

# MORNING BRIEF

Thursday, 12 February 2026

**BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.5** (5/12)

*dhrishtaketushchekitanah kashirajashcha viryavan  
purujit kuntibhojashcha shaibyashcha narapungavah*

Dhrishtaketu, Chekitana, the valiant king of Kashi, Purujit, Kuntibhoja, and Shaibya — all are great warriors.

Righteousness attracts allies. When you stand for what is right, others naturally align with your cause.

**LAW 5: SO MUCH DEPENDS ON REPUTATION – GUARD IT WITH YOUR LIFE** (5/48)

Reputation is the cornerstone of power. Through reputation alone you can intimidate and win. Once it slips, you are vulnerable and will be attacked on all sides.

**GIFT NIFTY** **25,995.00** +22.50 (+0.09%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **+41 pts** (+0.16%)

## INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%	
NIFTY 50	25,953.85	+18.70	+0.07%	
Sensex	84,233.64	-40.28	-0.05%	
Bank NIFTY	60,745.35	+118.95	+0.20%	
India VIX	11.55	-0.12	-1.05%	

## FII / DII Flows

NET (CR)	
FII / FPI	+944
DII	-125

India Market Sentiment: **94** (Extreme Greed) — VIX at 11.5

## US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%	
S&P 500	6,941.47	-0.34	-0.00%	
Nasdaq	23,066.47	-36.00	-0.16%	
Dow Jones	50,121.40	-66.74	-0.13%	
S&P Futures	6,961.25	-0.25	-0.00%	
Nikkei 225	57,860.27	+209.73	+0.36%	
Hang Seng	27,266.38	+83.23	+0.31%	

US Fear & Greed: **49** (neutral)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.17	+0.03	+0.60%
Gold	5,081.20	+77.40	+1.55%
Silver	82.05	+1.83	+2.28%
Crude Oil	64.95	+0.99	+1.55%
USD/INR	90.71	+0.12	+0.14%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 41 pts (+0.16%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY ended flat (+0.07%) — range-bound session.
- India VIX at 11.5 — low fear, complacency territory.
- FII bought 944 Cr, DII sold 125 Cr — foreign money in, domestic booking profits.
- Gold up +1.55% at \$5,081.
- Crude oil surged +1.55% — watch energy stocks.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$67,792.00	-1.64%
ZEC	\$242.77	+3.25%

Fear & Greed Index: 5 (Extreme Fear)

- BTC dipping -1.6% — mild correction territory.
- Fear & Greed at 5 (Extreme Fear) — historically a good accumulation zone.

HACKER NEWS

1. **Windows Notepad App Remote Code Execution Vulnerability**

Common vulnerabilities and Exposures (CVE) We're sorry but the CVE Website doesn't work properly without JavaScript enabled. Please enable it to continue.

753 pts · 466 comments
2. **Claude Code is being dumbed down?**

Claude Code Is Being Dumbed Down February 11, 2026 by Yoshi Version 2.1.20 of Claude Code shipped a change that replaced every file read and every search pattern with a single, useless summary line. Where you used to see: You now get: That's it.

732 pts · 498 comments
3. **Chrome extensions spying on users' browsing data**

434 pts · 187 comments
4. **Amazon Ring's lost dog ad sparks backlash amid fears of mass surveillance**

Ring's new Search Party feature has once again drawn backlash for the company. A 30-second ad that aired during Sunday's Super Bowl showed Ring cameras "surveilling" neighborhoods to locate a lost dog.

410 pts · 228 comments

## 5. Fluorite – A console-grade game engine fully integrated with Flutter

Fluorite is the first console-grade game engine fully integrated with Flutter. Its reduced complexity by allowing you to write your game code directly in Dart, and using all of its great developer tools.

390 pts · 229 comments

## 6. Officials Claim Drone Incursion Led to Shutdown of El Paso Airport

Latest archive link: <https://archive.is/Qdq4x>

325 pts · 511 comments

## 7. Why vampires live forever

312 pts · 151 comments

## 8. The risk of a hothouse Earth trajectory

297 pts · 334 comments

## 9. Discord/Twitch/Snapchat age verification bypass

age verifies your account automatically as an adult on any website using k-id made by xyzeva and Dziurwa, greetz to amplitudes (for previous work) it doesn't matter if you are in the UK or similar region that currently has access to this, this will...

