



EMC turned 25 on 4th January 2021

27 February - International Polar Bear Day

Hello from Team EMC and Ekonnnect!

We are pleased to bring to you, the second issue of 2021 of EMC Ekonnnect monthly e-newsletter. Have you downloaded our EkoCalendar 2021 yet? Click here to [download](#) PDF for printing or images to use as wallpaper or screensaver on your devices.



February 2021
Theme – Urban Gardening

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

EkoCalendar 2021 Impressions

Dear Sir, I have pleasure in confirming to you that I have received the well designed and beautifully laid out calendar of silver jubilee edition of your dream creation (EMC). I received it a while ago. Thank you very much for the same.

Thanks for the calendar Sir! Loved it...its something I look forward to every year. My daughter loves them

The calendar is very neat in look and quality. But the best part is the thought-nuggets. Really thought provoking, giving simple directions even to the uninitiated.

It reflected that a lot of thought had gone in designing the same. Aside the date pattern it is a keepsake item for future also. Congratulations for a very novel concept

Total EkoCalendar Downloads: 462

Highlights of Some of the Assignments Completed by EMC (2020-2021)

- In 2020, EMC conducted Environmental & Social Due Diligences (ESDD) of six companies engaged in **circular businesses centred around plastics**. All these investment deals were fructified and the Investing company was lauded for its leadership position in plastic economy.
- In 2020, EMC conducted ESDD's of **15 distressed housing projects** where investments were made by a government backed Alternative Investment Fund. More such audits continue in 2021
- EMC is developing **Site Specific Environmental & Social Management Plans** on 19 topics for four ports of a leading Indian Ports & Logistics Company
- For the same company, **climate vulnerability assessment** was carried out for 11 ports, followed by detailed risk assessment at asset level of 4 most vulnerable ports. Accordingly, port specific adaptation plans were developed based on a science based participatory approach.
- EMC was **commissioned by India's largest infrastructure fund platform** to review its Environmental and Social Policy and carry out a comparative assessment of ESG at 10 major financing institutions and come up with recommendations.

Watch the Video celebrating EMC 25 Years

On 4th January 2021, EMC turned 25! We had a grand e-celebration with our well-wishers, advisors, alumni and team members. It was great catching up. We recollected the past 25 years, shared our plans and sought suggestions for the future. Watch the video [here](#).

Talks by Dr Prasad Modak

- On 27th January 2021, Association of Multimodal Transport Operators of India (AMTOI) invited Dr Modak to give a talk on **"Climate Change - Risks & Opportunities"**.
- Dr Modak delivered a key-note address on **"Indoor Air Quality"** at the joint training program organized by NEERI and Society for Indoor Environment, on February 11, 2021.
- On February 12, Dr Modak delivered a lecture on **"Circular Supply Chains"** for the faculty at NITIE in Mumbai.

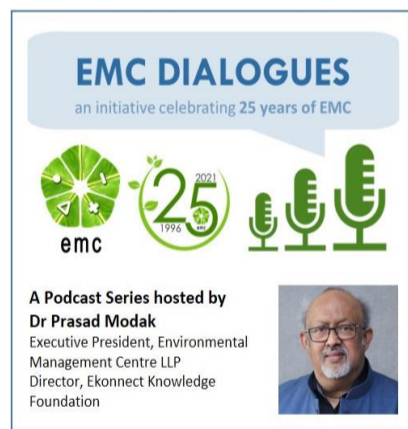
EMC Dialogues | Podcast #1 – Urban Air Pollution & Management

On the occasion of turning 25, team EMC is happy to announce the EMC Dialogues on Strategic Environmental Management. The series will be in a podcast format. A podcast focusing on key environmental topics relevant to India will be released each month where the listeners will get a chance to listen to experts and their experiences. Dr Prasad Modak will be the moderator of the dialogue.

Our first podcast is on the topic of tackling urban air pollution. Hear our esteemed guest speakers, Dr Ajay Deshpande and Dr Mukesh Khare share their knowledge and experience on this subject.

Do follow our channel on Spotify, share your feedback and topics that you may like to hear discussions on.

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EMC DIALOGUES
an initiative celebrating 25 years of EMC

A Podcast Series hosted by
Dr Prasad Modak
Executive President, Environmental Management Centre LLP
Director, Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation

Mentorship Program on Circular Packaging



Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation and Packaging 360 with The Incubation Network announces launch of **MENTORSHIP PROGRAM ON CIRCULAR PACKAGING**

WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN?

- Understand importance of Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) in circular packaging
- Know about some of the promising waste recycling technologies and frameworks to identify sustainable options
- Learn how to engage with informal sector and in specific how to ensure gender inclusivity
- Provide services to coach packaging designers and waste recyclers on circular packaging
- Set up circular businesses in sustainable packaging and waste recycling

WHAT IS EXPECTED

- Participation in mentoring workshops on circular packaging conducted virtually
- Offer mentorship to professionals for setting businesses in circular packaging
- Expand your businesses in circular packaging by mainstreaming sustainability

WHO CAN JOIN?

- Training services needs of Entrepreneur Support Groups (ESG)
- Packaging Designers & Manufacturers, Brand Owners
- Waste Aggregators and Recycling Companies (WARR)

Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation and [Packaging 360](#) with [The Incubation Network](#) announces launch of Mentorship Program on Circular Packaging. Inviting -

- Training services heads of Entrepreneur Support Groups (ESG)
- Packaging Designers & Manufacturers, Brand Owners
- Waste Aggregators and Recycling Companies (WARRs)

to express interest to attend the Mentorship Program Workshops. Click [here](#) to download the brochure. Registration can also be done using this [link](#).

There are no costs for attending the mentorship program! Last Date for filling in submissions: **22nd February 2021.**

Listen to what experts have to say on sustainable packaging:
[Sustainability Roadmap For The Packaging Industry With Dr. Prasad Modak](#)
[Sustainability starts here with Prashant Jagtap](#)

News & Updates

- Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation is very excited to partner with the **Circular Economy Institute (CEI)** to support the mission of promoting the highest standards of practice in the #CircularEconomy field through certifying circular knowledge and skills. Check it out: https://ceinstitute.org/?wpam_id=163
- Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation entered an MOU with **King Mongkut's university of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT)** on 30th November 2020. KMUTT is an engineering and technology University in Thailand focusing on teaching and research. The partnership was forged to facilitate offering of e-learning on environment and sustainability jointly, in the region.

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

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