

# MORNING BRIEF

Friday, 13 February 2026

## BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.6 (6/12)

*yudhamanyushcha vikranta uttamaujashcha viryavan  
saubhadro draupadeyashcha sarva eva maharathah*

The courageous Yudhamanyu, the valiant Uttamaujas, the son of Subhadra (Abhimanyu), and the sons of Draupadi — all are mighty warriors.

Where attention goes, energy flows. In any challenge, acknowledge obstacles but invest your mental energy in your own strategy and strengths.

## LAW 6: COURT ATTENTION AT ALL COSTS (6/48)

Everything is judged by its appearance; what is unseen counts for nothing. Never let yourself get lost in the crowd. Stand out. Be conspicuous, at all costs.

**GIFT NIFTY 25,707.50** -143.50 (-0.56%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **-100 pts** (-0.39%)

## INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	25,807.20	-146.65	-0.57%
Sensex	83,674.92	-558.72	-0.66%
Bank NIFTY	60,739.75	-5.60	-0.01%
India VIX	11.73	+0.18	+1.52%

## FII / DII Flows

NET (CR)

FII / FPI	+108
DII	+277

India Market Sentiment: **94** (Extreme Greed) — VIX at 11.7

## US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	6,832.76	-108.71	-1.57%
Nasdaq	22,597.15	-469.32	-2.03%
Dow Jones	49,451.98	-669.42	-1.34%
S&P Futures	6,859.25	-101.25	-1.45%
Nikkei 225	57,083.52	-567.02	-0.98%
Hang Seng	27,032.54	-233.84	-0.86%

**COMMODITIES & FOREX**

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.10	-0.07	-1.63%
Gold	4,990.30	-81.30	-1.60%
Silver	76.56	-7.19	-8.59%
Crude Oil	62.99	-1.64	-2.54%
USD/INR	90.53	-0.06	-0.07%

**KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- GIFT Nifty trading below prev NIFTY close by 100 pts (-0.39%) — signals a gap-down open.
- NIFTY slipped -0.57% — mild selling pressure.
- India VIX at 11.7 — low fear, complacency territory.
- Both FII and DII were net buyers — broad institutional support.
- Wall Street fell (S&P -1.57%) — could weigh on sentiment today.
- S&P futures pointing lower (-1.45%).
- Gold down -1.60% at \$4,990.
- Crude oil dropped -2.54% — watch energy stocks.

**CRYPTO**

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$66,133.00	-2.14%
ZEC	\$233.64	-3.55%

Fear & Greed Index: **9** (Extreme Fear)

- BTC dipping -2.1% — mild correction territory.
- Fear & Greed at 9 (Extreme Fear) — historically a good accumulation zone.

**HACKER NEWS****1. An AI agent published a hit piece on me**

Summary: An AI agent of unknown ownership autonomously wrote and published a personalized hit piece about me after I rejected its code, attempting to damage my reputation and shame me into accepting its changes into a mainstream python library.

1422 pts · 605 comments

**2. Warcraft III Peon Voice Notifications for Claude Code**

Game character voice lines when your AI coding agent needs attention. AI coding agents don't notify you when they finish or need permission. You tab away, lose focus, and waste 15 minutes getting back into flow.

933 pts · 289 comments

**3. Gemini 3 Deep Think**

Gemini 3 Deep Think: Advancing science, research and engineering Today, we're releasing a major upgrade to Gemini 3 Deep Think, our specialized reasoning mode, built to push the frontier of intelligence and solve modern challenges across science...

636 pts · 393 comments

#### 4. [ai;dr](#)

(ai; didn't read) For me, writing is the most direct window into how someone thinks, perceives, and groks the world. Once you outsource that to an LLM, I'm not sure what we're even doing here.

576 pts · 225 comments

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#### 5. [Improving 15 LLMs at Coding in One Afternoon. Only the Harness Changed](#)

I Improved 15 LLMs at Coding in One Afternoon. Only the Harness Changed. In fact only the edit tool changed.

554 pts · 221 comments

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#### 6. [GPT-5.3-Codex-Spark](#)

534 pts · 219 comments

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#### 7. [Major European payment processor can't send email to Google Workspace users](#)

- Published on Major European Payment Processor Can't Send Email to Google Workspace Users - Authors - Name - Ian Atha - @IanAtha TL;DR: Viva.com, one of Europe's largest payment processors, sends verification emails without a Message-ID header — a...