274 pts · 140 comments

## 10. End of an era for me: no more self-hosted git

Thank you, AI! Ok, it is over. End of an era for me. No more self-hosted git.

254 pts · 166 comments

## 11. GLM-5: Targeting complex systems engineering and long-horizon agentic tasks

240 pts · 394 comments

## 12. Communities are not fungible

210 pts · 97 comments

## 13. Do not apologize for replying late to my email

Do not apologize for replying late to my email by Ploum on 2026-02-11 You don't need to apologize for taking hours, days, or years to reply to one of my emails.

201 pts · 172 comments

## 14. NetNewsWire Turns 23

NetNewsWire Turns 23 NetNewsWire 1.0 for Mac shipped 23 years ago today! 🎉👓 Here's where things are on this particular February 11: we just shipped 7.0 for Mac and iOS, and now we're working on NetNewsWire 7.0.1.

199 pts · 47 comments

## 15. Paragon accidentally uploaded a photo of its spyware control panel

147 pts · 44 comments

## MARKET NEWS

### Global Market Today: Asian stocks rise, Treasuries fall after strong US jobs data

The MSCI Asia Pacific Index rose 0.4% to a record. The gauge is up around 13% so far this year, its best start to the year relative to the S&P 500 this century, as the region's assets head for another strong year.

### Canara Bank eases overnight, 1-month MCLR by 5 bps

(What's moving Sensex and Nifty Track latest market news, stock tips, Budget 2025, Share Market on Budget 2025 and expert advice, on ETMarkets. Also, ETMarkets.com is now on Telegram.

### Q3 earnings mixed as consumer sectors shine, labour codes weigh on margins

Automobiles Hits: GST rate cuts boosted sales volume for the sector. Maruti Suzuki India reported industry beating 22% year-on-year jump in the domestic passenger vehicles volume.

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### **Birla Capital, L&T Finance enter MSCI Index**

Index revisions typically move stocks because trillions of dollars in passive global funds align their portfolios with benchmark compositions. Additions prompt index-linked ETFs and passive funds to buy the stock, while deletions force selling.

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### **NTPC climbs 12% in three months on thermal additions, renewable growth bets**

Of the total 33 GW currently under construction, about 16.5 GW is coal-based, 1.9 GW is hydro, and roughly 15 GW comprises renewable projects.

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### **Sebi chairperson flags misuse of SME framework**

"Sebi had observed instances where listed SMEs were diverting issue proceeds to related parties or to shell companies controlled by promoters," said Pandey.

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### **Preferential allotment likely in PFC-REC merger to help Centre retain majority stake and government company status**

As things stand, the Centre's stake could slip well below 51% after a merger, affecting the resultant entity's status as a government company.

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### **Analysts divided over BHEL's OFS for retail investors**

The retail tranche of the two day share sale will open for bids on Thursday after the non retail portion was subscribed 2.3 times on Wednesday, the first day of the issue.

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### **Sebi fines Zee promoter Rs 4 lakh for violating takeover regulations**

In an adjudication order dated February 10, 2026, Sebi said Cyquator failed to disclose the creation and invocation of pledge over ZEEL shares and made an incorrect disclosure relating to a share transfer in 2019.

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### **FPIs continue to bail out of financial services**

"There are no serious valuation concerns in the financial services sector however, private banks did see some profit-booking as PSU banks outperformed on a relative basis," said Pankaj Pandey, head of Retail Research at ICICI Direct.

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### **Microfinance shows spark but shrinks to lowest in 3 years**

The sharp decline in the third quarter of this financial year resulted from a bulk reclassification of micro loans as retail loans by one of the private sector banks with significant microfinance exposure, said three people aware of the matter.

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### **Inox Green offers ₹600 cr for Wind World O&M unit**

Wind World provides O&M services to renewable energy producing installations with installed capacity of over 4.5 GW. Its clients include Tata Group, ReNew Power, Greenko, Apraava, and Hindustan Zinc. Inox Green declined to comment.

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### **Canara Bank invites bids to sell ₹577-cr Supreme Housing loan**

The Bangalore-based lender has also, simultaneously, filed a petition in the Mumbai NCLT to re-start insolvency proceedings against the company after a one-time settlement (OTS) offer by the company in July failed to materialise, said a person aware...

