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**Title: Distinguished Lecture Series** 

**Goal:** To provide rich opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to hear from internationally renowned scholars speak about their latest advances that are at the forefront of their field.

Context: Due to the pandemic, the organisation of academic events on digital platforms has now become a familiar concept. Making use of this familiarity and the opportunities it affords for greater participation, Bharati College decided to launch a Distinguished Lecture Series to be organised by the IQAC in collaboration with the various departments of the College. Drawing upon our philosophy of Learning Beyond the Classroom, the shift to online modes to conduct the lectures proved to be extremely rewarding in terms of the reach of the lectures. The programme was also a fitting addition to the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the College. The Department of English played a pioneering role in this context, by taking the initiative and starting with the Lecture Series.

**Practice:** Departments identify the speakers they would like to invite. The speakers are carefully chosen, who are not only distinguished researchers, but also known for the quality of their exposition. At times, the IQAC coordinator sends out the inivitations, at others the departments manage the initial formalities. These events give students the opportunity to interact with successful academics/leaders who can serve as powerful role models and provide information to help them make an informed decision. Especially for students at colleges with a primarily teaching focus, the access to advice and guidance from distinguished faculty from top University departments and other fields, is a benefit that they might not have found otherwise. Indeed these lectures are aimed as a Masterclass for both Faculty and Students. The general format of the lecture series is a presentation followed by questions and answers. Apart from the immediate online platform, there are a number of other ways to access the lectures such as via a live streaming on the Facebook page of the College.

Some of our more notable sessions include those by:

"Prof. Sumanyu Satpathy
 Fish or Fowl?: Literary Studies in the Digital Era

2)Prof. Christel R
Devadawson- English'
Romanticism and
'Indian' Readers"

3)Prof. Jonathan Gil Harris-"Listening to Shakespeare"

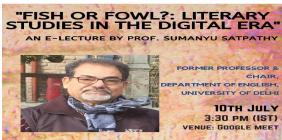
4) -Dr. David Colley -Well being and Nurture

**Evidence of Success:** This series is extremely popular and has been very well received in all of DU and beyond. We have had very large audiences with people tuning in from many states of India and from abroad.

**Problem encountered and resources needed:** The College is trying to arrange a more sustainable way of holding these sessions. The purchase of some online digital plan is in the pipeline for some time- delayed due to procedural technicalities.

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