer has been working on projects in the Agriculture-Water-Energy nexus for more than 2 years. His previous assignment on the PoCRA project with the Government of Maharashtra was focused on building operational frameworks to enable farmers and villages to be self-reliant, in responding to climate change. Sameer holds a Master's in Technology and Development from IIT Bombay.

One of our interns, **Abhilasha Sardana**, joined EMC in July 2021, and worked on conducting a quantitative analysis of the environmental initiatives undertaken by the Indian IT sector focusing on climate. Based on a review of 18 IT companies in India, she developed empirical models that linked company initiatives with Scope 1 & Scope 2 emissions.

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

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