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### **Patanjali Foods Q3 Results: PAT surges 60% YoY to Rs 594 crore, sees strong FY26 on GST tailwinds**

The net profit rose 15% sequentially from Rs 517 crore posted by the company in Q2FY26 while the topline saw a 7% uptick against Rs 9,776 reported in the July-September quarter of FY26.

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### **Ahead of Market: 10 things that will decide stock market action on Thursday**

Listen to this article in summarized format Meanwhile, the volatility gauge India VIX ended at 11.55, down 1% from the last closing.

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### **Morgan Stanley, Goldman Sachs pick multibagger Ather Energy via block deals; NIIF sells Rs 233 cr stake**

Other buyers in the electric two-wheeler maker included Tata Mutual Fund, Aditya Birla Sun Life MF, ICICI Prudential MF and WhiteOak Capital MF.

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### **US stocks wobble after feeling both the upside and downside of a strong jobs report**

Listen to this article in summarized format After initially rising toward its all-time high, the S&P 500 flipped to a loss before pulling back to a rise of less than 0.1% The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 190 points, or 0.4%, as of 11 a.m.

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### **Market Trading Guide: Craftsman Automation and Laurus Labs offer up to 12% upside**

Listen to this article in summarized format Commenting on the day's action, Rupak De, Senior Technical Analyst at LKP Securities said that the index faced resistance at 26,000, resulting in a correction from the day's high.

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### **US stocks: US job growth accelerates in January, unemployment rate falls to 4.3%**

Nonfarm payrolls increased by 130,000 jobs last month after a downwardly revised 48,000 rise in December, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics said on Wednesday.

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### **Oil rises 2% on US-Iran tensions, improved demand**

"Ongoing tensions in the Middle East continue to support prices, although so far there has been no supply disruption," said UBS oil analyst Giovanni Staunovo. U.S.

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### **Sebi asks commodity exchanges to maintain two times of projected peak load capacity**

The move is aimed at strengthening system resilience, ensuring consistent response times during high-volume trading, and enhancing oversight of technology infrastructure.

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### **Vivriti AIF targets 25-30pc compounded growth for 5 years**

The company also plans to double its fundraising from the Kolkata market in FY27 as part of a strategic deepening of its presence in Eastern India, a senior official said.

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### **RBI proposes July 1 rollout of stricter mis-selling rules for banks**

RBI has defined mis-selling in cases where the sale of a product or service, which is neither suitable nor appropriate in view of the customer's profile even if with his / her explicit consent.

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### **MRPL among 4 smallcap stocks that hit 52-week highs & rallied up to 40% in a month**

On Wednesday, the benchmark Sensex slipped slightly by around 40 points, closing at 84,233. Despite an otherwise flat market, four BSE 250 small-cap stocks hit their 52-week highs, reaching their strongest levels in the past year.

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### **LG Electronics Q3 Results: Profit slumps 61% YoY to Rs 90 crore, revenue declines 6%**

Listen to this article in summarized format On a sequential basis, revenue also fell sharply from Rs 6,174 crore in Q2FY26. Total income for the quarter came in at Rs 4,190 crore compared with Rs 4,474 crore a year ago.

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### **BHEL triggers oversubscription option after OFS sees 2.35 times demand. Check retail quota**

Listen to this article in summarized format "We wish to intimate the Stock exchanges of our intention to exercise the Oversubscription Option to the extent of 6,96,41,267 Equity Shares (representing 2% of the total issued and paid-up equity share...

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### **Gainers & Losers: Eicher Motors and BHEL among 6 stocks that moved most on Wednesday**

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### **Vodafone Idea attracts steady MF buying, promoter ups stake. Time to buy, sell or hold?**

Domestic mutual funds have consistently increased their exposure to Vodafone Idea over the last two quarters.

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### **BSE Index Services launches 2 new G-Sec indices**

Also, it can be used for benchmarking PMS strategies, mutual fund schemes, and fund portfolios.

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### **Valuation Watch: 10 Midcaps with sky-high P/E ratios**

A price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio above 75 suggests that a company's stock price is rising significantly faster than its earnings. The metric is calculated using the latest end-of-day price and trailing twelve months (TTM) earnings per share.

