

THE risen¹ QUEST

A Shared Journey of Growth and Leadership

The Risen Quest brings together stories, ideas, and moments from our community, Built by people who choose to grow, lead, and rise together.



From the Editor

Editor's Note

The days following Republic Day often leave us thinking about responsibility, not as an idea, but as something practised quietly, every day.

At Risen, leadership is observed in how people show up when there is no spotlight. In the decisions they take, the conversations they hold, and the values they carry forward.

This edition of The Risen Quest brings together those moments — reflections from recent gatherings, signals from the evolving business landscape, and glimpses of how this community continues to think, learn, and move ahead with intent.

- Riddhi Beriwal

Business Pulse

India Moves Toward Responsible AI Adoption

India has outlined a new techno-legal framework to guide the safe, ethical, and accountable use of Artificial Intelligence — signalling a long-term approach to innovation rooted in responsibility. The framework proposes standards around data governance, risk assessment, and transparency to strengthen trust in AI systems across sectors. By establishing clear guardrails early, it aims to balance innovation with accountability, offering businesses greater clarity as AI adoption accelerates.

[Read more → \(The Times of India\)](#)

India-EU Trade Deal Set to Boost Business & Investment

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen finalised a landmark India-EU Free Trade Agreement expected to significantly expand trade, reduce tariffs, and open new opportunities for Indian businesses across manufacturing, services, and technology sectors.

For founders and exporters, this signals deeper access to one of the world's largest markets.

[Read more → \(AP News\)](#)

Community Spotlight

Risen Journeys

Ashish Swarnkar

Founder, Entropy | Digital Marketing & Tech-Led Branding | Mumbai

Ashish Swarnkar founded Entropy in 2018 after building brands across banking, insurance, and healthtech. What began as a digital-first agency has grown into a full-stack brand and growth ecosystem, working across healthcare, fintech, real estate, and emerging Tier 2-3 markets. Today, Entropy blends strategy, technology, and community-led thinking to help businesses scale with clarity and intent.



The Challenge:

Scaling fast without losing alignment. As Entropy expanded across sectors and services, the challenge was to maintain ownership, speed, and shared thinking across a growing team.

3 Key Learnings

- **People scale better than processes:** Strong teams outperform rigid systems when trust is clear. While processes provide structure, it is shared belief, accountability, and culture that truly sustain long-term growth.
- **Learning must stay continuous:** Upskilling cannot be periodic or reactive — it must be embedded in culture. As markets evolve, teams that commit to constant learning stay adaptable and competitive.
- **Ownership drives momentum:** Clear decision boundaries empower teams to take responsibility. When individuals operate with ownership, they move from executing tasks to actively shaping outcomes.

Hema Patil

Partner & Head of Marketing,
Flora Garden Pvt. Ltd. | Mumbai

Hema Patil leads Flora Garden Pvt. Ltd., one of India's leading Rose exporters, while also driving its landscaping and gardening verticals. From large-scale exports to indoor-outdoor plant solutions, Green vertical walls, sports turfs, and maintenance services across commercial and residential spaces, she brings structure and scale to a nature-led business.



The Challenge:

Balancing global exports with on-ground execution in landscaping and maintenance, while maintaining quality, relationships, and long-term trust.

3 Key Learnings

- **Consistency builds credibility:** Global markets demand discipline and reliability.
- **Growth needs diversification:** Multiple verticals create resilience.
- **Relationships sustain scale:** Trust is as important as product quality.

Event Highlights

Moments from the Quest



Mumbai 30.01.26 Gathering

A Room Where Voices Rise Together

The Risen Mumbai gathering brought together professionals for an evening centred on voice, presence, and expression in professional environments.

Through conversation and reflection, the sessions explored how clarity of voice shapes confidence, perception, and leadership — staying true to the RiseN format of dialogue over instruction.

[→ Relive the moments on Instagram](#)

[→ Download event photographs](#)

Community Voices

What Our Members Are Saying

"Risen is a space to build real connections, exchange perspectives, and move forward with renewed clarity and motivation."

- Mukesh Agarwal

"A space to connect with like-minded individuals who value meaningful conversations."

- Afeeya Kazi

"A deeply immersive gathering that reminded us of the importance of inner work and self-awareness."

- Dr. Muneerah Kuraishi

Reflections from the Stage

Ms. Mahima Sogani

Voice Coach, Singer, Actor, Story Teller | Voice, Presence & Clarity

Mahima Sogani works at the intersection of voice, confidence, and communication. Drawing from performance, music, and storytelling, she helps professionals develop a voice that feels grounded, authentic, and clear.

At the **Mumbai Gathering on 30th January**, she led a conversation on how voice is shaped by awareness — and why presence matters more than projection in demanding professional environments.



Key Ideas Shared

- **Voice mirrors inner state:** How we speak reflects how grounded we feel.
- **Presence comes first:** Being heard begins with awareness, not performance.
- **Authenticity builds credibility:** A natural voice carries more trust than a forced one.
- **Clarity is cultivated:** Conscious communication develops through intention and practice.

One Thought to Carry Forward

Before your voice reaches others, it must first feel settled within you.

How the Community Can Support

Encourage presence-led communication

Normalise reflection in high-pressure work environments

Create space for conscious expression

Learn more about Ms. Mahima Sogani's journey → [LinkedIn](#)

What's Coming Up

The Road Ahead

Risen Goes to Campus - Risen will be extending its dialogue-led format into university ecosystems through carefully curated interactions.

These sessions will focus on leadership, responsibility, and real-world decision-making, creating space for reflection beyond classrooms and conventional career narratives.



Share Your Story



Connect & Collaborate

The Risen Quest continues - shaped by people who believe in growing together.

Want to Share Your Journey or Business?

If you'd like to feature your business, ideas, or experiences in The Risen Quest, email us at hello@entroopy.com.

Your story could inspire the next wave of leaders in our community!