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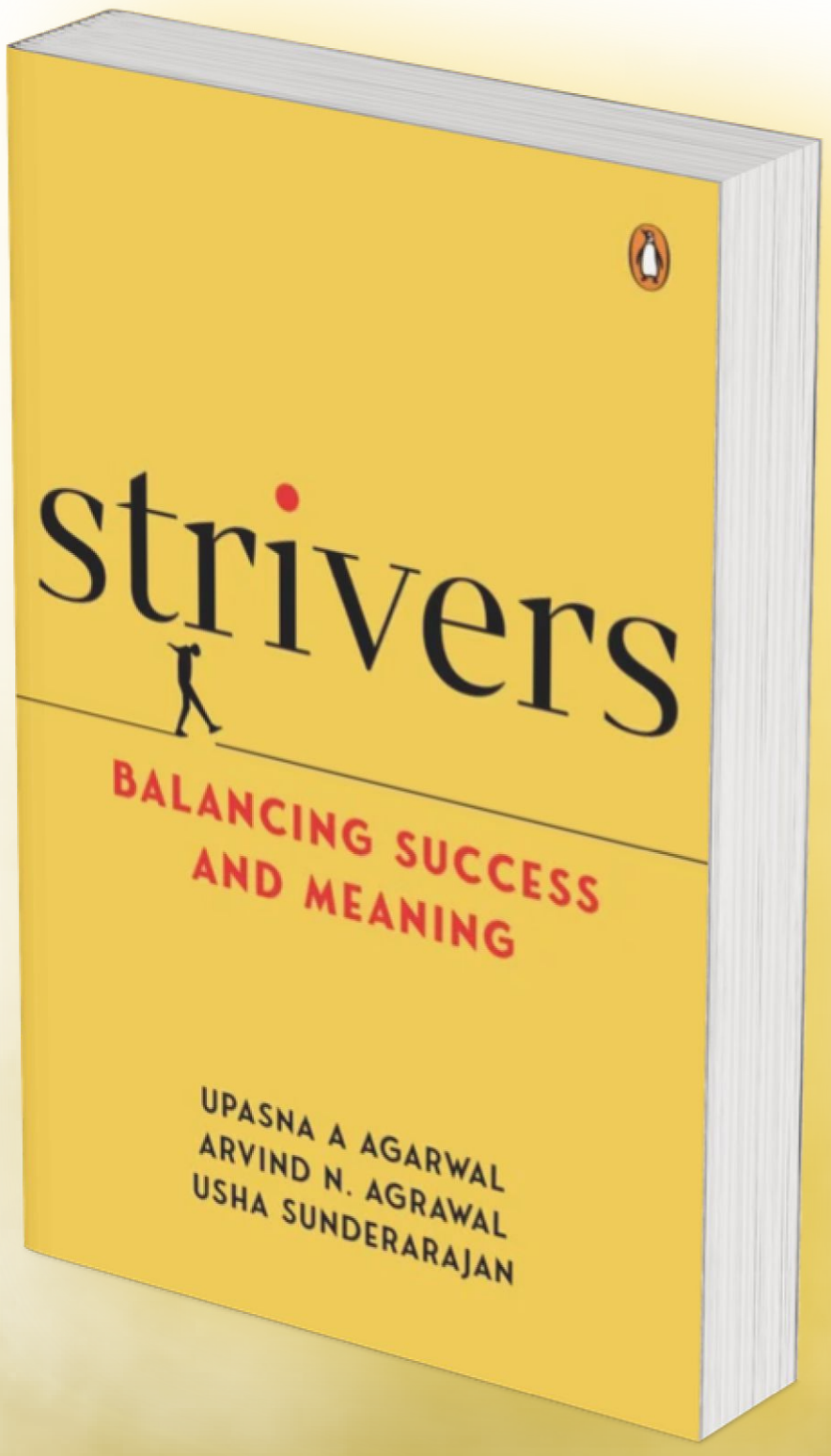

LAUNCH & DISCUSSION ON THE BOOK

DEC 15 2026

TUESDAY

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

MMA Management Center



V S Hariharan



Abhi Shah



Kamolika Gupta Peres



Sridhar Ganesh



Dr Upasna A Agarwal



Dr Arvind N Agrawal



Dr Usha Sunderarajan



K Mahalingam

Synopsis

Strivers is a deeply reflective exploration of success, purpose and meaningful living among some of the most accomplished professionals and entrepreneurs. Drawing on extensive life-history interviews with twenty-eight graduates from premier institutions such as the Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, Indian School of Business, INSEAD and Harvard University, the book examines how high achievers navigate ambition, adversity, identity, family, leadership and inner purpose across different phases of life.

The book traces the evolving journeys of individuals who move beyond conventional markers of achievement—money, titles, prestige and power—to seek alignment, contribution and meaning. Through intimate narratives, the book offers a rare glimpse into how some of the most successful and influential minds define and continually redefine success. At its core, Strivers is an exploration of not just how people achieve grand success but also how they strive to live meaningfully.

Programme

5:15 PM — Registration & High Tea

6:00 PM — Welcome Address

Mr K Mahalingam
Past President, MMA
Partner/Director, TSM Group of Companies

6:05 PM — Overview and address by the Authors

Dr Upasna A Agarwal
Professor, IIM Mumbai

Dr Arvind N Agrawal
Managing Partner, Lead Associates

Dr Usha Sunderarajan
HR Management & Organisation Development Consultant

6:20 PM — Launch of the book and address by the Chief Guest

Mr V S Hariharan
MD & Group CEO
Redington Limited

6:40 PM — **Mr Sridhar Ganesh**
Leadership Development – Mentor and Executive Coach

In conversation with Strivers and Author

Mr Abhi Shah
Board Member, STV Group
Founder & Former CEO, Clutch Group
Author, Nasdaq AI Governance Framework

Ms Kamolika Gupta Peres
Independent Director, Exotel &
Former VP, Autodesk

Dr Arvind N Agrawal

7:10 PM — Q&A

7:25 PM — Vote of Thanks

Gp Capt R Vijayakumar (Retd), VSM
Executive Director, MMA

7:30 PM — End of the Programme

Distinguished Speakers
(Click on photo to view the profile)

Chief Guest



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