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### **10 Nifty500 stocks crash 50–75% from 52-week highs. Is your portfolio hit?**

The benchmark Nifty50 and the broader Nifty500 are hovering just 1.5% below their 52-week highs—barely a dent on the surface. To a casual observer, it may appear to be business as usual on Dalal Street.

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### **SBI overtakes TCS to become India's fourth largest company as Q3 rally triggers market cap leap**

Listen to this article in summarized format SBI's market cap now stands at nearly Rs 10.92 lakh crore, compared with TCS at Rs 10.52 lakh crore.

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### **India state-run firms tap bond market for \$2 billion before funding costs rise**

With sizable supply lined up, investors say the success of the bond sales will hinge on the firms' willingness to accept lower prices.

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### **Indian rupee pinched by foreign banks' dollar bids; softer dollar cushions**

The rupee closed at 90.70 per dollar, down 0.1% from its close in the previous session.

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### **US stocks today: Futures pause ahead of January employment data**

The employment report is expected to show an uptick in U.S. job growth despite a sluggish labor market, due to tariff uncertainty and worker constraints amid tighter immigration enforcement.

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### **Lenskart Q3 Results: Cons profit skyrockets 6,983% YoY to Rs 131 crore, revenue jumps 38%**

Listen to this article in summarized format The company's revenue from operations stood at Rs 2,308 crore in Q3FY26, up 38% over Rs 1,669 crore posted in the corresponding period of the last financial year.

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### **Market Wrap: Sensex snaps 3-day gain, Nifty holds 25,900 as IT selloff dampens sentiment**

Listen to this article in summarized format The BSE Sensex ended 40 points lower to close the session at 84,234 or 0.05% in the red, while the Nifty 50 gained 19 points or 0.07% points to end the day at 25,954.

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### **Arvind SmartSpaces Q3 profit down 42 pc to Rs 29 cr**

Its net profit stood at Rs 50.18 crore in the year-ago period. Total income fell to Rs 170.50 crore in the third quarter of this fiscal from Rs 215.47 crore in the year-ago period, according to a regulatory filing on Tuesday.

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### **IndiQube Spaces posts Rs 17 cr loss in Dec quarter on higher expenses**

Its net loss stood at Rs 13.72 crore in the year-ago period. Total income rose to Rs 411.09 crore in the third quarter of this fiscal from Rs 280.48 crore in the corresponding period of the preceding year, according to a regulatory filing on Tuesday.

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### **Ashok Leyland Q3 Results: Cons PAT rises 4% YoY to Rs 796 crore, revenue jumps 22%**

The company's revenue from operations stood at Rs 11,534 crore in Q3FY26, jumped 22% over Rs 9,479 crore posted in the corresponding period of the last financial year.

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### **Textile stocks fall up to 6% for second day. How serious is the Bangladesh threat?**

Listen to this article in summarized format Under the agreement, textiles manufactured in Bangladesh using U.S.-produced cotton and man-made fibre will attract zero reciprocal tariffs in the U.S. market.

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### **MSCI Rejig: 7 smallcap stocks included in latest shuffle. Do you own any?**

MSCI has unveiled the outcome of its February 2026 index review, announcing changes to the MSCI Global Standard Indexes. As part of the latest reshuffle, seven new smallcap stocks across multiple sectors have been added.

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### **Narrow market sees select stocks shine as broader earnings remain muted: Rohit Srivastava**

Speaking on ET Now, Rohit Srivastava, Founder, Strike Money Analytics & Indiacharts pointed out that the current phase is marked by a narrow leadership, where isolated pockets of strength are driving gains rather than a broad-based rally.

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### **State-run firms tap bond market for \$2 bln before funding costs rise**

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### **BHEL OFS: Why JM Financial suggests buying the stock while projecting 40% upside**

The brokerage has a target price of Rs 355, suggesting meaningful upside from the OFS floor price. At the heart of the bullish thesis is India's aggressive coal capacity roadmap. The country is targeting 340 GW of coal-fired capacity by 2047.

### **Ashwin Patil on M&M: Numbers in line, but margins and market share a concern**

Listen to this article in summarized format Speaking to ET Now, Patil said investors are accustomed to M&M delivering results that beat expectations. This time, however, the performance was more muted.