452 pts · 303 comments

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#### 8. [Anthropic raises \\$30B in Series G funding at \\$380B post-money valuation](#)

Anthropic raises \$30 billion in Series G funding at \$380 billion post-money valuation We have raised \$30 billion in Series G funding led by GIC and Coatue, valuing Anthropic at \$380 billion post-money. The round was co-led by D. E.

249 pts · 265 comments

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#### 9. [How to make a living as an artist](#)

How to Make a Living as an Artist Preface I first wrote down these ideas in early 2017, just after I started to make a living as an artist. I came to them over time, but I wanted to document them at that specific moment in my career.

241 pts · 120 comments

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#### 10. [Welcoming Discord users amidst the challenge of Age Verification](#)

Hi all, We've seen a huge spike of signups on the matrix.org homeserver over the last few days due to Discord announcing its plans to age-verify all users as of next month.

218 pts · 109 comments

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#### 11. [Apache Arrow is 10 years old](#)

Apache Arrow is 10 years old 🎉 Published 12 Feb 2026 By The Apache Arrow PMC (pmc) The Apache Arrow project was officially established and had its first git commit on February 5th 2016, and we are therefore enthusiastic to announce its 10-year...

183 pts · 46 comments

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#### 12. [Carl Sagan's Baloney Detection Kit: Tools for Thinking Critically \(2025\)](#)

Though he died too young, Carl Sagan left behind an impressively large body of work, including more than 600 scientific papers and more than 20 books.

179 pts · 99 comments

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#### 13. [D Programming Language](#)

D is a general-purpose programming language with static typing, systems-level access, and C-like syntax. With the D Programming Language, write fast, read fast, and run fast. Fast code, fast.

179 pts · 206 comments

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#### 14. [Polis: Open-source platform for large-scale civic deliberation](#)

168 pts · 67 comments

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#### 15. [MiniMax M2.5 released: 80.2% in SWE-bench Verified](#)

Today we're introducing our latest model, MiniMax-M2.5.

167 pts · 46 comments

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## MARKET NEWS

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### **Pre-market action: Here's the trade setup for today's session**

STATE OF THE MARKETS - Tech View: The index, following a weak opening, remained under selling pressure. However, the selling momentum was not strong, resulting in a largely lackluster session.

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### **Stocks in news: SpiceJet, TCS, Infosys, Coal India, Hindalco**

Still, analysts say the downside may remain limited due to strength in other key sectors, and the Nifty is expected to hold the 25,600-25,700 zone.

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### **Global Market Today: Asian stocks drop after AI jitters hit Wall Street**

The MSCI Asia Pacific Index dropped for the first time in six sessions with losses in Japan, while South Korean stocks edged a little higher. That came after the S&P 500 fell 1.6% and the Nasdaq 100 dropped 2% Thursday with megacaps slumping.

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### **Unilever profit rises, but warns of 'slowing markets'**

"We are moving at speed to build a business that drives desire at scale in our brands, execution excellence across all channels and cost discipline." Fernandez said that "despite slowing markets, our sharper focus and disciplined execution underpin..."

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### **IHCL net jumps over 50% in Q3, new businesses boost revenue**

The company said the profit was after exceptional items, which mainly included a ₹327 crore profit net of tax on the sale of its entire equity stake in a joint venture and a ₹37 crore impact from implementing new labour codes.

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### **Exceptional gains prop up HUL Q3 net, margins yet to find sweet spot**

The company's stock slumped 4% after the results before closing the day 2.13% lower at ₹2,410 on the BSE. "Macro trends are favourable, and we are seeing an uptick in consumer sentiment and demand," HUL managing director Priya Nair said.

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### **Accor, InterGlobe weigh IPO for joint hospitality venture**

In April last year, Accor and InterGlobe announced that they were 'strengthening' their partnership to create a new platform that will target a network of 300 hotels under Accor brands by 2030.

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### **Tech jitters rock Wall Street: Nasdaq tumbles 2%, S&P 500 falls over 1% as AI worries rattle investors**

The S&P 500 and the Dow sank more than 1% as investors also digested the latest jobs data and awaited the January inflation report, due on Friday.

