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FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF·S DESK

Three Years of AACST: From Participation to Possibility

"Some journeys are measured in miles; the most meaningful ones are measured in minds touched, lives connected, and dreams set in motion."

The seed crept into one mind with a simple yet far-reaching dream: to reach the masses, to spread computational thinking, to gently dissolve the boundaries between disciplines, and to create a home for all those who believe in this very idea. What began as a thought slowly found its people, its purpose and its place.

Three years ago, that seed brought a small circle together·those who teach Computer Science and believe that knowledge grows when it is shared. The idea was never only to build an association, but to create a space to learn, to be heard, to contribute and to rise together.

On 20 September 2026, as we paused to celebrate, I found myself looking less at the ceremony and more at the journey behind it. Familiar faces, new connections, institutions, Life Members, volunteers and well-wishers·each has added a thread to a story that is now much larger than the thought with which it began.

And that is what I have tried to preserve in this issue. The celebrations, achievements, recognitions, voices, reflections and glimpses gathered across these pages are not merely records; they are pieces of an emotion. I wanted that emotion to travel beyond the walls of one event and reach every reader as a feeling of belonging to something that is still growing.

Initially, we thought we would simply share the highlights. But the desire to share became larger than the plan. The more we remembered, the more there was to tell; the more we looked back, the more we wanted those emotions to reach our readers. In that process, this issue naturally grew·becoming a little short of three times the size of our earlier volumes.

I see that growth not merely in pages, but as a reflection of how much there is now to celebrate, remember and share. A newsletter, after all, is not only a publication; it is a bridge between the people who create a journey and the people who read, feel and carry it forward.

Three years on, AACST is no longer just an idea. It has become a family, a fellowship and a living network of shared aspirations. As Editor-in-Chief, I feel grateful to have witnessed this journey from close quarters·and even more grateful that its next pages are still being written together.

We grew. The association grew. And with every person who believes in this journey, the story continues to grow.

Dr. Abha Khandelwal

CELEBRATION · 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

3rd Anniversary Celebration

From the ceremonial lamp to the final felicitation, the anniversary unfolded through welcome, recognition and shared participation. Distinguished guests and members came together to celebrate contribution and community. The National Hybrid Workshop on "Research Gap to Research Impact" added an academic dimension to the day. Across these photographs, the celebration moves from ceremony to conversation and from recognition to renewed purpose.

"An anniversary is not a pause in the journey; it is a moment to recognise the people,
reflect on the progress, and renew the purpose that carries the work forward.
The next chapter begins with the same shared spirit."











3RD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION · MOMENTS



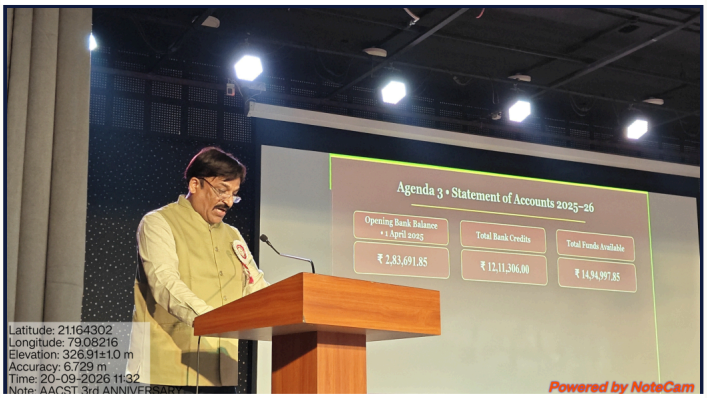
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3RD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION · TOGETHER











EVENT REPORT · NATIONAL HYBRID WORKSHOP

Research GAP to Research Impact

Sunday, 20 September 2026 | 1st Floor Auditorium, Riaan Tower, Mangalwari Bazar Road, Sadar, Nagpur | 3:00–4:00 PM · Hybrid Mode (Online & In-person)

As part of its 3rd Anniversary Celebration, AACST held a National Hybrid Workshop on *Research GAP to Research Impact*, organised in collaboration with G H Raisoni Skill Tech University, Nagpur. The session was open to research scholars, postgraduate students, Ph.D. aspirants, academicians and researchers in Computer Science and allied disciplines, who joined at the Auditorium, Riaan Tower, Sadar, Nagpur and online. The workshop addressed how researchers identify a genuine gap in the literature, turn it into clear research questions, establish novelty and significance, and carry that work through to meaningful academic and practical impact.