### **Global Markets | Australian shares reclaim 9,000 mark as banks rally on CBA results**

Listen to this article in summarized format The S&P/ASX 200 ended 1.7% higher at 9,014.8, its strongest close since late October.

### **Titan's strong Q3 growth driven by gold FOMO; jewellery sale ticket sizes grow but buyer numbers stay flat: MD**

In an interview with ET Now, Chawla revealed that while overall growth was broad-based across jewellery, watches, eyewear and emerging businesses, the jewellery segment saw a unique pattern: buyers remained flat year-over-year, but ticket sizes...

### **AI, defence and energy transition to drive India's next capex wave: Chetan Ahya**

Listen to this article in summarized format Speaking to ET Now, Ahya said recent data points suggest that the industrial cycle has turned not just in Asia, but across major developed economies as well.

### **US stock market | Wall Street's new trade is dumping any stock in AI's crosshairs**

The latest selloff erupted on Tuesday when a tax-strategy tool rolled out by a little-known startup, Altruist Corp., sent shares of Charles Schwab Corp., Raymond James Financial Inc. and LPL Financial Holdings Inc. down by 7% or more.

## **CRYPTO NEWS**

### **BlackRock exec says 1% crypto allocation in Asia could unlock \$2 trillion in new flows**

BlackRock exec says 1% crypto allocation in Asia could unlock \$2 trillion in new flows During a panel discussion at Consensus in Hong Kong, Peach pointed to massive capital pools in traditional finance as ETF adoption spreads across Asia.

### **U.S. DOJ hits Paxful for \$4 million in case tied to illegal sex work, money laundering**

U.S. DOJ hits Paxful for \$4 million in case tied to illegal sex work, money laundering The crypto platform's penalty was sharply reduced due to its ability to pay, according to U.S. authorities.

### **Hong Kong remains committed to digital assets but feels competition from an 'aggressive' UAE**

Hong Kong remains committed to digital assets but feels competition from an 'aggressive' UAE Dubai and Abu Dhabi have established a solid regulatory framework for virtual assets, and each region has brought this under the auspices of a single...

### **Gen Z 'nihilism' is fueling a \$100 trillion crypto derivatives boom in response to a broken system**

Gen Z 'nihilism' is fueling a \$100 trillion crypto derivatives boom in response to a broken system A significant increase in housing costs makes home ownership unattainable for many Gen Z individuals, leading to financial nihilism, said CoinFund's...

### **Ondo and Securitize execs say utility, not hype, will drive tokenization's next phase**

Ondo and Securitize execs say utility, not hype, will drive tokenization's next phase Executives from both firms say the next phase of tokenization must prioritize functionality and compliance during a panel at Consensus in Hong Kong.

### **SEC's Paul Atkins grilled on crypto enforcement pull-back, including with Justin Sun, Tron**

SEC's Paul Atkins grilled on crypto enforcement pull-back, including with Justin Sun, Tron The U.S. agency's chairman said in a House hearing that he's open to a confidential briefing for lawmakers on the topic. What to know: - U.S.

### **JPMorgan bullish on crypto for rest of year as institutional flows set to drive recovery**

JPMorgan bullish on crypto for rest of year as institutional flows set to drive recovery After bitcoin fell below its estimated production cost, the bank said stronger fundamentals and rising institutional inflows could lift crypto in 2026.

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### **Why crypto VCs at Consensus Hong Kong are playing a 15-year game**

Why crypto VCs at Consensus Hong Kong are playing a 15-year game With capital tightening, investors are backing “what’s working,” like stablecoins and tokenization, while selectively betting on AI and prediction markets.

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### **Crypto Long & Short: Gen Z trusts code over bank promises**

Crypto Long & Short: Gen Z trusts code over bank promises In this week’s Crypto Long & Short Newsletter, Haider Rafique of OKX shares a firm study on the generational perspectives of crypto investing.

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### **Institutional crypto platform BlockFills reportedly halts withdrawals, restricts trading**

Institutional crypto platform BlockFills reportedly halts withdrawals, restricts trading It’s shades of 2022, when any number of crypto platforms were forced to suspend withdrawals as prices crumbled.

