

A very warm welcome to the 12<sup>th</sup> and the last issue of this year's EMC Ekonnnect joint e-Newsletter. 2021 has been unusual and unpredictable where COVID-19 pandemic continued dominating our lives, but here's a hope that 2022 will be better and brighter.

At EMC and Ekonnnect, 2021 has been about adapting to the new normal and growing. We hope you spend the last few days of this year reflecting on your achievements and lessons in personal and professional life and end this year with immense gratitude. We would like to thank you for being a part of this journey with us.



**December 2021  
Theme- Hold Zero Waste Events**

Click on the image below to download calendar for the month of December.

**Exciting Ongoing Projects at EMC!**

- EMC has been engaged by Arohan Financial Services Limited (Arohan) for the design and establishment of an Environmental and Social Management System (ESMS). Arohan is a leading NBFC-MFI with operations in financially under-penetrated Low-Income States of India. It provides income generating loans and other financial inclusion related products to customers who have limited or no access to financial services. As of September 30, 2020, Arohan was the fifth largest NBFC-MFI in India and the largest NBFC-MFI in Eastern India (Source: CRISIL Report), based on Gross Loan Portfolio ("GLP") with a GLP of INR 48.57 billion.
- EMC has been engaged by Reliable Autotech Ltd to propose advisory services to develop a Sustainability Roadmap and ESG Action Plan for selected manufacturing facilities. Reliable Autotech Pvt. Ltd. is a sheet metal-based engineering and manufacturing company that provides end-to-end solutions starting from designing, prototyping and development of dyes, fixtures, and gauges, stamping components, setting up welded assembly cells/lines, powder coating or E-coating, remote warehousing and supplying to OEMs in the domestic and overseas markets.
- EMC has been appointed by Central Project Organization (CPO) ITC to conduct five knowledge sharing and capacity building workshops for the CPO team and develop a sustainability roadmap for CPO.
- EMC has been hired by NIIFL's SOF to perform Environmental and Social Due Diligence (ESDD) assessment of a proposed investment of a digital, Fin-tech based financial services company. The business is based on providing a one stop digital solution towards banking and other financial needs of customers like microcredit, general insurance, AMC business (MF/ETF), commercial banking etc.
- EMC has been engaged by General Electric Renewables ("GE") to review their existing Simplified Work Plan (SWP) for on shore wind business. The SWP was prepared in 2018 and has not been updated since then. GE would like to get the SWP updated to harmonize with the existing SWP available in the North American region.

**Certificate Program on Sustainability**

Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation in partnership with [National Institute of Industrial Engineering](#) and support from [Environmental Management Centre LLP](#), has successfully completed Module 1 (Essentials of Environmental Compliance) and Module 2 (Going Beyond Compliance) of the Certificate Program on Sustainability.

We are now delighted to announce the registration for Module 3 on Circular Economy is now OPEN! The module will be conducted from 13 – 17 December. Click [here](#) to learn more.

**Ekonnnect Partners with MGTC, Malaysia and Green Growth Solutions Asia**

Ekonnnect signed a tripartite MoU with Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Centre (MGTC) and Green Growth Solutions Asia (GGSA) to further the Circular Economy (CE) initiatives in the ASEAN region. To promote CE in the region, the partners intend to work together on various projects focusing on training and capacity building, eco-entrepreneurship, mentoring support to greener businesses, conducting regional workshops and seminars, and developing joint reports on CE related topics for ASEAN region.



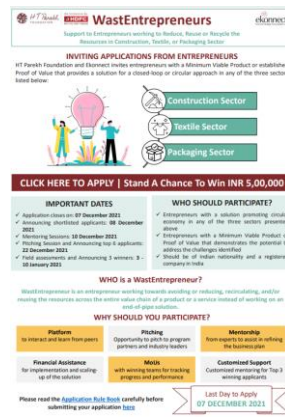
**Waste Entrepreneurs: Innovation and Acceleration support to Entrepreneurs working towards Waste Management**

We announced the launch of WastEntrepreneurs in November, a competition to support Entrepreneurs working to reduce, reuse or recycle the resources in **construction, textile and packaging sector** funded by HT Parekh Foundation and supported by Ekonnnect.

Criteria for application: S/he should have developed a Minimum Viable Product (MVP) or a Proof of Value (PoV) that provides a circular approach that can be used effectively repeatedly. The entrepreneur should have an enterprise registered in India.

**Entrepreneurs stand a chance to win INR 5,00,000/-**

We have received excellent response to this call with close to 40 applications. Feel free to contact [sameer.kulkarni@ekonnnect.net](mailto:sameer.kulkarni@ekonnnect.net) for more details. **Last date of application is 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021.**



**Speaking Engagements**

Dr. Prasad Modak has been appointed on the Advisory Committee for Preparation of the National Chemical and Petrochemicals Disaster Management Plan for the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India.

Dr. Prasad Modak delivered a lecture on "Circular Economy in Plastics" at a 2-day workshop titled 'Challenges and Strategies in the handling of plastics- Taking a step further towards sustainability' jointly organized by Motan and the Indo-German Centre for Sustainability (IGCS) ON 8<sup>th</sup> of December.

**Masterclass for Leveraging Circular Economy for Small Businesses in Malaysia**

Ekonnnect partnered with the Malaysian Green Technology and Climate Change Centre (MGTC) and Green Growth Solutions Asia (GGSA) and has successfully completed 2 week-long Masterclasses for educating Malaysian SMEs on concepts related to Circular Economy to help build resilient businesses in a post-pandemic era. Participants were taught by experts in the field of Circular Economy, Life Cycle Thinking, Business Models, and Policymaking in Malaysia. The first and second batch of this Masterclass was conducted between 29<sup>th</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December, and 6<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> December respectively. More than 175+ small businesses from Malaysia participated in these events. Participant gave an overall rating of 8/10 to this program.



Snapshot of Masterclass – Batch 2

**EkoCalendar theme for December: Zero Waste Events**

As the New Year is approaching, we are all getting ready to put on our party hats and celebrate with our loved ones. We realize that celebration calls for fun but when the party's over, we are left with heaps of décor waste and surplus food we are unsure how to deal with. Here is a list of things-to-do to throw an eco-party this December:

1. Decorate thoughtfully using compostable or biodegradable material
2. Tie up with a local NGO to giveaway surplus food after the party instead of throwing it away
3. Purchase or rent sustainable supplies (cutlery, décor, furniture etc)
4. Choose an outdoor location to minimize energy consumption
5. Go paperless!
6. Gift an experience over materials/products to your loved ones

**We are hiring!**

**Firm:** Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation ([www.ekonnnect.net](http://www.ekonnnect.net))  
**Position:** Program Coordinator  
**Placement Location:** Mumbai  
**Vacancy Type:** Full-time  
**Qualification:** Master's in environmental engineering/ Planning/ Science or Masters Social Studies/Environmental Studies/Development Studies  
**Experience:** Minimum 2 years' experience in a similar role in environment, sustainability and CSR domain  
 Please send in your resume at [vishwa.trivedi@ekonnnect.net](mailto:vishwa.trivedi@ekonnnect.net)

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

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