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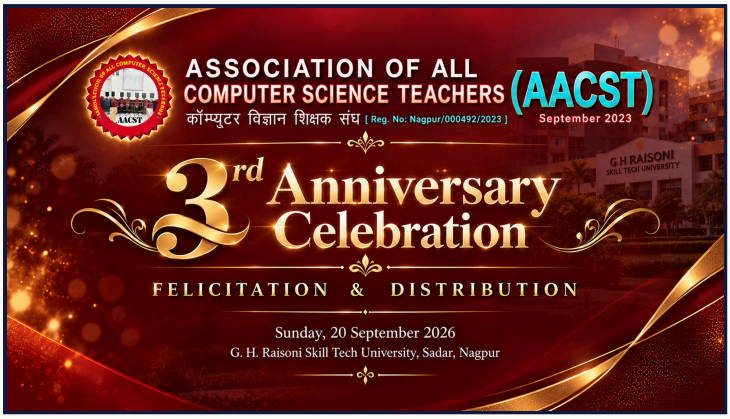






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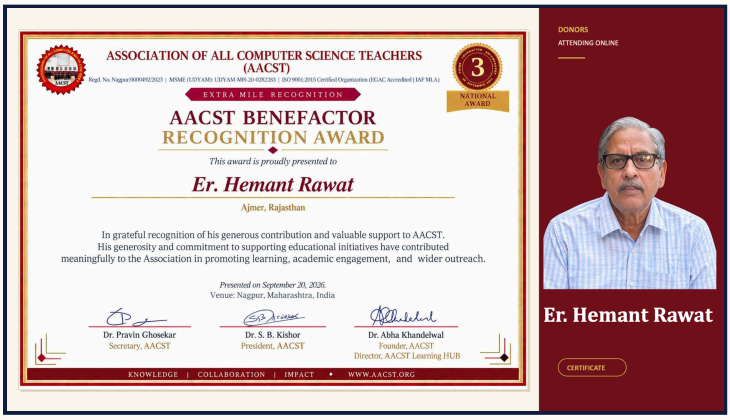




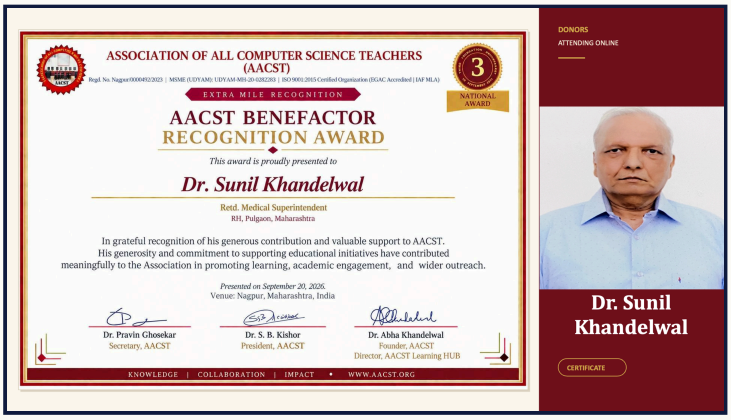
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Our Organisational Family

Twenty-five colleges, universities and companies have joined AACST as Organisational Life Members, from Nagpur to Saratoga, California.

