



EMC turned 26 on
4th January 2022

A warm hello from Team EMC and Ekonnnect!

Hope you are thrilled for the onset of monsoons. We are excited to bring to you the sixth 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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June 2022
Theme- Clean fuels

EMC now in Ahmedabad!

As a part of its business expansion plan, EMC has started operations in Ahmedabad effective from 5th June subsequent to a traditional Puja ceremony. We have kicked off operations with a 10 member team. Come pay us a visit or drop us a line! For the detailed address please visit our website <https://emcentre.com/>



EMC and CDP India sign up a MoU for Joint Work

EMC has signed an MoU with CDP India, which will focus on training and capacity building of professionals on GHG inventorization, carbon disclosures, and reporting. As a first step EMC and CDP India organized a panel discussion on Transitioning to Decarbonization on the occasion of World Environment Day. The panel discussion was held on 06th June 2022 on a virtual meeting platform with more than 150 registrations.

EMC Releases ESG Pulse Check

On the occasion of the World Environment Day 2022, EMC released a knowledge product titled “ESG Pulse Check”. This report is an outcome of over three months of painstaking research providing insights to the evolution of Environment, Social and Governance(ESG). The publication includes interviews of 10 leading experts on ESG reflecting relative importance of the three pillars and a need for universal standards on ESG ratings and reporting. Please [click here](#) to register and obtain your copy.

Exciting new projects at EMC

- WABAG has contracted EMC LLP to develop ESG framework and action plan. EMC LLP will co-create the ESG framework in consultation with WABAG senior management through workshop and consultations. EMC will also provide support for sustainability report and CDP water and climate disclosures.
- The Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Fund Management Corporation Limited (TNIFMC) is managing Tamil Nadu Shelter Fund (TNSF) with a mandate to invest in affordable housing projects in Tamil Nadu. TNIFMC engaged EMC to conduct an Environmental Social Due Diligence for an industrial housing project of 14000+ beds for workers of Tata Electronics Private limited in Krishnagiri district.
- EMC is organizing the UP Plasticathon 2022 for the UP government as part of the Indo-German bilateral project “Circular Economy Solutions (CES) Preventing Marine Litter in Ecosystems” being implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH jointly with MoEFCC, Government of India. This Hackathon will provide a platform to engage innovators (students, individuals, start-ups) to crowd-source and develop close-loop solutions (products, services, business models) to address current challenges associated with plastic waste in line with the honourable Prime Minister’s vision and commitment to phase out Single-Use Plastic (SUP) by 2022. Registrations to open on 10th June 2022. For more details, kindly visit <http://upplasticathon2022.in/>

Roundtable discussion on Mitigation of Air Pollution Strategies

EMC organized a virtual mode Roundtable on the topic of Mitigation of Air Pollution-Strategies on 19th May 2022 under its ongoing project on the topic. The objective of the roundtable was to collect inputs and insights from stakeholders to guide the formulation of policy recommendations for effective on-ground implementation of strategies for urban air quality management. The Roundtable saw the participation of over 15 key stakeholders from academia, research organizations, government and private sector. On this basis and with own research, EMC will prepare three White Papers. The topics of the White Papers are- Building clean city air action plans on airshed basis instead of limiting to administrative boundaries, Including climate action in the formulation of city clean air action plans, and Introducing innovative financing schemes for reduction of emissions from industrial clusters in the cities.

Ekonnnect conceives a Pilot Circular Action Plan project Parivartan at G-North Ward in Mumbai

Ekonnnect conducted a session with Rotary Club of Mahim and Rotaract youth on 28th May 2022 at AOTS Hall Wadala (West) for an interesting proposal on an innovative partnership project called ‘Parivartan’ – A Pilot Circular Action Plan for G-North Ward in Mumbai. Dr Modak explained the 2-step process for the circular city action plan – First step being a pilot project at ward level in in G/North ward from July to August (8 weeks) followed by a full-scale project at city level from September to December. Some interesting examples of existing circular initiatives in Mumbai were also showcased. The importance of eco-mapping and the 5P (Projects, Partnerships, Programs, Planning measures, and Policy instruments) was stressed to develop a rounded action plan was explained. Many insightful discussions and question and answer sessions took place post the presentation. The Rotaract youth present as well as other members of the Rotary Club of Mahim were highly motivated and interested to go ahead with the Pilot project.



