



Collective Action for Sustainable Growth: The Circular Collective Newsletter

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The purpose of the Circular Collective is to keep you updated with the latest intellectual frameworks, knowledge, evidence and experience base to underpin a shift from a linear, extractive economy to a circular, regenerative and restorative economy. Whether you are a startup looking for funding opportunities or a student who wish to understand the topic of Circular Economy in detail, this curated newsletter shall enable you to keep up to date with the latest opportunities. Happy Reading!

Headlines from October 2020

Niti Ayog emphasises role of CE in Post COVID transition

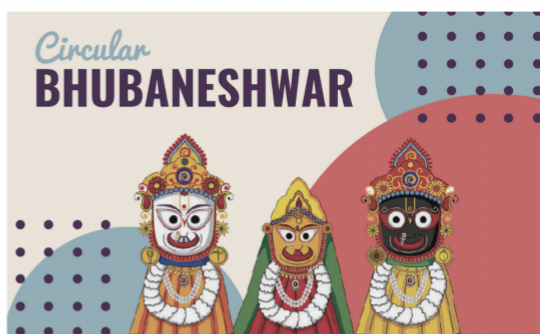
AIM launches circular economy hackathon

Accenture-FICCI report on 'Strategies for Sustainable Plastic Packaging in India'

Dow India launches Rethink+, India's first digital waste management program to recycle plastic waste

UNEP releases Financing Circularity: Demystifying Finance for the Circular Economy Report

October 2020 : Circular Cities India



THE CIRCULAR COLLECTIVE CURATES

CIRCULAR CITIES POSTCARDS

How could Indian Smart Cities incorporate Circular Economy Principles to the Smart Cities Mission?

This month we took a deep dive into understanding what is measured in three Smart Cities of India. From talking to experts to filling RTI's we found significant data gaps which we have tried to address from CE Lens



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The Circular Collective Curated

Our most viewed articles

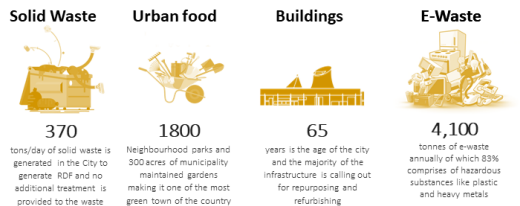
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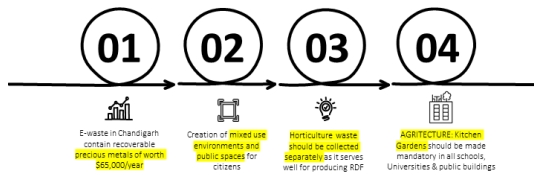
About Chandigarh

Chandigarh, generally associated with the eminent architect Le Corbusier, has become an icon of modern city planning. Now just over 65 years after it's founding, the city has tremendous potential to become the first Circular City of India. From the City's iconic gesture, Capitol complex to Nek Chand's rock garden which embodies the Circular Economy principles, Chandigarh has been voted the happiest city in India. It has the nation's highest per capita income. The essence of Chandigarh is the "Think Big" attitude, has the time come to think big and reimagine the city?

Case for Change



Way Forward



Source: UNEP, W.A., Natar A. (2020) Local Governance for Sustainable Solid Waste Management: A Case Study of Chandigarh (Union Territory), India. Roundtable, 8 Mar 2020's waste generation and management practices in Chandigarh, India and concrete evidence for sustainable recycling. | Clean Prod 2022:208-209

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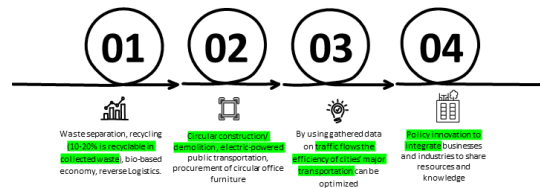
About Bhubaneswar

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Circular Chandigarh - City Beautiful

Long ago, someone in Chandigarh said, "The materials of city planning are: sky, space, trees, steel and cement; in that order and that hierarchy." It is interesting to see that like most cities, we have decided to change the order and the hierarchy!

Circular Bhubaneswar - Temple City

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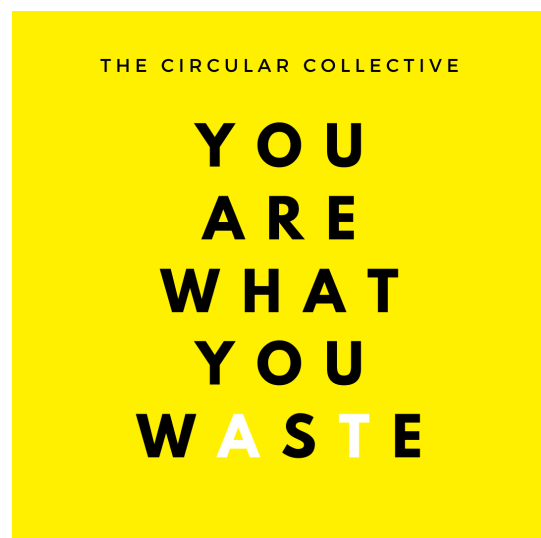
Hello, December!