25 LIFE MEMBERS

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4

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6

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NANDED
SRTM University

7

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SGB Amravati University

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Our Organisational Family, continued

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Industry

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HYDERABAD

Osmania University

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Our Organisational Family, continued

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University

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MUMBAI

Industry

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In Their Words: Three Years of AACST



Prof. Kamal Singh
Former Vice-Chancellor, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University

My Blessings

"Few have worked with such vigour to uplift computational science and carry digital literacy to all. AACST does both, across every discipline. I am proud that this vision belongs to my beloved student, Dr. Abha Khandelwal.

COMPUTING FOR A NEW NATION

Dr. Subhash Kondawar
Former Pro-Vice-Chancellor, RTM Nagpur University · Principal, Maxwell College, Nagpur



"The technological revolution of computer science is what our students need to build a new nation. Arts, commerce and science cannot progress without it, and AACST is bringing new energy to teachers and students alike."



BUILDING BRIDGES ACROSS DISCIPLINES

Prof. M. P. Dhore
Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Amravati

"What makes AACST truly distinctive is that, beyond cutting-edge technology, it is building bridges across disciplines through computational thinking. From Physics and Biology to Management and many emerging fields, AACST is taking computing beyond traditional boundaries. Its inclusive platform gives teachers from smaller colleges the same opportunities to learn, contribute, and connect as those from larger institutions. The practical workshops, approachable resource persons, and interdisciplinary vision make AACST a meaningful force for academic collaboration and innovation."

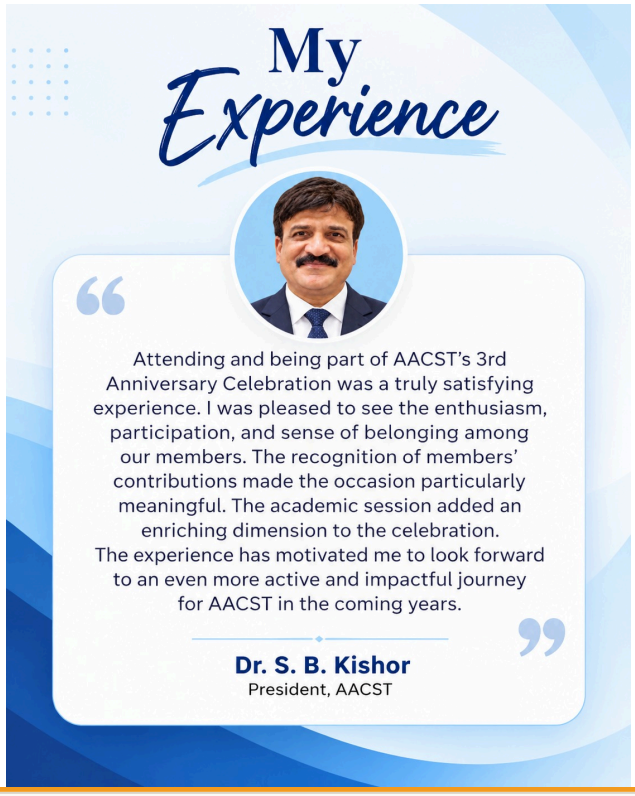


BEYOND EXPECTATIONS

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AACST has shot to Global Heights in a very short span of 3 years, targeting Research, Training, Skill Building etc from Schools to PhD levels, connecting more than 5 thousand humans.



MEMBER VOICES · REFLECTIONS

In Their Words (continued)



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Warm Wishes

Dr. Chitra Ravi
Director of Academics, Department of Computer Science
Maharani Lakshmi Ammanni College for Women Autonomous, Bangalore

Heartiest congratulations to AACST and every member on a milestone third year. Its journey has been an inspiring story of collaboration, shared knowledge and growth, opening doors to learning, innovation and emerging technologies. Wishing AACST continued success in shaping the future of Computer Science and Computational Science in India.



AACST'S ASCENDANT JOURNEY OF EXCELLENCE (2024–2026)

Prof. Dr. Vinay Chavan
Former Principal, Seth Kesarimal Porwal College, Kamptee

Over the past three years, AACST has grown steadily through a strong synergy of academic expertise and industry collaboration. With a growing ecosystem of internships, workshops, peer-reviewed publications, and professional learning, it has strengthened its academic reach and credibility. Expanding beyond conventional computing into quantum computing, cloud AI, nano-electronics, and emerging interdisciplinary domains, AACST is evolving into a dynamic hub for cutting-edge computer science innovation.



