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## Greetings from Team EMC and Ekonnnect!

Welcome monsoon and be ready with some relief from scorching heat. We are happy to have you along on our journey and like every month, we are back with the highlights of the last month at EMC and Ekonnnect.

### New projects awarded to EMC

EMC has been contracted by the Mumbai Port Authority (MbPA) to undertake a baseline study of its GHG emissions and develop a roadmap for Carbon Neutrality. The assignment will follow the operational control approach to quantify Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions and prepare an emission inventory for MbPA. Building on this emissions inventory, EMC will develop a year-wise roadmap for Carbon Neutrality. The emission reduction strategies will take into account the targets set by the International Maritime Organization (IMO), MbPA, and country's national level target of carbon neutrality by 2070.

EMC has been awarded a project by a leading multi-national FMCG company to conduct an Environmental & Social Due Diligence of an informal sector focused plastic packaging project in Egypt.

EMC has been engaged by responsAbility Investments AG to perform an Environmental and Social Due Diligence of a proposed investment in a leading global water and wastewater treatment solution provider company.

EMC has been engaged by Adani Ports and SEZ Ltd to update the Climate Proofing Study conducted in 2021 and assist them in CDP and DJSI disclosure. The earlier study of 2021 was also conducted by EMC.

Ekonnnect has been awarded a project by British International Investment (BII) to design and conduct a 2 day residential training workshop on Circular Economy in Infrastructure with key focus on Electric Vehicles, Renewable Energy, Waste and Water sectors. The target audience for this training will include Senior management and E&S professionals from BII and the Private Infrastructure Development Group (PIDG) portfolio companies.

### Dr. Modak's visit to IIM Nagpur

Dr. Modak visited IIM Nagpur to deliver lectures on EIA and ESG for Chief Ministers Fellows on June 8, 2023. He took this opportunity to also discuss potential collaboration of Ekonnnect with IIM-Nagpur on continuing education on Business & Sustainability.

Ekonnnect holds a MoU with [InFED](#) (IIMN Foundation for Entrepreneurship Development) at IIM Nagpur. InFED is the business incubator that works with important stakeholders at regional, state, national and international level to create an enabling ecosystem for entrepreneurs. Dr Modak discussed with InFED potential engagements under the SEED initiative. SEED was founded by UNEP, UNDP and IUCN and is a global partnership for action on sustainable development and the inclusive green economy. SEED supports innovative small-scale and locally-driven entrepreneurs around the globe which integrate social and environmental benefits into their business model. Currently, Ekonnnect is the [SEED India Hub](#)

### Dr. Modak's participation in the Community of Practice Workshop at ADB as a Resource Person

Dr. Modak visited Manila on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of June 2023 to participate in the Community of Practice Workshop in Manila. This workshop was conducted in a hybrid format and had participation of representatives from key multi-national development banks (MDBs) like ADB, AIIB, MCDF, EBRD, The World Bank and IFC.

In this workshop, Dr. Modak moderated two panels on the topic of Environment & Social safeguards for Wind Power sector.



### Dr Modak moderates the 2nd Sustainability Professionals Roundtable organized by POLYMERUPDATE

Dr. Modak moderated the 2<sup>nd</sup> RACE Sustainability Professionals Roundtable organized by POLYMERUPDATE on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Four Seasons Hotel in Mumbai. This roundtable was attended by 9 Sustainability Professionals including Chief Sustainability Officers and led to very lively discussions on topics such as ESG, NetZero and Circularity. EMC and RACE will explore collaboration in holding such events in future.

Earlier, Dr. Modak had moderated the 1st Chief Sustainability Officer (CSO) Roundtable on the sidelines of the 7th edition of RACE (Recycling And Carbon Emissions) Conference held at hotel The Lalit, New Delhi in March 2023.



### Prahlad Tewari's participation at the Parivartan Summit

Prahlad Tewari participated in a panel discussion on the theme "Sustainable Supply Chains" at the Parivartan Summit held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 in New Delhi. This summit was organized by the Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC) and the Centre for Global Affairs & Public Policy (CGAPP). The panel discussion was hosted by Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M)



### Dr. Shilpi Kapur participates at the Climate Dialogues: Harnessing public procurement data for delivering green solutions

Dr Shilpi Kapur participated as a Panellist in the **Climate Dialogues: Harnessing public procurement data for delivering green solutions**, that was organized by CivicDataLab (CDL) on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023. CDL is a private research lab working at the intersection of data, tech, design and social science to strengthen access to public information and improve citizen participation in governance in India. Dr. Kapur shared her perspectives on circular economy and policy instruments for greener actions and how Green Public Procurement is being taken up by government agencies in India.

### Ekonnnect's participation at the National Workshop on Sustainable Public Procurement of Services

Ekonnnect presented its work on Sustainable Public Procurement (SPP) criteria for Cleaning, Sanitation, and Disinfection Products and Services and Waste Management Services in India at the National Workshop on SPP of services organized by UNEP. The workshop included participation by Ministry of Finance, Ozone Cell from Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Ministry of Railways, Government e-Marketplace, Bureau of Indian Standards and Central Pollution Control Board, World Bank, Asian Development Bank and UNICEF. Insights were shared on the current practices in SPP in the services sector by the participants.

### Update on EMC team

**Viraj Joshi** joined as Environmental Planner in EMC on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 in Mumbai office. Viraj is an Architect from KRVIA with a Master's degree in urban planning specialising in Infrastructure from CEPT University. As a part of his recent work, a Directed Research Project (DRP) with UNICEF Gujarat, he prepared an action plan for Faecal Sludge and Septage Management (FSSM) through the Citywide Inclusive Sanitation (CWIS) plan by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) in the small pilgrim town of Ambaji, Gujarat. His final research work got selected for the 1<sup>st</sup> Non-Sewered Sanitation Conference 2023 in Johannesburg organised by the International Water Association (IWA).

Viraj also contributed to the publication of "Pathways to Amrit Kaal: Envisioning and Realising a New Future for Indian Cities" steered by the High-Level Committee for Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) and G20. Apart from work, Viraj has an interest in sketching, MMO strategic gaming, walking and playing the drums.

### 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 120 members. We are hence taking a step forward and introducing some of our alumni as a part of the EMC-Ekonnnect newsletter.

**Ms. Divya Narain** worked as Sr. Associate (Business and Biodiversity) in EMC from April 2013 to December 2017 in our Mumbai office. Divya completed her Masters in Biodiversity Conservation and Management from University of Oxford followed by Ph. D. in Conservation Biology – Sustainable Finance in 2022 from The University of Queensland. She also has experience of working as a Consultant in Wildlife Conservation Society in USA. Currently, Divya is working as a Research Associate in Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment at The University of Oxford. She is working there on designing a bankable, scalable and replicable financial architecture for resourcing nature recovery projects.

### Internships at EMC

At EMC, we consider an internship to be a key opportunity for learning in life. EMC's Internship program is designed to provide experiential learning to graduates/postgraduate students or those who are looking to get hands-on experience before their next academic program in the field of environmental management. To know more [click here](#). Internship at EMC is competitive as we receive at least three applications every week!

### We are hiring!

In view of our expanding business canvas, we are continuously looking to expand our team. We need people that come from interdisciplinary areas, have a passion for the environment, and have good writing and communication skills. If you have a fire in your 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](mailto:prasad.modak@emcentre.com)

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