

GOODBYE 2019 ... WELCOME 2020

the Global Gypsies

MAY ALL YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE IN 2020



5 Personal Unknowns

1. Will Ramkey get to 75 this year...countries & in golf scores?
2. Will the adults lose fat while the kids get fitter?
3. Will Lakshmi take her business online?
4. Will Aniketh's teen tantrums overwhelm his mom??
5. Will Eshaan and Thrayee form a music troupe with their singing sibling?

Unknowns make life more fun!!

What are we hoping for in 2020

In a world that is getting more and more polarized, we wish there will be more empathy and inclusion. Personally, we pray that we continue to remain healthy and find time to spend with our loved ones. Will the Indian economy get its long overdue boost and will the Indian stock markets reward us or we will continue to be disappointed? With the UEFA Euro & the World T20 along with the Tokyo Olympics, 2020 should surely be an amazing sporting year. Of course, there is also the USA Presidential election and Brexit (at last)!!

Key Dates in 2020.....as of now!!

Rasikapriya

Feb 15 & 16

Rasikapriya will celebrate its 5th year in style. Do come and support us.

Africa anyone?

May 2020

Hoping that the trip to Lakshmi's home for Safari takes place

Balkans maybe?

September 2020

Wish to see the Balkans along with a Table 42 global meet.



Global Gypsies

2019 was a beautiful year in many ways for us. Here are some highlights.

January, just chilling

A relaxing month with India dominating the Cricket scene and Tom Brady leading the Pats to another super bowl, combined with a first day Thalaivar movie, after decades.

February, highs across border

A 40+ year old leads Patriots to their 6th Super Bowl win. This was also the month that every Indian fell in love with – Abhinandan and the phrase, “I am not supposed to tell you this”

March, terror in NZ

The world was held captive by this shooting in Christchurch, a place that we visited just a year prior. The highlight was the dignity with which the PM and the country reacted to it. And yet we don't learn. Lakshmi did a solo trip to Goa to help her sister.

April, Lakshmi ages beautifully

Lakshmi turned 40 and the 2 of us had a chilled celebration in Bangkok – eating, drinking & shopping, clubbing, massage....REPEAT. Another oldie, Tiger Woods won his 5th jacket, while CSK lost to MI in IPL finals. Notre Dame in flames and terrorism came close to our home in Sri Lanka!

May, USA here we come

Our 35 day trip in the USA, where we did everything from National Parks to Theme parks, Museums to Casinos, Mega cities to small towns, staying in massive houses, air B&Bs to tiny motels with so much eating & drinking along with our loving friends & family. And back at home, beating all odds, BJP won a thumping 303 seats.



The year that was

June, first live World cup Cricket

World Cup fever was gripping the cricket world and we watched 2 fabulous matches where India dominated the opposition – that too SA & Aus. We also did touristy things while in London, where Ramkey's mom joined us. Got back in time for the boys to join their sister in the new school – KFI.



July, a new world champion

Hosts England won the WC with another boundary controversy in a nail biting finish. And at the same time, King Djo beats Federer in another fabulous match. July 15 was the best sporting day in a long time. Oh yeah, Ramkey & Lakshmi completed 16 years.



August a month of politics

Article 370 was scrapped by Indian govt while Hong Kong protestors took to the streets. At our end, the focus was more on music – AR Rahman to Surf festival. This was also the month when we moved to Chennai 6 years ago...hmm..fun times.



September, different journeys

While Chnadrayan-2 made its trip to the moon, we traveled to Thekkady with family and Wayanad with friends. We continued to enjoy our XUV500, which completed 77K km in the 6 years it has been with us. Indian corporate tax cut gave the markets its much-needed boost. Two awards for our work at Banconus was a great way to close the month.



So much to see...so little time

October, giving with festivals

October was the month of festivals – Navaratri & Diwali were both celebrated with lot of enthusiasm. We were also humbled by support of friends and family where we helped 175 girls' education. Also a food trek in our own Mint street ensured that our health goals were pushed!!