SERVING SOCIETY BEYOND THE CAMPUS

Dr. Pravin Ghosekar
Secretary, AACST

"The Cyber Shield awareness drive showed that AACST can serve society beyond the campus. We will take this work to many more citizens in the coming year.



AACST'S GROWING NATIONAL FOOTPRINT

Prof. Dr. Ramesh R. Manza
Professor, Dept. of Computer Science & IT, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Chh. Sambhajinagar

In just three years, AACST has forged a thriving nationwide network of educators, researchers and students through 20+ national and international programmes. Its webinars, hackathons and hands-on workshops spark real collaboration, while the Learning HUB, Cyber Shield Drive and International Journal enrich a vibrant ecosystem of learning and research.



STRENGTH IN SELFLESS SERVICE

Prof. Dr. Ashish B. Sasankar
Principal, Indraprastha New Arts, Commerce and Science College, Wardha

"Special appreciation to Founder Dr. Abha Khandelwal, President Dr. S. B. Kishor and Secretary Dr. Pravin Ghosekar for their visionary leadership. AACST has earned its place through the selfless service of its volunteers, its greatest strength.



Dr. Kathiresan Sundarappan
Retd. Scientist, DRDO · Aerospace Modelling & Control Systems, Bengaluru

A FUTURE-READY INDIA

"AACST's three-year journey stands as a testament to what dedicated educators and technologists can achieve. It has opened doors for thousands to learn, explore, and grow in emerging technologies. A future-ready India needs exactly this kind of initiative."

NEWS CLIPPINGS · 3RD ANNIVERSARY COVERAGE

AACST in the Press



HEADLINES AT A GLANCE

GLIMPSES FROM PRINT COVERAGE

01

Changing equations of education make Computer Science and AI a global demand: Pro-VC Dr. Dhore

AACST marks its 3rd Foundation Day with felicitation, award distribution and a research session.

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AACST Foundation Day: research session held with felicitation and awards

Educators, researchers, institutional members and students took part at G H Raisoni Skill Tech University.

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Computer Science is today's need for nation-building: Principal Dr. Kondawar

AACST is bringing new energy to teachers and students across disciplines.

COMPLETED EVENTS · SEPTEMBER 2026



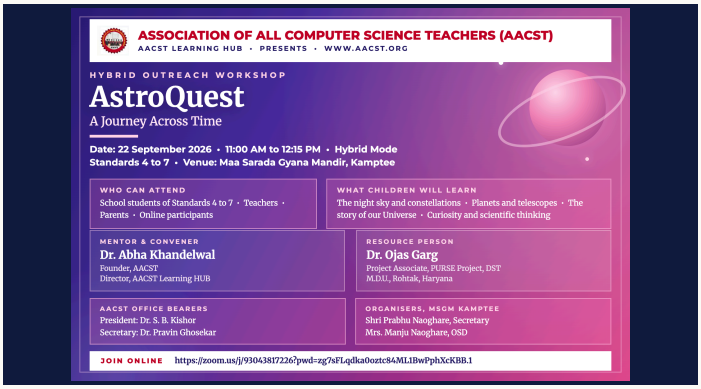
Industry-Ready SAP Skills · 12 Sep

National Level Webinar, online. Resource person: Mr. Manoj Kumar, Senior Manager, Cognizant Technology Solutions, Bengaluru. Mentor & convener: Dr. Abha Khandelwal. Sponsored by Dr. Irfan Sheikh.



Cyber Shield National Awareness Drive · 14 Aug – 15 Sep

Free, self-paced online programme with expert talks on digital arrest frauds, deepfakes, OTP and UPI scams, identity theft and privacy. E-certificate on completion.