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### **The Protocol: Robinhood unveils its layer-2 testnet**

The Protocol: Robinhood unveils its layer-2 testnet Also: Citadel Securities backs LayerZero chain, MegaETH mainnet debut and ENS scraps L2 plans What to know: Welcome to The Protocol, CoinDesk’s weekly wrap of the most important stories in...

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### **The human brain's edge is fading. AI could outthink us in 2 years, Ben Goertzel says**

The human brain's edge is fading. AI could outthink us in 2 years, Ben Goertzel says "The human brain is better at taking the imaginative leap to understand the unknown ...

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### **Cryptos crumble, bitcoin falls through \$66,000, as Friday's bounce fades**

Cryptos crumble, bitcoin falls through \$66,000, as Friday's bounce fades With so many other asset markets in rally mode, investors for the moment appear to have moved on from crypto.

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### **In unfamiliar market conditions, historical data-driven AI trading bots will falter**

In unfamiliar market conditions, historical data-driven AI trading bots will falter Bitget CEO Gracy Chen says AI trading apps are like interns for now; soon they will be full time employees.

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### **Decentralized AI is in a trough but real opportunities are emerging, crypto VCs say**

Decentralized AI is in a trough but real opportunities are emerging, crypto VCs say Moving away from overhyped GPU marketplaces and large AI model alternatives towards purpose-built, full-stack solutions is the goal.

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### **BlackRock takes first DeFi step, lists BUIDL on Uniswap as UNI jumps 25%**

BlackRock takes first DeFi step, lists BUIDL on Uniswap as UNI jumps 25% BlackRock will make shares of its \$2.2 billion tokenized U.S. Treasury fund tradable on the decentralized exchange Uniswap.

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### **Analysts react as Robinhood slumps 10%, with slowdown in crypto trading weighing on results**

Analysts react as Robinhood slumps 10%, with slowdown in crypto trading weighing on results JPMorgan and Compass Point were among the sell-side teams trimming price targets on HOOD.

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### **CoinDesk 20 performance update: index trades 2.5% lower as all constituents decline**

CoinDesk 20 performance update: index trades 2.5% lower as all constituents decline Aptos (APT) dropped 4.1% and Binance Coin (BNB) fell 3.7%, leading the index lower.

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### **Bithumb admits to ‘serious flaws’ that left internal systems vulnerable to potential sabotage**

Bithumb admits to ‘serious flaws’ that left internal systems vulnerable to potential sabotage The South Korean crypto exchange’s CEO Le Jae-won said the lack of proper controls led to the erroneous transfer of bitcoin worth more than \$40 billion to...

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### **Ethena-backed suiUSDe stablecoin goes live on Sui with \$10 million yield vault launch**

Ethena-backed suiUSDe stablecoin goes live on Sui with \$10 million yield vault launch The synthetic dollar debuts on Sui Mainnet alongside a permissionless vault seeded by SUI Group and integration with DeepBook’s new margin system.

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## **U.S. added stronger than expected 130,000 jobs in January, with unemployment rate falling to 4.3%**

U.S. added stronger than expected 130,000 jobs in January, with unemployment rate falling to 4.3% Down sizably ahead of the jobs data, bitcoin rose modestly to \$67,500 following the news. What to know: - The U.S.

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## **Recapping day 1 of Consensus Hong Kong**

Recapping day 1 of Consensus Hong Kong Hong Kong is looking to build its digital assets economy, its leaders said on stage.

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## **Crypto's latest selloff was a TradFi event, not a crypto crisis**

Crypto's latest selloff was a TradFi event, not a crypto crisis Last week's downturn was driven by yen carry trades and macro leverage, highlighting how deeply digital assets are now tied to traditional markets, panelists at Consensus Hong Kong 2026...

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## **As bitcoin extends declines, industry figures say it's time to buy**

As bitcoin extends declines, industry figures say it's time to buy Your day-ahead look for Feb.

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## **Aviva Investors to tokenize funds on XRP Ledger in Ripple partnership**

Aviva Investors to tokenize funds on XRP Ledger in Ripple partnership The U.K. asset manager teamed up with Ripple to bring traditional fund structures onchain in its first tokenization push.

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## **TECH & STARTUPS**

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### **xAI lays out interplanetary ambitions in public all-hands**

On Wednesday, xAI took the rare step of publishing a full 45-minute all-hands meeting video on X, making it publicly accessible.

