

MAHARSHI

K. Rishi Kumar is announced as the chief executive officer of Origin, a flourishing company based in United States of America. He brings his mother from India to stay with him. Nidhi, his colleague organises a party to surprise him, which would be attended by his close childhood friend Kanna, who had not met him for a few years, professor Chandrashekar and college friends. The story flashes back.

Seven years ago, Rishi belonged to a middle-class nuclear family in Hyderabad; his father Satyanarayana, a clerk in a private corporation incurred debts as a result of his low earnings whose 'failure' caused Rishi to be not on good terms with him. Rishi secured admission to complete his post-graduation in IJET, an esteemed university situated in Vizag, and hence had to move. Rishi, his roommate Ravi Shankar, and Pooja, all of them being classmates became best friends. Ravi is the son of a poor farmer, whose innocent expectations about his son inspired and in reality, pressured him to aim at getting a well-earning job in America. Ajay, a classmate of theirs was envious of Rishi as the latter had surpassed him in studies while Pooja, by introducing Rishi to her typical Indian joint family expressed her feelings for him received a positive response. Ravi failed in the first semester examinations while Rishi secured the first rank in it. Ravi became depressed when he got two backlogs in the first semester examinations but Rishi encouraged him to trust himself and get inspired from his father but not to feel bulldozed by it. During campus placements, Ravi secured a good job, making his father, girlfriend Pallavi and the latter's father, a good friend of Ravi's father delighted. Pooja rejected a job at Infosys to be with Rishi in the US as he had thrown an offer for his AI-operating system idea to Origin, which was accepted.

However, Rishi suggested that he and Pooja should put an end to their relationship mutually as he felt that she would become an obstacle to his career and said she was a burden in his heart, and hearing that, she left. When Ravi tries to apprehend Rishi to not break up with Pooja, it leads to a fallout between them. As the last semester examinations approached, Rishi was accused of stealing the question papers which was actually a conspiracy engineered by Ajay to stop him from attempting his exams. However, upon getting a clue that proved the allegation against Rishi wrong, the Police let go of him. After completing his examinations, Rishi moved to New York City and rose through the ranks becoming a leading executive in Origin. During his presentation about his project, Rishi learned that his father succumbed to his illness in his sleep and passed away. Upon returning to India, he realised that his father loved him more than anything and missed him as Rishi barely spoke to him. Rishi remained distraught over not being able to talk to his father heartfully.

At present, Rishi inquires Chandrashekar about Ravi, post which the former discloses that Ravi was rusticated from the university as he had taken the blame for the allegation against Rishi to protect him that caused his father to commit suicide. Devastated and guilty upon being advised by his mother, Rishi takes a long-term leave and flies to India with her and Kanna to take Ravi with him to the USA. He meets Ravi in his native village Ramavaram, protesting alone against a pipeline transport project that requires the demolition of Ramavaram among several other villages, some of which have already been demolished, making Ramavaram the next immediate target. While Pallavi's father, the village's representative who doesn't want to leave the village but is helpless, tries negotiating fair

prices for the land the villagers are supposed to leave, Ravi never wants the project to take place but receives no support for his protest. Rishi, realising that Ravi would never go with him, decides to get him what he wants. He meets the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, who claims that he is helpless as one of the most influential businessmen, Vivek Mittal is handling the project.

Rishi meets Vivek, requesting him to exclude Ramanavaram but he refuses to oblige. Rishi attracts the media by setting up an office in Ramavaram to manage his schedule and Pooja, a team leader in a reputed Video gaming company is sent along with her colleague to Ramavaram to meet Rishi and negotiate a collaboration by making excuses, Rishi asks her and her colleague to stay in Ramavaram and work on her video game idea intending to reconcile but Pooja has no intentions of doing so as she was heartbroken already and stays there under compulsion at Ravi's house. When Rishi divulges to the media that he has set up his office for his friend, the media asks Ravi about his intentions behind refusing to go with Rishi. Ravi reveals his attachment to the native village inspiring several other villagers to take up an initiative to join the protest amassing great attention nationwide. Pallavi's father, who blames Ravi for his father's death is now against his relationship with Pallavi. Upon learning about this, Rishi talks to Pallavi's father making him aware of Ravi's sacrifice post which Pallavi's father decides to accept her relationship with Ravi. Due to this act of him, Pooja decides to reconcile with Rishi while several other villages join the protest.

Vivek, upon sensing trouble due to the protest, arrives at Ramavaram and out of ego, decides to quote a higher compensation attracting a group of people amongst the protestors. As a result, Ravi is stabbed by the henchmen of a neighbouring village's head who is bribed by Vivek but Rishi rescues him from being murdered and he is hospitalised. Vivek, in an interview, accuses Rishi of demanding a share in the project from him and claims that as a result of his rejection, started making use of Ravi. He questions where Rishi was all these years and why Ravi is remembered when he is protesting. Pooja too suspects Rishi's intentions and blames him for Ravi's situation and says he has not changed a bit which broke his heart the most and he decided to leave the village. However, his mother encourages Rishi by revealing that Satyanarayana was not a failure, passed his UPSC examinations and got selected for the interview but was arrested for protesting in favour of suppressed farmers leading to him being disqualified but he never regretted and treated it as a failure because it was for a good cause. Rishi goes back to Ramavaram to finish what he started and a farmer inspires him to cultivate. Rishi also leases lands to the farmers encouraging them to get into agriculture quoting a higher price than Vivek. Later, in a press meeting, Rishi delivers a heart-wrenching speech about how farmers are mistreated and taken advantage of leading to several suicides. The farmers realise the value of their lands and refuse to go with the pipeline project and Pooja reconciles with Rishi after seeing his speech. Ajay, who has now realised his mistake and is a leading bank official exposes Vivek's fraudulent intentions to evade debts behind initiating the project and acquiring the lands. As a consequence, the project is shelved and Vivek is arrested.

It's time for Rishi to go to the USA back to his job but he decides not to, realising that his happiness lies in the village, he resigns as the CEO of Origin and resorts to getting into agriculture.