AstroQuest: A Journey Across Time · 22 Sep

Hybrid outreach workshop for Standards 4 to 7 at Maa Sarada Gyana Mandir, Kamptee. Resource person: Dr. Ojas Garg, PURSE Project, DST, M.D.U., Rohtak. Organisers, MSGM Kamptee: Shri Prabhu Naoghare and Mrs. Manju Naoghare.

CYBER SHIELD · FIVE HABITS TO KEEP

Think before you click. Verify before you trust.

01 Never share an OTP, PIN or UPI code. Banks and government offices do not ask for them.

02 There is no “digital arrest”. No police or agency detains anyone over a video call.

03 Turn on two-factor authentication for e-mail, banking and social media.

04 Check the web address before you log in, and avoid links in unexpected messages.

05 Report cyber fraud at once on helpline 1930 or at cybercrime.gov.in.

DID YOU KNOW?

Java began as “Oak”. James Gosling’s team at Sun Microsystems started the language in 1991 and renamed it Java before its public release in 1995.

The first program is older than the computer. In 1843 Ada Lovelace published an algorithm for Charles Babbage’s Analytical Engine, a machine that was never completed.

The internet’s first word was “LO”. On 29 October 1969 the ARPANET link from UCLA to Stanford Research Institute crashed after two letters of “LOGIN”.

The first computer “bug” was a real moth. On 9 September 1947, engineers found a moth trapped in a relay of Harvard’s Mark II and taped it into the logbook.

Python is named after comedy, not a snake. Guido van Rossum took the name from the BBC show *Monty Python’s Flying Circus*.

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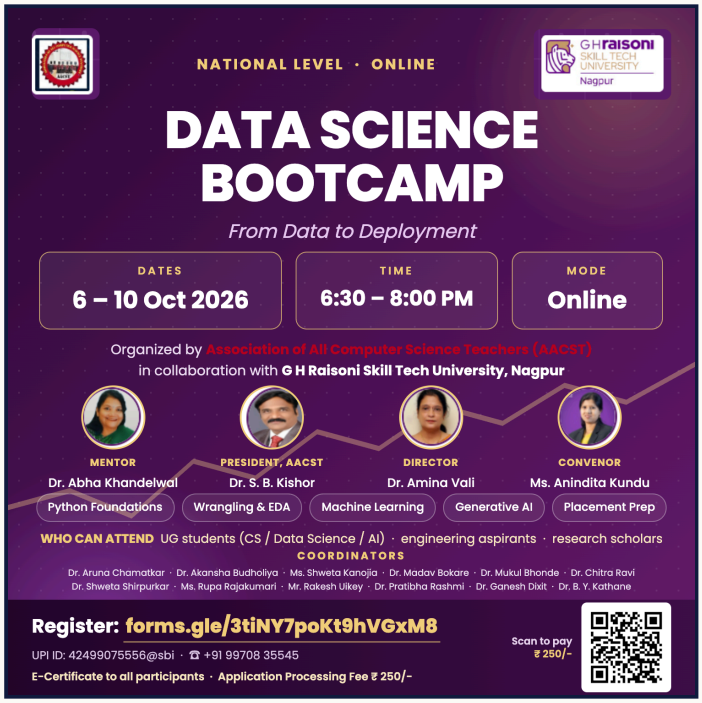


ONGOING · 16 SEP – 15 OCT

The Ultimate Java CodeLab

Online certificate course, 41 self-paced sessions: Core Java, OOP, collections, exceptions, file I/O, JDBC and projects. Resource person: Dr. G. Mahesh Kumar, Bhavan's Vivekananda College, Secunderabad. Fee ₹999.

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UPCOMING · 6 – 10 OCT

Data Science Bootcamp: From Data to Deployment

National online bootcamp with G H Raisoni Skill Tech University, Nagpur, 6:30–8:00 PM. Python, wrangling & EDA, machine learning, generative AI and placement prep. Fee ₹250, e-certificate.

