

The Ramkeys



Our wish for 2022

Hoping to get back to the old normal

We hope to get back to **traveling** to 'new' countries without much restrictions. From the Football World Cup in Qatar to the 150th Open in the Old Course to the T20 Cricket World cup in Australia, it is going to be a busy year for **Sports** fans. We also hope that there won't be too many more mutations of this **virus**; we only have 9 more letters in the Greek Alphabet!! Kids were attending **School** digitally; can we have the schools open full year? After two rocking years in **Equities**, wonder what this year holds? Can we have good **rains** and not record breaking ones in Chennai?

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TRAVEL

Being stuck at 72 for 2 years, Ramkey hopes to add 3 more. Lakshmi's girls trip beckons.

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LEARN

Aniketh's Grade X board exams in April; while his siblings just want to be at school.

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HEALTH

Hoping our family remains active and healthy.



Aniketh is 15

This is the year he grew taller than Lakshmi and is in Grade X.



Eshaan is 12

Eshaan loves Japanese tv serials and is enjoying science and nature.



Thrayer is 9

Grade 4 was mostly online; she is slowly learning that maths is similar to gymnastics.

The new normal

Travel is our pulse - no new country

We managed many trips this year - Dubai, Nepal, Kodai, Pondy stood out. Dubai was all glitzy while Nepal was out in the nature; both was quality family time with friends. Road trips to Kodai & Pondy were with friends as well. Lakshmi didn't do a girls trip while Ramkey did squeeze in a golf trip to Bengaluru and a spiritual trip to Sringeri!

Virus & Vaccination - All vaccinated

The hope that the virus will not impact Indians proved completely wrong as India was in major crisis during Apr to Jun. Our extended family scraped through thankfully but the days spent arranging basic needs like hospital beds and oxygen cylinders showed how vulnerable we are.

Many lost near and dear while we lost 2 close young friends to non covid. Cherish every moment!



2 Fs that matters - Family & Friends

We spent quality time with family. Ramkey's mom stayed with us through the year becoming the language teacher for our kids. The many festivals gave us good opportunities to spend time with our parents.

Being in quarantine also enabled us to get closer with our neighbours. Weekend get togethers are something that we really look forward to.

Health is Wealth

"A family that works out together beats illness together" became our mantra. We were delighted to see our kids join us daily. Hope this continues.



2021...

Learning - the continuum

Podcasts, Ebooks, Books, and long form articles - so many ways to learn and we took full advantage of these. Aniketh was busy with his X board exams; how a naughty playful boy became this studious remains a wonder to us!! Eshaan doesn't enjoy book reading but has taken to long-form articles due to its variety. The bookworm of the house is Thrayee who can always be seen with her Kindle.

**Thrayee read 40 books
Ramkey paled at 30.**

Returning back

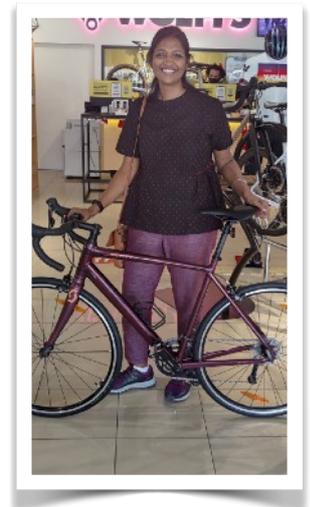
Thanks to our friends and family, we supported 300 girls' education. Even the virus couldn't detract us from what needs to be done. The pandemic meant Rasikapriya conducted online events only. Hoping to do live in person events in 2022.

Markets & Baking

The Indian stock market gave 24% return while the Dow gave 19% return. The markets kept Ramkey busy while Lakshmi was busy baking though she would like to do more!

Sports keeps us moving

Indian Olympics team created history with its highest ranking in 4 decades. The Indian cricket team didn't make it beyond the initial stages at the WC even though they did very well in foreign tours. An 'Old' Tom Brady led Bucs decimated KC Chiefs at the Super Bowl.

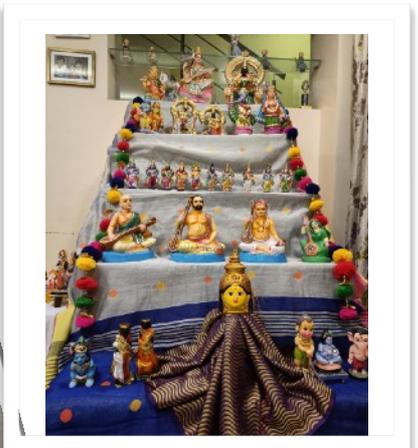
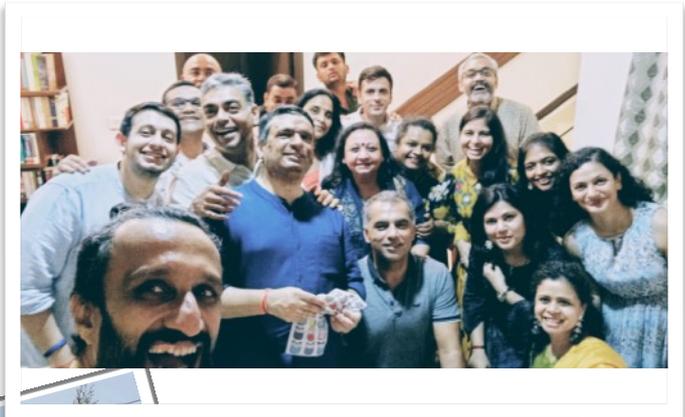


Eshaan moved from being a goalie to a forward while Thrayee does 50 cartwheels and splits daily!! Golf courses remained closed for most of the year. There is rumour that Lakshmi and the kids will start playing golf from this year!!

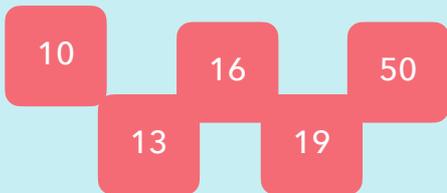


2021: PRIVILEGED & GRATEFUL

Even with its challenges, we have a lot to be grateful for, a lot to be optimistic about and lot of new experiences to cherish and learn from. We could work, study and spend quality time - all from our home.



5 KEY NOS IN '22 - ANY GUESSES?



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