Interested to join and help us? We have a position at Ekonnnect for 6 months. Write to prasad.modak@ekonnnect.net

MoU signing with IIFM-B

EMC has signed an MoU with Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal (IIFM-B) on internship education, academic cooperation, and research collaboration. The MoU will provide an opportunity to the IIFM-B students to strengthen their learning experience by integrating on-campus studies with practice experience at EMC. It will also facilitate advancement of knowledge and provide opportunities to collaborate and co-develop solution around topics of environmental management, policy planning and sustainability literacy.

Circular Economy Modules for Anant University

EMC is currently delivering a module on Circular Economy for the Fellows of the Anant Fellowship Programme of the Anant National University. This is a one year post graduate diploma programme focusing on built environment and has participation of students across the world. The module runs between 30th May 2022 and 14th June 2022 and is structured around key topics such as life cycle thinking, material innovation and circular designs, circular business models focusing on C&D waste recycling, net zero/low carbon built structure and enabling policies, regulations and rating systems that promote circular construction.

Partnership with Hyperscale

Ekonnnect Knowledge Foundation is now the **community partner** for Hyperscale. HyperScale is Asia’s inaugural waste-tech accelerator operated by @StartupX . HyperScale is dedicated to enabling the growth of impactful, waste-tech startups to build solutions that can address the growing waste problem in Asia. Through this global sustainability accelerator, selected teams will be able to connect with world-class domain experts, corporates, and investors to cross borders and scale their waste-tech ventures globally. Applications are officially open and Ekonnnect can facilitate. Change the future today at bit.ly/hyperscale-cp

Webinar series on Decarbonization in Canada

EMC organized webinar series on 13th and 20th May 2022 for the Canadian Business on “Profiting through decarbonization while meeting the climate change mitigation goals”. The objective of this webinar series was to introduce the strategy of decarbonization and provide insights on how to leverage that approach to reduce the carbon price burden in Canada. Around 25 participants attended. In August, webinars on the experience of GHG inventorization will follow.

Speaking engagements and memberships

- Dr Prasad Modak is now a member to Technical Air Resource Unit for Scientific Analysis, Management and Coordination’ of the Department of Science and Technology
- Dr. Shilpi Kapur participated in the National Convention 2022 on Plastic Recycling & Waste Management Technology organized by AIPMA in Ahmedabad on 20th May’2022. Dr. Kapur presented on the topic of “Recycling to post consumer recycles: Barriers and Opportunities”
- EMC was a knowledge partner to India Circular Economy Forum (ICEF). Dr. Modak spoke in the session of Circular Economy in Education and moderated the panel on materiality in automobiles while Dr.Shilpi moderated the panel on electronic waste.

Featuring EMCians

At EMC, we cherish our relationship with our alumni, including interns and continue to stay connected on a WhatsApp group “EMCians” that now has more than 100 members. We are hence taking a step forward and introducing some of our alumni as a part of EMC-Ekonnnect newsletter.

- Shubra Verma, who worked as Research Associate with EMC for 6 months had participated in Circularity 22 in Atlanta (17th-19th May). Circularity 22 is the leading convening of professionals building the circular economy.
- Mahim Dawar, who undertook internship at EMC started a new position as a Strategy, Innovation & Analytics Intern at the United Nations Secretariat in New York. He will be working in the Policy & Programming Branch at the UN Development Coordination Office.

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!

- Priyanshu Meshram joined EMC on 9th May for 2 months. Priyanshu is a student of Environmental Science & Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay. He is working on the topic of **Airshed based Planning for Mitigating Urban Air Pollution**.
- Rajat Yadav joined EMC on 30th May for 2 months. Rajat is a student of Masters in Urban Planning at the CEPT University. He is working on the topic **Sustainability Reporting for Cities, Regions and States using Geoinformatics**
- Ketki Kamble joined EMC on 30th May for 1.5 months. Ketki is a student of the MSc. (Environment, Climate Change and Sustainability Studies) program at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS). She is working on the topic of **Just Transition**.

We are hiring!

In view of our expanding business canvas, we are continuously looking for expanding our team. We need people that come from interdisciplinary areas, have a passion towards environment and have good writing and communication skills. If you have a fire in the belly and are ready to learn, then EMC is the place for you.

If interested, please send your CV to Dr Prasad Modak, Executive President, EMC at prasad.modak@emcentre.com

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

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