Register: forms.gle/3tiNY7poKt9hVGxM8

IMPORTANT WORLD AROUND NEWS · SEPTEMBER 2026

Quantum operations 1,000 times faster

Researchers at Chalmers University of Technology and Tianjin University found a way to perform certain quantum operations more than 1,000 times faster, reducing thousands of repeated control cycles to one. *Physical Review Letters, 11 Sep*

Simulating matter "popping into existence"

A Duke University team used a 13-ion quantum simulator to recreate a particle-forming process linked to the physics of the early universe, observing string-breaking dynamics. *26 Sep*

30 entangled logical qubits

Infleqtion reported 30 entangled logical qubits built from 80 physical neutral-atom qubits, announced at Quantum World Congress 2026 and aided by AI-assisted circuit discovery. *24 Sep*

An insect-agile flying robot

A new AI control system raised the speed of MIT's tiny flying robot by about 450 percent, letting it perform 10 somersaults in 11 seconds. *22 Sep*

GPT-6 Sol and Luna released

OpenAI launched its GPT-6 Sol and Luna models, priced at half of the previous GPT-5.6 tier. Two days later it discontinued the Sora video-generation API for developers. *22–24 Sep*

Open-source robotics stack

Alphabet's Intrinsic released Intrinsic Core, a Robot Operating System-compatible robotics stack, under the Apache 2.0 licence at ROSCon 2026 in Toronto. *Sep*

WORTH READING · TECH BRIEFS

HardFlow. An MIT algorithm helps generative AI models produce outputs that obey strict requirements, for safety-critical uses where "pretty close" is not enough.

In praise of human teachers. A Nature article (23 Sep) argues that universities must resist outsourcing everything to AI.

CW-Net. An MIT method translates an autonomous vehicle's AI reasoning into understandable concepts, helping people predict when it will make mistakes.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES IN INDIA · OCTOBER 2026

6 Oct	**c0c0n 2026** Cybersecurity, Ethical Hacking, Digital Forensics	Kochi, Kerala
7–9 Oct	**Cypher 2026 (10th edition)** Generative AI, AI Agents, Enterprise AI, MLOps, Responsible AI	KTPO Whitefield, Bengaluru
14–15 Oct	**World AI Summit 2026 · "AI for All"** Generative AI, LLMs, AI Infrastructure, AI Governance	Sheraton Grand, Bengaluru

POLICY WATCH

The IndiaAI Mission (outlay ₹10,371.92 crore, 2024–2029) has onboarded more than 38,000 GPUs, offered to startups and researchers at a subsidised rate of about ₹65 per hour.

DAYS TO REMEMBER · OCTOBER 2026

Computing and education dates this October



ALL OCTOBER

(CISA) Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Observed worldwide every October to promote safe online practice. AACST's Cyber Shield awareness drive carries the same message to teachers, students and citizens.



5 OCTOBER

(UNESCO) World Teachers' Day

Proclaimed by UNESCO in 1994, the day honours teachers and the profession at the heart of the AACST community.



13 OCTOBER

(Finding Ada) Ada Lovelace Day

Held on the second Tuesday of October. In 1843 Ada Lovelace published what is regarded as the first algorithm, written for Charles Babbage's Analytical Engine.

14 OCTOBER

(WEEE Forum) International E-Waste Day

Founded by the WEEE Forum in 2018, the day promotes the correct collection and recycling of discarded electronics.



15 OCTOBER

(India) World Students' Day

Birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, aerospace scientist, teacher and 11th President of India.

21 OCTOBER

(Carnegie Council) Global Ethics Day

A Carnegie Council initiative. The 2026 theme is "Re-centering Ethics".

24 OCTOBER

(United Nations) World Development Information Day

Established by the UN General Assembly in 1972 (resolution 3038 (XXVII)) to draw attention to development problems. It coincides with United Nations Day.

29 OCTOBER

(UNESCO) World Coding Day

Designated by UNESCO Member States and first celebrated in 2024.



29 OCTOBER

(UCLA) International Internet Day

On this day in 1969, Leonard Kleinrock's lab at UCLA sent the first message over ARPANET to the Stanford Research Institute. The IMP log records it.