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### **HUL sees demand recovery as rural, urban traction improves; Q3 volumes rise 4%**

However, it reported 70 basis point contraction in operating margin before depreciation and amortisation (Ebitda margin) at 23.3% driven by labour code related charges; the margin still remained above the company's guidance band of 22-23% indicating...

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### **Irdai clarifies on AIF norms for insurers**

(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.

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### **Agrochem stocks surge on strong Q3, trade deal**

Avanti Feeds surged 20%, hitting the maximum tradable limit of the day. Godrej Agrovet rose 6.5%, and Mukka Protein gained 3.5%.

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### **IT stocks go into a tailspin as US data adds to AI disruption**

US job data growth rose in January, signalling a strong labour market that could deter the Federal Reserve from cutting interest rates. Lower interest rates are expected to boost demand.

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### **Tax dispute with Indian authorities: Jane Street moves SC, seeks clarity on 'legal privilege'**

The private quantitative trader, which is having a run-in with the Indian capital market regulator and has come under the glare of the tax office, has filed a review application, seeking a judicial clarification from the apex court on what...

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## **CreditAccess Grameen gets more suitors**

CreditAccess India BV, the Netherlands-based owner of India's largest NBFC-MFI, has appointed two investment bankers, including Bank of America, with a mandate to find a buyer for its majority ownership in the operating entity.

## **Sale of fast-growing group credit life cover could be hit**

"The biggest impact will likely be on group credit life policies sold alongside retail loans," a senior insurance executive said.

## **Sebi working to cut compliance burden, says chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey**

"Cost of capital is an important cost, and it should come down," Sebi chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey said on Thursday on the sidelines of an event organised by Sebi and NISM. "Cost efficiency of all our measures is important.

## **Infosys ADRs plunge over 7%, Wipro down 5% as tech turbulence deepens on Wall Street**

The broader US tech rout added to the pressure, as the Nasdaq Composite dropped over 300 points, or more than 1%. Around 11:11 AM ET (9:43 PM IST), the Nasdaq was trading at 22,764.90.

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

Listen to this article in summarized format Meanwhile, the volatility gauge India VIX ended at 11.73, down 1.53% from the last closing.

## **US Stocks: Burger King-parent beats sales estimates on international demand, value push**

"2025 was a demanding year for restaurant operators.

## **US Stocks: AI cloud firm Nebius posts surge in capex on GPU, data center expenses**

Listen to this article in summarized format The Amsterdam-based company, which counts tech giants Microsoft and Meta among its customers, said it would continue to expand its data center footprint with nine new sites across the U.S., France, Israel...

## **SpiceJet Q3 Results: Company slips to loss of Rs 261 crore despite 14% revenue jump**

Listen to this article in summarized format The company in an exchange filing said that it has filed an application to be listed on the National Stock Exchange (NSE). SpiceJet is currently listed on BSE only.

## **IHCL posts Q3 revenue of Rs 2,842 crore, PAT at Rs 954 crore**

Listen to this article in summarized format The company said the net profit is after exceptional items which mainly include profit on sale of entire equity stake in a joint venture company of Rs 327 crores (net of tax) and an impact on account of...

## **Muthoot Finance raises FY26 growth view after profit surge**

Listen to this article in summarized format The company on Thursday reported nearly doubling of standalone net profit in the third quarter at Rs 2656 crore from year-ago period's Rs 1363 crore, backed by 47% lower provisions at Rs 111 crore.

## **India switches FY27 maturity bonds with central bank, issues 2040 paper**

Listen to this article in summarized format The government bought back 755.04 billion rupees (\$8.34 billion) of four securities maturing in financial year 2026-27 from the Reserve Bank of India and issued 694.36 billion rupees of the 8.30%, 2040...

## **Market Trading Guide: Shriram Finance and Max Health offer up to 13% upside in near term**

Listen to this article in summarized format Commenting on the day's action Rupak De, Senior Technical Analyst at LKP Securities said that the selling momentum was not strong, resulting in a largely lackluster session.

## **US Stocks: US weekly jobless claims fall less than expected; labor market stabilizing**

Initial claims for state unemployment benefits dropped 5,000 to a seasonally adjusted 227,000 for the week ended February 7, the Labor Department said on Thursday. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast 222,000 claims for the latest week.

## **US Stocks: Zebra Tech shares surge 17% on upbeat 2026 forecast, \$1 billion stock buyback plan**

Zebra also announced a \$1 billion share buyback program. The company's move comes as clients across sectors continue to modernize operations and invest in products that help businesses function more smoothly and increase employee productivity.