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### **AI inference startup Modal Labs in talks to raise at \$2.5B valuation, sources say**

Modal Labs, a startup specializing in AI inference infrastructure, is talking to VCs about a new round at a valuation of about \$2.5 billion, according to four people with knowledge of the deal.

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### **OpenAI disbands mission alignment team**

OpenAI has disbanded a team that was designed to communicate the company's mission to the public and to its own employees.

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### **Apple's Siri revamp reportedly delayed... again**

Apple has been promising a new-and-improved, cutting-edge, AI-powered Siri since it first unveiled Apple Intelligence in 2024. Over about a year and a half since then, the release date for this new era of Siri has been continuously pushed back.

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### **Uber Eats launches AI assistant to help with grocery cart creation**

Uber Eats announced a new AI feature, "Cart Assistant," on Wednesday designed to fill customers' grocery carts faster and easier. The beta version is now available in the app.

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### **Who will own your company's AI layer? Glean's CEO explains**

Enterprise AI is shifting fast from chatbots that answer questions to systems that actually do the work across an organization. But who will own the AI layer that powers all of it?

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### **Elon Musk suggests spate of xAI exits have been push, not pull**

Elon Musk is addressing a wave of departures from xAI, including two more co-founders who left this week, bringing the total to six out of the original 12.

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### **Microsoft says hackers are exploiting critical zero-day bugs to target Windows and Office users**

Microsoft has rolled out fixes for security vulnerabilities in Windows and Office, which the company says are being actively abused by hackers to break into people's computers.

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### **How to get into a16z's super-competitive Speedrun startup accelerator program**

Without a doubt, one of the hottest new startup accelerators in tech right now is Andreessen Horowitz's Speedrun program. Launched in 2023, the accelerator has an acceptance rate of less than 1%.

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### **Cash App adds payment links so you can get paid in a DM**

It's already quite easy to use Cash App. However, on Wednesday, the payment platform owned by Block, Inc. introduced a new feature designed to make its user experience significantly easier: payment links.

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### **Amazon's new eero Signal keeps you connected to the internet when outages occur**

Amazon-owned eero's new \$99.99 eero Signal 4G LTE, announced Wednesday, serves as an instant backup when your internet goes down, provided you have an eero subscription.

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### **The search is on: 2026 Joseph C. Belden Innovation Award nominations are open**

Nominations for the 2026 Joseph C. Belden Innovation Award are officially open, inviting groundbreaking technologies and solutions to step into the spotlight and be recognized for driving meaningful impact across connected industries.

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### **Activist investor Ancora publicly opposes the WBD-Netflix deal**

Netflix's \$82.7 billion bid to acquire Warner Bros. Discovery (WBD) is facing significant new resistance. Investment group Ancora Holdings announced it has purchased \$200 million in WBD shares and opposes Netflix's offer.

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### **DOJ says Trenchant boss sold exploits to Russian broker capable of accessing 'millions of computers and devices'**

The former boss of a U.S. maker of hacking and surveillance tools stole and sold technology that can hack millions of computers and people worldwide, U.S. prosecutors have confirmed for the first time.

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### **Why the economics of orbital AI are so brutal**

In a sense, this whole thing was inevitable.

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### **Threads' new 'Dear Algo' AI feature lets you personalize your feed**

Threads is introducing an AI-powered feature that lets users personalize their feed, the Meta-owned social network announced on Wednesday.

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### **Google releases the first beta of Android 17, adopts a continuous developer release plan**

Google on Wednesday released the first beta of Android 17, which brings performance improvements and a way to add new features to media and camera apps.

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### **How AI changes the math for startups, according to a Microsoft VP**

For 24 years, Microsoft's Amanda Silver has been working to help developers — and in the last few years, that's meant building tools for AI.

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### **UpScrolled's social network is struggling to moderate hate speech after fast growth**

UpScrolled, a social network that caught fire after TikTok's ownership change in the U.S., is facing a serious moderation problem.

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### **Twilio co-founder's fusion power startup raises \$450M from Bessemer and Alphabet's GV**

Inertia Enterprises has raised \$450 million to build one of the world's most powerful lasers, which it hopes will serve as the foundation of a grid-scale power plant the fusion startup intends to start construction on in 2030.

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