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The end of a calendar year is often a time when 'lists' come out. I have never made one, but this year I wanted to briefly talk about what I spent a lot of my time* this year on - The Seen and Unseen podcast hosted by @amitvarma

*** not even counting reading from show notes**
1/n

I am going to talk what stuck in my mind, made me reflect, gave me reason to pause and question my beliefs. The list is not in any order, just going with the flow of my thoughts.

(Went to the site to find out episode numbers)

2/n

"Consultants have confidence, researchers have confidence intervals" @karthik_econ in his marathon 4 hour episode (where he spoke at 1.5x) on the state of education in India. His findings on what impacts quality were eye-opening. Episode 185

https://t.co/VWqGH6Ewox

3/n

RSS shakhas are not about indoctrination, they are mainly about team building. A trait carried forward into the BJP which has never split in spite of differences.

@vinay_sitapati talking about the jugalbandi of ABV and LKA leading to the rise of the BJP. Episode 202

4/n

The Ibadat khana of Akbar was a place where he would be provocative & trigger discourses on religion.

@quizzicalguy in Episode 173

5/n

The coercive power of the state that we see in India today can be traced back to Nehru!

@tripurdaman in episode 194

6/n

Patterns repeat over and over in history and politics. What we think of as history is happening around us now.

@UnamPillai talking about The Ivory Throne in episode 156

7/n

The biggest migration that no one recognizes or talks about in India – women moving homes after their wedding.

@ChinmayTumbe in Episode 128

8/n

A fascinating world of trucking and how life moves on Indian roads in spite of all obstacles the State puts in the way of commerce.

@rajatub in Episode 192

9/n

73rd and 74th amendment have resulted in disengaging citizens from governance.

@ashwinmahesh in episode 160

10/n

And finally - we have lost the art of conversation, what we engage in are competing monologues.

Episode 182 with @EconTalker

11/n

It has been a great year of learning @amitvarma. Looking forward to many more to come.

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