### **Global Stocks: LSEG to build blockchain-friendly digital settlement platform**

This will enable trading and settlement of tokenised bonds, equities and private market assets across multiple blockchain networks, while remaining interoperable with existing settlement platforms, the London Stock Exchange operator said.

### **US Stocks Today: US stocks drift as investors try to separate AI winners from losers**

Listen to this article in summarized format The S&P 500 rose 0.2% and was sitting a bit below its all-time high set late last month. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 267 points, or 0.5%, as of 10:15 a.m.

### **Govt's 5% stake sale in BHEL subscribed 1.34 times**

"The second day of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited OFS closed with enthusiastic response from retail investors. The issue was subscribed 1.34 times," Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) Secretary Arunish Chawla said on X.

### **RBI draft norms mandate disclosure, curb harsh loan recovery practices**

In draft guidelines released on engagement of recovery agents by banks and housing finance companies, RBI said banks must ensure that recovery agents engaged by it should have a certificate from Indian Institute of Banking and Finance (IIBF) or any...

### **Bharat Forge Q3 Results: Net profit rises 28% to Rs 273 crore**

Listen to this article in summarized format The company reported a net profit of Rs 213 crore for the October-December quarter of the previous fiscal.

### **Coal India Q3 results: Profit falls 16% YoY to Rs 7,166 crore; co declares dividend of Rs 5.5 per share**

Listen to this article in summarized format The record date for the said dividend is fixed on February 18 and the same will be paid on or before March 13. Revenue from operations in the December quarter fell 5% YoY to Rs 34,924 crore.

### **India's NSE appoints Rothschild as independent advisor for IPO**

Listen to this article in summarized format Rothschild will help select lead bankers, legal counsels and other intermediaries for the IPO, NSE said in a statement.

### **UK picks HSBC as platform provider for its digital bond pilot issuance**

Listen to this article in summarized format The UK's "Digital Gilt Instrument" pilot, which was announced in 2024, tests how distributed-ledger technology could make capital markets more efficient and reduce costs for financial institutions.

### **India bonds rise on short covering after inflation data**

Listen to this article in summarized format India's consumer inflation accelerated for a third straight month to 2.75% in January under a new series, versus 1.33% in December under the old base year of 2012.

### **Housing sales flat at Rs 1.48 lakh cr last yr in 15 tier-II cities, 10pc dip in volumes: PropEquity**

Listen to this article in summarized format Real estate data analytic platform PropEquity, which is part of listed entity P E Analytics Ltd, on Thursday released the data of 15 major tier-II cities.

### **Hindalco Industries Q3 Results: Cons PAT slumps 45% YoY to Rs 2,049 crore despite 14% revenue uptick**

Listen to this article in summarized format The company's revenue from operations grew 14% YoY to Rs 66,521 crore in Q3FY26, versus Rs 58,390 crore in the October-December period of FY26.

### **Experion Developers to invest Rs 1,500 cr in housing project in Noida**

Listen to this article in summarized format In a statement on Thursday, the company said it has launched a 5-acre ultra-luxury housing project 'Saatori' in Sector 151, Noida comprising around 450 units.

### **Spring House sets up 1,200-seater coworking centre in Noida**

Listen to this article in summarized format In a statement on Thursday, the company said it has launched a workspace facility in Noida's Sector 62, further strengthening its presence across Delhi-NCR.

### **Smartworks rents 1.82 lakh sq ft office space in Mumbai to set up co-working centre**

Listen to this article in summarized format Smartworks, which got listed on stock exchanges last year, takes office space on lease to set up its centres and then sub-leases the workspaces to mainly large corporates.

### **Gainers & Losers: TCS, Vodafone among 6 stocks in limelight on Thursday**

Gainers & Losers: TCS, Vodafone among 6 stocks in limelight on Thursday Shivendra Kumar, ETMarkets.com Newsmakers of D-Street Indian headline indices ended Thursday with cuts led by massive selling pressure on IT stocks.

### **SAIL, Sharda Cropchem among 4 commodities stocks that hit 52-week high; rally up to 55% in a month**

Benchmark Sensex dropped approximately 559 points to close at 83,674 on Thursday. Despite the overall market decline, four BSE commodities stocks surged to their 52-week highs, marking their strongest performance in the past year.