Nature Based Solutions
and Circular Economy

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Theme for October 2020

Tackling Food Waste in India



Rethinking food systems that don't cost the Earth: Circular Restaurants

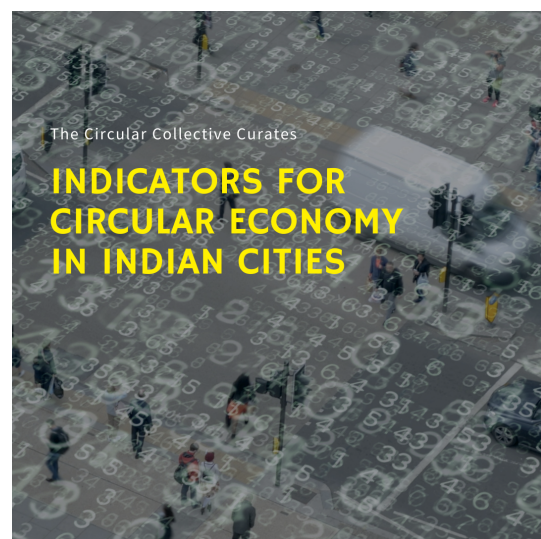
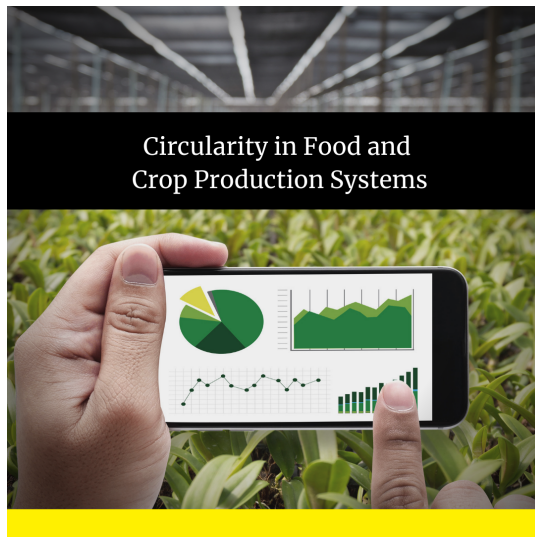
With its size and nature, the restaurant industry is resource hungry and generates large volumes of waste. Resources used include both food ingredients and technical equipment, water, and energy. Waste includes leftover food as well as processing, packaging, and structural waste (underutilised assets). So how do we work with restaurants and the wider foodservice sector to help them become more restorative?

TCC Curates : Examples of how companies are tackling food waste

The human desire for more, richer and bigger is what has led to the creation of so much we see around us, the good and even the not so good. It is only befitting that this desire now leads us to find solutions for some of the 'not so good,' in that sense, innovation is the only possible response to the sustainability crisis that engulfs us. This time, the challenge also has a built-in rule, to do more with less and in the least harmful ways, which is the basic premise of circularity in systems.

TCC Showcase

Guest Contributions



Our team is growing



Shalini Rajan 

Strategy and Fundraising Lead

Shalini has been working in the development sector for the last five years in research and consulting organisations such as Indian Institute for Human settlements and Sattva Consulting. After graduating from the London School of Economics in 2016, Shalini has worked with CSRs, domestic and international foundations as well as social enterprises in engagements across livelihoods, gender, entrepreneurship, social innovation, WASH and agriculture, among others. Shalini currently works as a freelance consultant on engagements related to food systems and sustainability.

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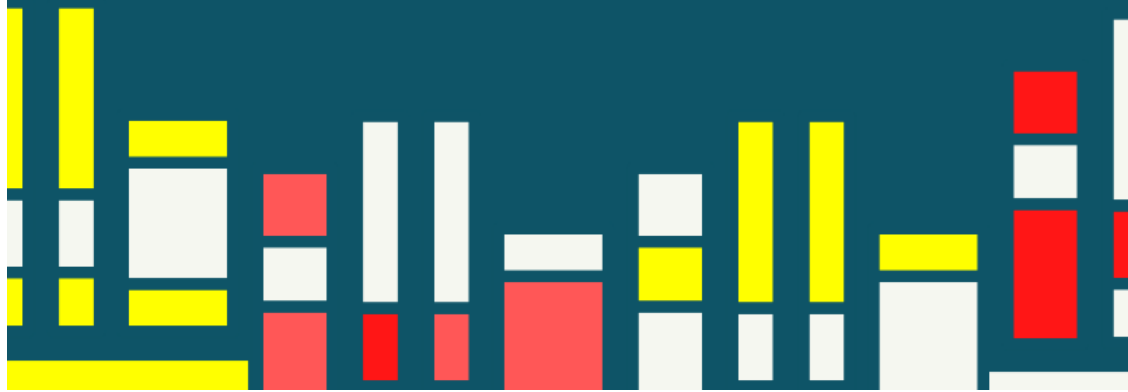
Elated to welcome Shalini Rajan to our Circular Collective team! Shalini would lead the fundraising and strategy vertical for TCC

What we recommend

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READING LIST

Circular Cities



Did our articles and interviews catch your attention? Are you interested in reading more about Circular Cities? The Circular Collective has a special list for you! This reading list shares articles, books and academic material of all-time curated for you. You'll find many great recommendations!

[Take a closer look](#)

CE Free tool of the Month

Circle Scan Tool



CIRCLE CITY SCAN TOOL

Circle City Scan Tool enables municipalities, consultants or project developers to identify focus areas, discover opportunities and create action plans for the circular economy. This interactive tool is designed to accompany a collaborative innovation process between stakeholders working towards practical and scalable solutions in cities to accelerate the transition to a circular economy.

[Let's Explore!](#)

Job Opportunities in CE

[Circle Economy : Lead of the Circular Jobs Initiative](#)

Philips : Circular Economy Senior Design Strategist

WRI : Program Coordinator, PACE

TU Delft: Postdoc Urban application of materials derived from organic waste

PhD position in Sustainable Beverage Supply Chain Design in cooperation with
Carlsberg and MADE FAST

What is important to you?

What would you like us to feature more in the next newsletter?

☐ Upcoming Events

☐ Funding Opportunities

☐ Publications

☐ Opinion pieces

☐ Career Opportunities

☐ Startup Showcase

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