November, drive in North East

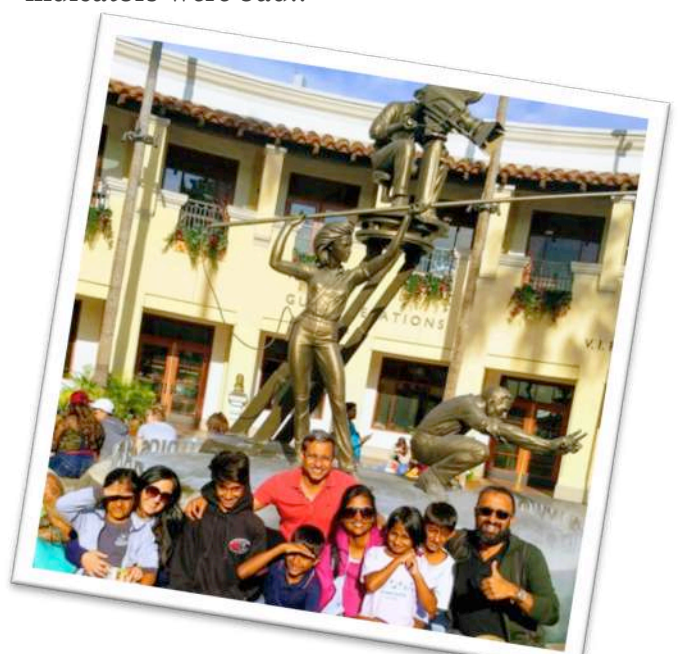
Lakshmi & Ramkey set off on a drive across 3 states in the North East of India – Arunachal, Assam & Nagaland. Along with a bunch of very interesting people, we were amazed at the diversity, hospitality and beauty of this region.

2019 in many ways was just a great year. Both Lakshmi & Ramkey got serious about their fitness and have lost inches in their waist.... don't forget to wish us!!! Ramkey did get busier with his coaching and wealth advisory work while Lakshmi started to teach baking. We are blessed that our parents continue to remain healthy and we got to meet our siblings, extended family and so many friends in 2019.

December, Kem Cho Gujarat

Our love with road trips to different parts of India continues and this time Gujarat beckoned. From National parks, to history, to temples, to modern infrastructure to fabulous food and hospitality, we had super fun in Gujarat. We closed the year as a family chilling in a golf resort!

The Dow ended the year up 22% as the recession fears didn't play out while in India the Nifty 50 rose 12% even though economic indicators were bad!!



Our Rowdies



Aniketh (13)

The terrible teens.. Our first teen

Aniketh settled slowly in grade 8 in his new school and enjoys singing, and watching sports with his dad. He is great with maths & computer and also enjoys Carnatic music. Our long standing wish for him is simple.... Please put on some weight!!



Eshaan (10)

Eshaan turned double digits

A football goalie, he enjoys maths and playing Guitar. He'd rather be playing outside than sit and write. He settled into middle school well in his new school. And continues to be a boys boy keeping us on our toes. Will he hurt himself less, we continue to wonder!!



Thrayee (7)

Thrayee moved to Grade 2

A budding gymnast and Keyboard player, she enjoys colouring and talking (our family hobby). She has slowly starting to read and her opinions keep Lakshmi on her toes.

Will she pick up a dance this year, we wonder?

Goodbye to the teens

Our family had a fabulous decade....2010-2019

We had so many experiences that to jot a few is quite tough. But try we must....

From the addition of our beautiful daughter, to actually staying in one place for more than 3 years (6+ years), and moving only twice...we have seen many firsts in this decade.

Ramkey quit the corporate race and has settled well into his portfolio of activities. Lakshmi is also getting time for herself and this shows in her baking business. The kids are thrilled to settle into a routine as well.

In the last decade we had many experiences, visited many new places & met so many interesting people, while deepening old relations. We pray this will continue this decade too!



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