



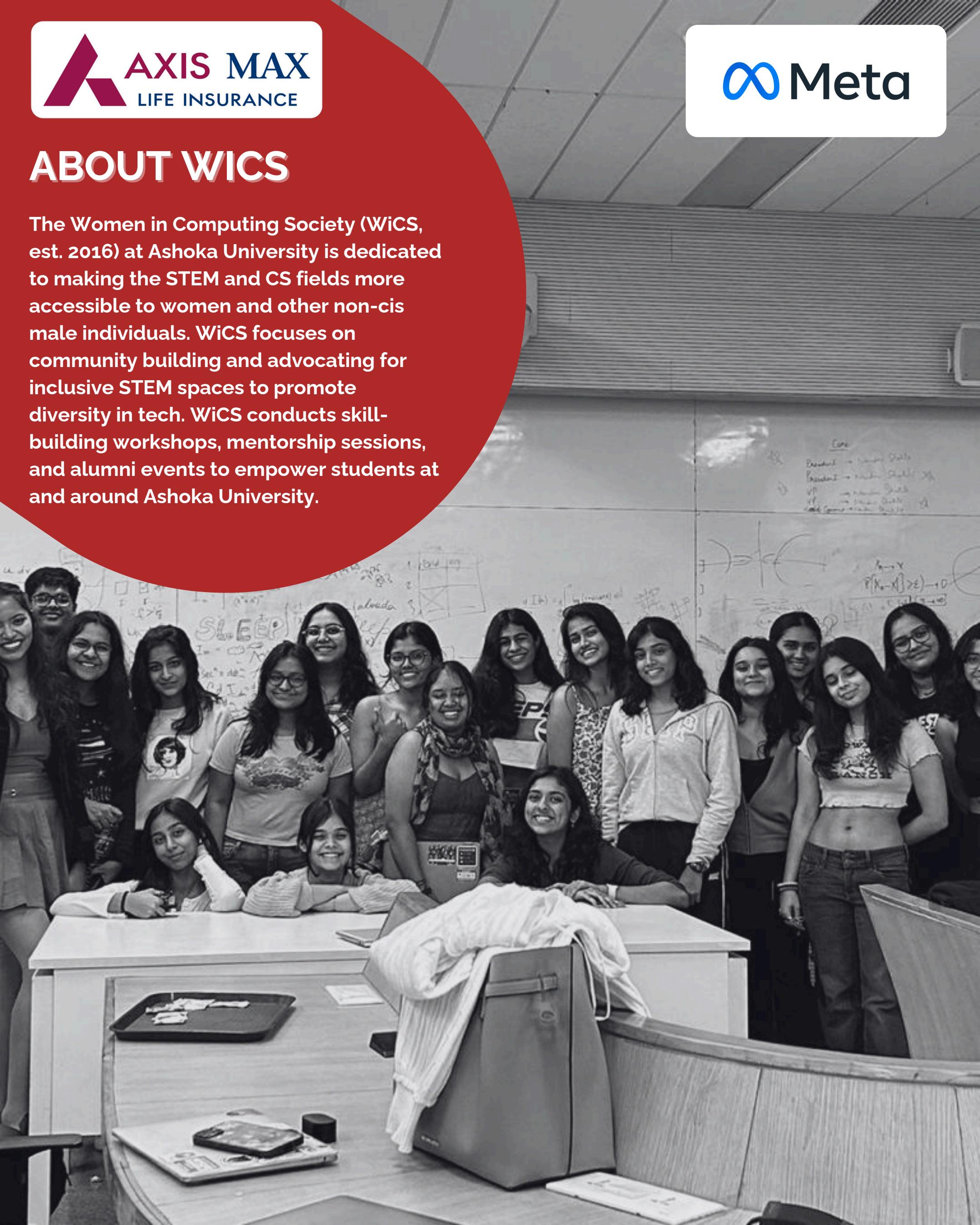
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2025

INNOVATION AT THE
INTERSECTION

ABOUT WiCS

The Women in Computing Society (WiCS, est. 2016) at Ashoka University is dedicated to making the STEM and CS fields more accessible to women and other non-cis male individuals. WiCS focuses on community building and advocating for inclusive STEM spaces to promote diversity in tech. WiCS conducts skill-building workshops, mentorship sessions, and alumni events to empower students at and around Ashoka University.