### **Mamaearth Q3 Results: Cons PAT zooms 93% YoY to Rs 50 crore, revenue rises 16%**

Listen to this article in summarized format The company's revenue from operations stood at Rs 602 crore in Q3FY26, recording a 16% growth versus Rs 518 crore in the October-December period of FY26.

### **Rupee rises 17 paise to close at 90.61 against US dollar**

Forex traders said foreign fund inflows, while not massive, provided a psychological anchor. Moreover, the RBI has been quietly ensuring that liquidity remains abundant in the banking system, they said.

### **AI to slow IT growth, not kill the model: Sandip Agarwal warns on valuations**

Listen to this article in summarized format In an interaction with ET Now, Agarwal said the industry's structural strengths remain intact, but the valuation multiples may not reflect the new growth reality.

### **Institutions trim stakes in these 10 largecap stocks in Q3. Are you still holding?**

A decrease in institutional shareholding refers to a reduction in the number of shares held by institutional investors, such as mutual funds, pension funds, and insurance companies, in a particular company.

### **Who imagined this? SBI overtakes TCS, Infosys in m-cap amid PSU banks' turnaround: Gurmeet Chadha**

Listen to this article in summarized format "Who would have thought 5 years back that SBI would have more market cap than TCS and Inf...Great turnaround in PSU banks as they become better risk managers and digitise.

### **Multibaggers: 6 stocks held by over 100 MFs in January, surge up to 130% in a year**

When a large number of mutual fund schemes invest in the same stock, it typically reflects strong institutional conviction and often boosts the confidence of retail investors.

## **CRYPTO NEWS**

### **Crypto execs Armstrong, Garlinghouse among many named to U.S. CFTC advisory group**

Crypto execs Armstrong, Garlinghouse among many named to U.S. CFTC advisory group The Commodity Futures Trading Commission's new chief, Mike Selig, repurposed the agency's previous CEO innovation council, almost tripling its members.

### **Coinbase misses Q4 estimates as transaction revenue falls below \$1 billion**

Coinbase misses Q4 estimates as transaction revenue falls below \$1 billion "Crypto is cyclical, and experience tells us it's never as good, or as bad as it seems," said the company.

### **Bitcoin tumbles back near last week's lows as AI fears crush tech and precious metals plunge**

Bitcoin tumbles back near last week's lows as AI fears crush tech and precious metals plunge The strong correlation between crypto and the software sector reasserted itself on Wednesday What to know: - Bitcoin has mostly erased its bounce from last...

### **Crypto PAC Fairshake seeks to force resistant Texas Democrat AI Green from U.S. House**

Crypto PAC Fairshake seeks to force resistant Texas Democrat Al Green from U.S. House The super PAC is devoting \$1.5 million to get Representative Al Green, a Democrat critical of the crypto industry, defeated by a primary challenger.

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### **Sharplink's Lubin and Chalom make their case for ether DATs as prices plunge**

Sharplink's Lubin and Chalom make their case for ether DATs as prices plunge At a panel discussion at Consensus Hong Kong 2026 featuring Sharplink Gaming Chairman Joe Lubin and CEO Joseph Chalom, the two executives outlined how digital asset...

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### **Aave labs proposes 'Aave Will Win' plan to send 100% of product revenue to DAO**

Aave labs proposes 'Aave Will Win' plan to send 100% of product revenue to DAO The proposal arrives amid discord within the Aave community over control of the protocol's brand and key assets.

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### **Key Senate Democrat wants U.S. crypto bill to move, and SEC chief reveals danger of defeat**

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### **Ark Invest's Cathie Wood says bitcoin will thrive amid 'deflationary chaos' created by AI and innovation**

Ark Invest's Cathie Wood says bitcoin will thrive amid 'deflationary chaos' created by AI and innovation Exponential tech will force down prices and stress legacy finance, for which bitcoin offers a trustless alternative, said Wood at Bitcoin...

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### **From FTX debris to global finance: Solana's 2026 plan is all about the application layer**

From FTX debris to global finance: Solana's 2026 plan is all about the application layer Resilience built from the debris of 2022 is now shaping the Solana ecosystems future, leaders from Jupiter, Backpack, Kamino and DoubleZero argued at Consensus...