Dates cross-checked with the United Nations List of International Days and Weeks.

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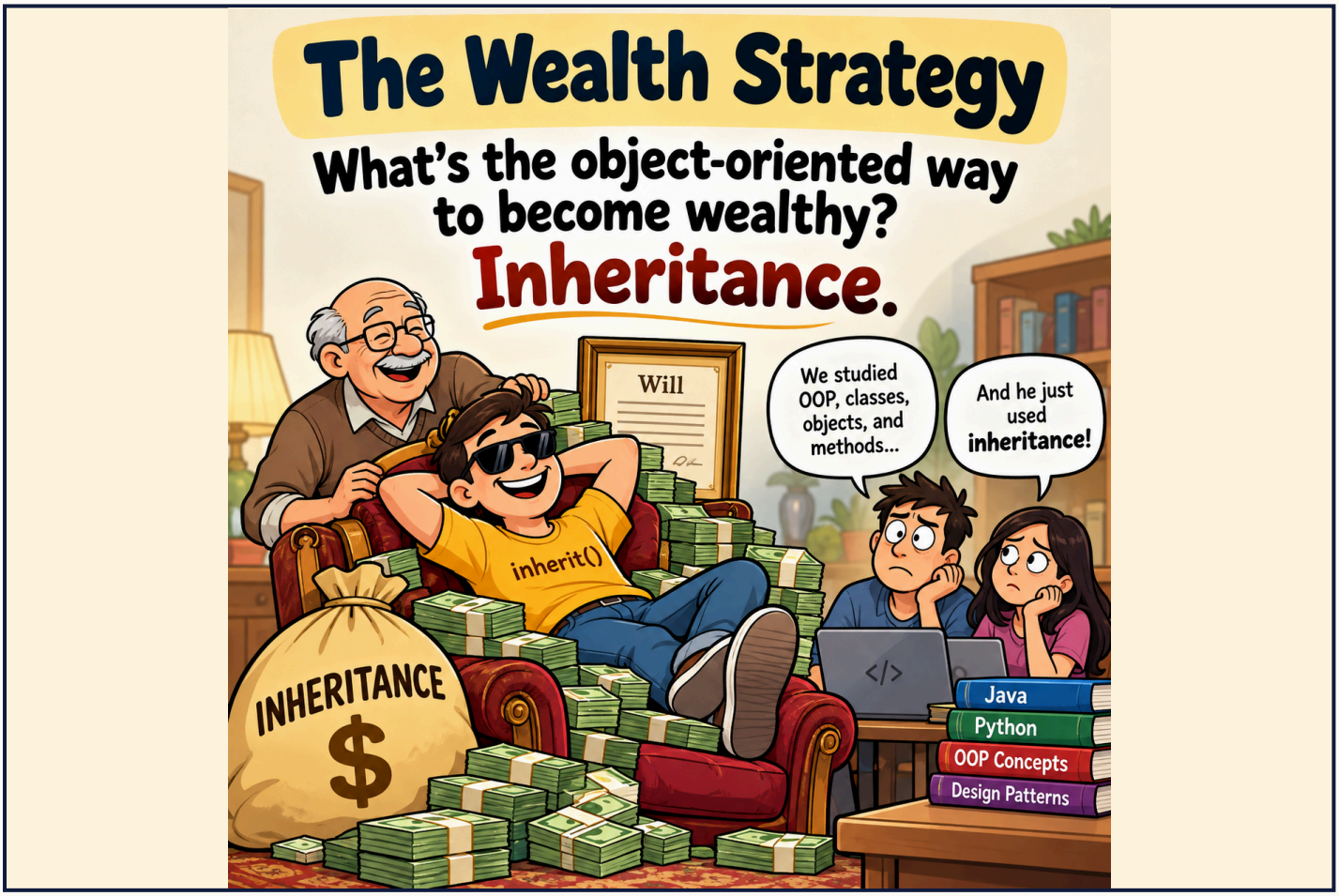
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