WHAT WiCS DOES?

We organize: **talks, hackathons, cryptic hunts, workshops, networking events, and research groups.** In line with our broader vision of inclusivity, we conduct **mentorship sessions with the children from Asawarpur** to develop their technical skills. Our events **prioritize accessibility, catering to both STEM and non-STEM majors**, with a focus on welcoming beginners.



ABOUT WiCSCon

WiCSCon 2025, hosted by the Women in Computing Society (WiCS) at Ashoka University, is India's premier student-led conference dedicated to fostering inclusivity, accessibility, and diversity in the field of Computer Science and technology. As the nation's first conference of its kind, WiCSCon brings together students, academics, industry professionals, and tech enthusiasts from all walks of life to engage in meaningful discussions, hands-on workshops, and networking events that highlight the importance of diversity in driving technological innovation.

SPEAKERS



VRINDA KAPOOR

CEO, AEROSPACE
COMPANY, 3RDHITECH



DR. DIVYA RAJPUT

ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEMEBER FOR HARVAD
BUSINESS REVIEW



AASHNA JHA

PRODUCT MANAGER,
MICROSOFT & CO-
FOUNDER GIRLS GROW



SUMITA ARORA

RENNOWNED
AUTHOUR OF CS
SCHOOL TEXTBOOKS



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SCHEDULE

9:00-10:00 AM

REGISTRATION

10:00-10:15 AM

OPENING CEREMONY

10:30-12:00 PM

PANEL 1 + Q&A/ RESEARCH PRESENTATION

12:10-1:10 PM

WORKSHOP 1 & RESEARCH TALK 1

1:20-2:20 PM

NETWORKING LUNCH

2:30-3:30 PM

KEYNOTE TALK

3:40-4:40 PM

SPEAKER SESSION 1 & 2

4:45-5:45 PM

WORKSHOP 2 & RESEARCH TALK 2

5:45-6:00 PM

SNACKS

6:00-7:00 PM

FIRESIDE CHAT

7:00-7:30 PM

CLOSING CEREMONY

EVENT SCHEDULE: 29th March, Saturday

10:00 am-10:15 am

OPENING CEREMONY



10:30 am-12:00 pm

**OPENING PANEL
THE AI DILEMMA: WHO GOVERNS THE MACHINES GOVERNING US?**



Apar Gupta
Co- Founder,
**Internet Freedom
Foundation**



Nidhi Singh
Research Analyst ,
**Carnegie
Endowment for
International Peace**



Amrita Choudhury
Director, Chair:
**CCAOI, AprIGF,
IGFSA**

12:10 - 1:10 PM

**Workshop 1: AUCTION ACTION
AND THE ART OF STRATEGIC
TRADING: A GAMIFIED WORKSHOP**



Nivedita Ganesh
Author
**Ex- Citi Bank,
Mastercard**

12:10 - 1:10 PM

**Research Talk 1: Revolutionizing
Indian Enterprises with Deep
Tech AI**



Vrinda Kapoor
CEO, Aerospace
Technology Innovator
3rdiTech

1:20 PM- 2:20 PM

NETWORKING LUNCH



2:30PM - 3:30PM

KEYNOTE TALK



**ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION IN THE
PUBLIC SECTOR**

Anna Roy
Director of Data Analysis and
Management
NITI AAYOG



3:40 PM - 4:40 PM



**Speaker Session 1:
EMPOWERING FUTURE
INNOVATORS**
Sumita Arora
Author
**High School/College CS
Textbooks**



**Speaker Session 2:
INNOVATION AS A SERVICE -
ACCELERATING AND
DEMOCRATIZING INNOVATION**
Colin Fernandes
Vice President
**Innovation Axis Max
Life**

4:45 PM - 5:45 PM

RESEARCH TALK 2:



**Mystery
Speaker...To be
Revealed Soon!**

**WORKSHOP 2: PRODUCT
TEARDOWN AND
MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP**



Bhavya Bansal
Product Manager:
GOOGLE

6:00 PM-7:00 PM

**FIRESIDE CHAT: CLIMBING THE LADDER VS
BUILDING YOUR OWN: EXPLORING LEADERSHIP IN
CORPORATE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP**