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### **Bitcoin sinks below \$66,000 as crypto prices follow U.S. stocks lower**

Bitcoin sinks below \$66,000 as crypto prices follow U.S. stocks lower Coinbase and Robinhood are down big again today as the crypto bear market pressures trading volumes.

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### **Crypto for Advisors: The digital assets exchange-traded product landscape**

Crypto for Advisors: The digital assets exchange-traded product landscape Digital asset ETPs are rapidly integrating into traditional portfolios (\$184B AUM), driven by U.S. bitcoin ETF adoption.

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### **ETHZilla prepares for takeoff: How you can now own a piece of a jet engine for just \$100**

ETHZilla prepares for takeoff: How you can now own a piece of a jet engine for just \$100 ETHZilla unveiled a tokenized aviation asset, Eurus Aero Token I, offering accredited investors access to lease income from two commercial jet engines.

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### **Standard Chartered sees bitcoin sliding to \$50,000, ether to \$1,400 before recovery**

Standard Chartered sees bitcoin sliding to \$50,000, ether to \$1,400 before recovery The bank cuts its 2026 crypto price targets, warning of further near-term capitulation as ETF outflows and macro headwinds weigh on digital assets.

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### **Asia leapfrogging the West in onchain retail use as regional hubs lead on stablecoin rules**

Asia leapfrogging the West in onchain retail use as regional hubs lead on stablecoin rules Experts at Consensus Hong Kong said regional focus on user utility and stablecoin regulation is driving adoption.

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### **A ladder for the masses: Pakistan's Bilal Bin Saqib says crypto is a necessity, not a luxury**

A ladder for the masses: Pakistan's Bilal Bin Saqib says crypto is a necessity, not a luxury Regulation of digital assets is a great opportunity for emerging markets, said Pakistan's crypto regulation lead.

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### **Crypto industry experts at Consensus see Asian institutions pivot toward stablecoins**

Crypto industry experts at Consensus see Asian institutions pivot toward stablecoins Panelists at the conference discussed how regulatory progress in Hong Kong and Japan creates a structured path for capital allocation.

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### **Gate CEO and founder Lin Han says banks have lost the war against stablecoins**

Gate CEO and founder Lin Han says banks have lost the war against stablecoins The head of the fourth-largest crypto exchange by daily trading volume also said he believes bitcoin's four-year cycle is no longer a thing.

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## **Only 5% of companies see AI improving profit, McKinsey China chairman tells Consensus**

Only 5% of companies see AI improving profit, McKinsey China chairman tells Consensus The chairman of Greater China at McKinsey said nearly every company is experimenting with AI, few are rethinking their organizations deeply enough to unlock profit.

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## **CoinDesk 20 performance update: Hedera (HBAR) rises 6.7%, leading index higher**

CoinDesk 20 performance update: Hedera (HBAR) rises 6.7%, leading index higher Ripple (XLM), up 4.2% from Wednesday, was also among the top performers.

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## **Bitcoin layer-2 builders pitch BTCFi as the next institutional unlock**

Bitcoin layer-2 builders pitch BTCFi as the next institutional unlock Leaders from Citrea, Rootstock Labs and BlockSpaceForce argued that bitcoin's scaling layers are less about throughput and more about turning the asset into a programmable...

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## **From stablecoins to biotech: Why YZi Labs is betting on things that haven't happened yet**

From stablecoins to biotech: Why YZi Labs is betting on things that haven't happened yet Ella Zhang of YZi Labs says her firm invests in founders building what doesn't yet exist, guided by first principles and long-term conviction across AI, biotech...

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## **Recapping day 2 of Consensus Hong Kong**

Recapping day 2 of Consensus Hong Kong The conference's second day focused more on developers after day 1 concentrated on institutional providers and traders.

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## **Forget \$80k: Michael Terpin warns bitcoin could revisit the \$40,000s before a real recovery**

Forget \$80k: Michael Terpin warns bitcoin could revisit the \$40,000s before a real recovery Terpin argued that bitcoin's post-halving bubble followed its typical arc and says history suggests the market may still face another wave of pain.

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## **Crypto bulls ignore 'extreme fear' to push bitcoin higher**

You are viewing Crypto Daybook Americas, your morning briefing on what happened in the crypto markets overnight and what's expected during the coming day. Crypto Daybook Americas will kickstart your morning with comprehensive insights.

