



EMC turned 26 on 4th January 2022

A warm hello from Team EMC and Ekkonnnect!

We hope you have had a great start to 2022. We are excited to bring to you the second issue of this year of the monthly EMC Ekkonnnect joint e-newsletter comprising of some exciting updates from the previous month!

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



February 2022 Theme- Reduce Electricity Consumption

Exciting New Projects at EMC!

- EMC was awarded the conduct of Health, Safety, Social and Environment (HSSE) monitoring audit for two Solar PV projects totaling to 130 MW for a large solar developer in India.
EMC was awarded Development of an Environmental and Social Framework for Stellapps Technologies Pvt. Ltd.
EMC conducted an Environmental, Health, Safety, Labour and Social Due Diligence of a large asset portfolio of Wind Power generating company for Indian Renewable Energy Platform.
EMC conducted an E&S Social Due Diligence of a company focused on producing sustainable food & feed for fisheries and poultry farms.
EMC has been appointed by the World Bank to pilot trading of wastewater reuse certificates in a large textile industrial cluster.

Ekkonnnect welcomes new Directors

We are delighted to announce that Mr. Alok Bhargava and Dr. Ajay Deshpande have joined Ekkonnnect Knowledge Foundation as our new directors. The Ekkonnnect team is excited to have them on board.

Mr. Alok Bhargava: An industry veteran with over 35 years of experience, Mr. Alok, till October 2018, headed the Nalanda Foundation that spearheaded CSR initiatives of the IL&FS Group. An alumnus of IIM Ahmedabad and IIT Delhi, Mr. Alok has steered organizational growth across various group companies at IL&FS, including businesses in the education and skills sectors. Now, a strategic management consultant and a social entrepreneur, he has focused specifically on social inclusion and corporate citizenship. Over 23 years with the IL&FS Group, he has been an Executive Director in IL&FS Investment Managers Limited, IL&FS Financial Services Limited and IL&FS Education and Technology Services Ltd (IETS). Mr. Alok was also on the Board of Directors of IL&FS group companies in the areas of Information Technology, Waste Management and Skills Development and Joint Ventures in e-governance and mobile number portability. Prior to IL&FS, he was associated with Emerson Electric Co., 20th Century Finance Corporation and S. B. Billimoria & Co. Click here to read more about his work.

Dr. Ajay Deshpande: Dr Deshpande is a senior environmental professional with more than 27 years' experience in environmental governance, environmental policy and planning and urban and industrial environment management. He has a 360-degree experience of working in various capacities such as consulting organisations, regulatory institutions, development organizations and agencies dealing with environmental review/justice. Presently, Dr. Deshpande is working with Asian Development Bank as a part time Member of its Compliance Review Panel and is responsible for ensuring that the ADB financed projects are strictly following environment related ADB norms and procedures. He is a former Expert Member, National Green Tribunal (NGT), India (2013-17) that is only third dedicated environmental justice delivery system in the world, responsible for original, special and appellate jurisdictions in the matters related to environment. He has worked with environmental regulator, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board (MPCB). Currently, he is an Adjunct Professor at IIT- Mumbai and is involved in academic activities at several reputed institutions. Dr. Deshpande is also a member of several committees on environmental governance and research of State and Central government. Click here to know more.

EMC is looking for Partners in supporting E-learning services

Ekkonnnect 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 enthusing us to scale up our capacity building efforts towards life long 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.

Announcing Global Sustainability Champions Program

We are happy to announce the launch of "Global Sustainability Champions" 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 under the mentorship by Dr. Prasad Modak. Students will interact with Sustainability champions across India, learn about their success stories, and create sustainability plans for their neighborhoods.

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
E-publication featuring shortlisted neighborhood sustainability plans

No registration fees for the participants. Hurry! Only 500 teams can register for the competition. Click here to learn more and click on this link to register!



Speaking Engagements

Dr. Prasad Modak delivered a presentation on Circular Economy and Decarbonisation at the Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok on 8th February 2022.

MoU signed with Mahapreit

EMC and Ekkonnnect signed MoUs with Mahatma Phule Renewable Energy and Infrastructure Technology Limited (Mahapreit).

Mahapreit and Ekkonnnect will together focus on awareness raising, training and capacity building through:

- Seminars, conferences and training programs
Joint research initiatives and publications
Hosting short term academic programs
Managing and running state wide internship and fellowship programs

Mahapreit and EMC will work together on:

- Conducting environmental and social assessments
Preparing environmental and social management plans
Carrying out climate change vulnerability assessment and adaptation plans
Sustainability Reporting, Reporting as per Carbon Disclosure Projects (CDP) and as per Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD)
Fostering Circular Economy



We are hiring!

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

- 1. Environmental, Health & Safety and Social Due Diligence
2. Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Management Systems
3. ESG driven Road mapping for the Business
4. GHG Inventorization and Preparing Decarbonization Strategy

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 one application every day!

Currently, Ms. Kirti Shah, a final year student of Environmental Engineering at L. D. College of Engineering, Gujarat has joined EMC as an intern for 3 months. She will work on the topics of Sustainability Literacy and GHG inventorization.

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

Feedback on Ekocalendar 2022



Every year, EMC and Ekkonnnect releases Ekocalendar to educate our readers on subjects related to sustainability. Here is a heart warming feedback on our Ekocalendar 2022.

"Today is " International Zebra day" as per your very informative calendar. So I told all at work to be dressed in stripes today. Folks at work really enjoyed it and we learnt about zebra, zebra finch and zebrafish! Thank you for noting down such interesting days in your calendar!"

Dr Manjiri Bakre, CEO and Founder, OncoStem (see her wearing zebra shirt in the office to celebrate the international zebra day).

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

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