Aashna Jha
Product Manager
Microsoft



Dr. Divya Rajput
CEO, Advisory Board
**JSS Science, Harvard
Business Review**

7:00 PM-7:30 PM

CLOSING CEREMONY



WiCSCon stands as the **nation's first conference** uniquely focused on **inclusivity and accessibility** within the Computer Science field. Our mission is to **unite professionals, academics, and students** in a collaborative forum and highlight **discussions around recent breakthroughs in inclusive design, intersectionality in tech, innovation through diversity, and foster community building**. This initiative, underscores our commitment to **nurturing a dynamic CS community**, where innovation thrives, and the future of technology is shaped by a diverse, talented group, paving the way for a more **inclusive STEM field**.

WHY WICSCON?

THE WICSCON EXPERIENCE

Our diverse array of activities, including **panel discussions, interactive workshops, and networking events**, is designed to spark intellectual curiosity and career advancement. We aim to arm our attendees with the knowledge required to excel in the rapidly evolving tech field, while championing inclusivity and diversity.

- **Engaging Keynotes and Panel Discussions:** Immerse yourself in engaging discussions on accessibility, diversity, and emerging technologies. These sessions drive innovation and inspire actionable solutions to industry challenges.
- **Interactive Workshops and Hands-On Sessions:** Practical and interactive workshops that delve into inclusive design principles and practical tech solutions, imparting valuable skills and insights to drive real-world impact.
- **Networking Opportunities and Project Showcases:** Connect with industry leaders and peers while exploring cutting-edge projects. These interactions foster collaboration, sparking creativity, and shaping the future of technology together.

WiCSCon 2024

WiCSCon 2024 marked a milestone as our largest event yet, with over 300+ registrations from students, academics, and industry professionals across the country. The event featured a diverse range of engaging sessions, including insightful fireside chats and dynamic panel discussions, offering valuable content for all attendees.

OPENING PANEL DISCUSSION

ADDRESSING THE MYTH OF MERITOCRACY IN STEM



Jigyasa Kishore
Vice President at Moglix



Nandini Singh
IBM India



Arza Isamil
Founder, CEO MakerGhat



Ruchira Sarin
Director, DEOC Accessibility Services

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN THE FINTECH SECTOR & ROLE OF PRODUCT MANAGEMENT IN DRIVING TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION WITH A PURPOSE



Ashish Shankar
MD & CEO Motilal Oswal Private Wealth



Ritcha Ranjan
Vice President of Product Management, Microsoft

WORKSHOPS

1. DATA SCIENCE FOR SOCIAL IMPACT
2. CREATING DIGITAL ACCESSIBLE SPACES
3. DESIGN REAL-WORLD BOTS!



Centre for Economic Data Analysis
Ashoka University



Zain Samdani
Founder, ExoHeal



Amar Jain
Co-founder, Mission Accessibility

IMPACT THROUGH WiCSCON

WiCSCON'24 provided numerous networking opportunities, including an **exclusive networking lunch** where attendees could interact with eminent speakers, professors, and guests. These sessions facilitated valuable connections and laid the groundwork for future collaborations and initiatives – including, but not limited to, a potential town hall on Accessibility for Visually Impaired students with Mr. Amar Jain, a discussion with Ms. Ruchira Sen and the university administrations about the changes in the architecture to make Ashoka more accessible.



CNBS

Ashoka University's society organises conference on 'inclusivity and advancing technology'

With this, WiCSCON sets a new standard as the nation's first student-led conference focused on promoting inclusivity and accessibility within the field of Computer Science.

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The conference garnered national media attention, with features in prominent publications such as **Indian Express** and **CNBC Awaaz**, and **Ashoka University's official page**, underscoring its significance as the nation's first student-led conference on accessibility and inclusivity in technology.

Through WiCSCON, we raised a sponsorship of **Rs. 6 lakh+**, out of which we are currently in the process of **donating approximately 1 lakh towards the AUWS** – girl child mentorship and education STEM program.

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