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## **Espresso network launches ESP token with 10% airdrop amid Ethereum layer-2 debate**

Espresso network launches ESP token with 10% airdrop amid Ethereum layer-2 debate The network transitioned to proof-of-stake and coincides with the rollout of the ESP token, which is used for staking, securing the network and protocol participation.

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## **TECH & STARTUPS**

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### **For \$1M, you can pay Bryan Johnson (or BryanAI?) to teach you how to live longer**

It's the middle of February, and the air is dry. There are fine lines emerging on my forehead, maybe because I don't moisturize enough, but maybe as a harbinger of something greater: Each day I grow closer to my own death. Soon, I will be 30.

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### **Amid disappointing earnings, Pinterest claims it sees more searches than ChatGPT**

After a particularly poor performance on its fourth-quarter earnings, Pinterest CEO Bill Ready attempted to favorably compare the digital pinboarding site to the popular AI chatbot ChatGPT.

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### **IBM will hire your entry-level talent in the age of AI**

While the artificial intelligence industry touts that AI will replace entry-level jobs, not every company is scaling back hiring these positions. In IBM's case, it's going all in. Hardware giant IBM plans to triple entry-level hiring in the U.S.

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### **Rivian was saved by software in 2025**

Rivian is, by every measure, a maker and seller of EVs. But in 2025, it was the company's software and services that helped its annual revenue grow by 8%.

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### **Musk needed a new vision for SpaceX and xAI. He landed on Moonbase Alpha.**

“Join xAI if the idea of mass drivers on the Moon appeals to you,” CEO Elon Musk proclaimed yesterday following a restructuring that saw a stream of former executives exit the AI lab.

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### **Didero lands \$30M to put manufacturing procurement on ‘agentic’ autopilot**

Tim Spencer realized just how complicated manufacturing procurement can be while running Markai, an e-commerce startup in Asia, during the pandemic.

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### **Anthropic raises another \$30B in Series G, with a new value of \$380B**

Anthropic has just concluded a \$30 billion Series G fundraising round, the company announced on Thursday. The company's new value is \$380 billion — a huge jump from its previous Series F valuation of \$183 billion.

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### **YouTube finally launches a dedicated app for Apple Vision Pro**

After two years of initial hesitation, YouTube has finally unveiled its dedicated app for the Apple Vision Pro.

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### **Hacker linked to Epstein removed from Black Hat cyber conference website**

Vincenzo Iozzo, a renowned hacker linked to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, is no longer listed on the website of Black Hat, one of the largest cybersecurity conferences in the world, nor on the Japanese security conference Code Blue.

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### **Trump administration undermines EPA enforcement of Clean Air Act**

After months of telegraphing the move, the Trump administration today officially repealed the EPA's 2009 “endangerment finding,” which found that greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane were a threat to human health and welfare.

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### **Automatic planned to target 10 competitors with royalty fees, WP Engine claims in new filing**

Web hosting company WP Engine has filed an amended complaint with brow-raising new allegations in its ongoing legal battle with WordPress co-founder Matt Mullenweg and his company Automattic (WordPress.com's parent company).

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### **Spotify says its best developers haven't written a line of code since December, thanks to AI**

Has AI coding reached a tipping point?

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### **A new version of OpenAI's Codex is powered by a new dedicated chip**

On Thursday, OpenAI announced the release of a light-weight version of its agentic coding tool Codex, the latest model of which OpenAI launched earlier this month.

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### **Aurora's driverless trucks can now travel farther distances faster than human drivers**

Aurora's self-driving trucks can now travel nonstop on a 1,000-mile route between Fort Worth and Phoenix — exceeding what a human driver can legally accomplish.

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### **More US investors sue South Korean government over handling of Coupang data breach**

Coupang's massive data breach in South Korea has now become a geopolitical flashpoint as a growing number of the company's U.S. investors take legal action against the South Korean government.

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### **Apple acquires all rights to 'Severance,' will produce future seasons in-house**

Apple has acquired the IP and all rights to its hit show “Severance” from its original studio, Fifth Season, as first reported by Deadline.

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### **US FTC airs concerns over allegations that Apple News suppresses right-wing content**

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has raised concerns over allegations that Apple is censoring conservative content on the Apple News app.

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### **Eclipse backs all-EV marketplace Ever in \$31M funding round**

If you want to buy or sell a used EV right now, what's the first step you'd take? A startup called Ever wants to be the answer to that question.

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