

MORNING BRIEF

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BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.11 (11/12)

*ayaneṣhu cha sarveṣhu yathabhaḡamavasthitah
bhishmamevabhirakṣhantu bhavantah sarva eva hi*

Therefore, all of you must give full support to Grandsire Bhishma, standing at your respective positions in the army formation.

Over-reliance on a single person or factor creates vulnerability. Build systems and teams with distributed strength, not single points of failure.

LAW 11: LEARN TO KEEP PEOPLE DEPENDENT ON YOU (11/48)

To maintain your independence you must always be needed and wanted. The more you are relied on, the more freedom you have. Make people depend on you for their happiness and prosperity.

GIFT NIFTY 25,754.00 +44.00 (+0.17%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **+29 pts** (+0.11%)

INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	25,725.40	+42.65	+0.17%
Sensex	83,450.96	+173.81	+0.21%
Bank NIFTY	61,174.00	+224.90	+0.37%
India VIX	12.67	-0.66	-4.93%

FII / DII Flows

NET (CR)

FII / FPI	+995
DII	+187

India Market Sentiment: **91** (Extreme Greed) — VIX at 12.7

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	6,843.22	+7.05	+0.10%
Nasdaq	22,578.38	+31.71	+0.14%
Dow Jones	49,533.19	+32.26	+0.07%
S&P Futures	6,854.25	+3.75	+0.05%
Nikkei 225	57,011.12	+204.71	+0.36%
Hang Seng	26,705.94	+138.82	+0.52%

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.05	-0.00	-0.10%
Gold	4,902.20	-119.80	-2.39%
Silver	73.11	-4.74	-6.08%
Crude Oil	62.20	-0.69	-1.10%
USD/INR	90.58	-0.20	-0.22%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 29 pts (+0.11%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY ended flat (+0.17%) — range-bound session.
- India VIX at 12.7 — low fear, complacency territory.
- Both FII and DII were net buyers — broad institutional support.
- Gold down -2.39% at \$4,902.
- Crude oil dropped -1.10% — watch energy stocks.
- Rupee strengthened to 90.58 — possible FII inflow signal.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$67,038.00	-2.61%
ZEC	\$291.07	-0.99%

Fear & Greed Index: **8** (Extreme Fear)

- BTC dipping -2.6% — mild correction territory.
- Fear & Greed at 8 (Extreme Fear) — historically a good accumulation zone.

HACKER NEWS

1. GrapheneOS – Break Free from Google and Apple

 Przejdź do polskiej wersji tego wpisu / Go to polish version of this post Table of contents: - Introduction (feel free to skip) - What is GrapheneOS - Dedicated devices - Installing GrapheneOS - My vision of using GrapheneOS - Summary -...

1062 pts · 754 comments

2. Claude Sonnet 4.6

Introducing Claude Sonnet 4.6 Claude Sonnet 4.6 is our most capable Sonnet model yet. It's a full upgrade of the model's skills across coding, computer use, long-context reasoning, agent planning, knowledge work, and design.

843 pts · 739 comments

3. Is Show HN dead? No, but it's drowning

Is Show HN Dead? No, But It's Drowning A few days ago I posted to Show HN. I had good fun building that useless little internet experience.

394 pts · 338 comments

4. **Thank HN: You helped save 33k lives**

13 years ago, we launched Watsi.org with a Show HN [1]. For nearly a year, this community drove so much traffic that we couldn't list patients fast enough. Then pg saw us on HN, wrote us our first...

383 pts · 46 comments

5. **Using go fix to modernize Go code**

The Go Blog Using go fix to modernize Go code The 1.26 release of Go this month includes a completely rewritten go fix subcommand.

275 pts · 61 comments

6. **Show HN: AsteroidOS 2.0 – Nobody asked, we shipped anyway**

Asteroids travel steadily, occasionally leaving observable distance. It has been a while since our last release, and now it's finally here!

264 pts · 32 comments

7. **Gentoo on Codeberg**

Gentoo on Codeberg Feb 16, 2026 Gentoo now has a presence on Codeberg, and contributions can be submitted for the Gentoo repository mirror at <https://codeberg.org/gentoo/gentoo> as an alternative to GitHub.

250 pts · 77 comments

8. **HackMyClaw**

Fiu is an OpenClaw assistant that reads emails. He has secrets he shouldn't share. Your job?

248 pts · 130 comments

9. **Semantic ablation: Why AI writing is generic and boring**

Why AI writing is so generic, boring, and dangerous: Semantic ablation The subtractive bias we're ignoring opinion Just as the community adopted the term "hallucination" to describe additive errors, we must now codify its far more insidious...

216 pts · 181 comments

10. **I converted 2D conventional flight tracking into 3D**

aeris Live 0 San Francisco Reset Random Altitude 43,000 ft 20,000 ft 10,000 ft 5,000 ft 2,000 ft 500 ft 0 ft © OpenStreetMap · CARTO · MapLibre · OpenSky Network

208 pts · 42 comments

11. **Discord Rival Gets Overwhelmed by Exodus of Players Fleeing Age-Verification**

People aren't exactly taking kindly to Discord's decision to roll out its privacy-invading age verification checks worldwide.

198 pts · 103 comments

12. **So you want to build a tunnel**

So You Want to Build a Tunnel... [Note that this article is a transcript of the video embedded above.] It seems like homemade tunnels are kind of having a moment.

161 pts · 66 comments

13. **Show HN: I wrote a technical history book on Lisp**

The Genius Of Lisp The Genius Of Lisp Cees de Groot has put together a masterpiece of scholarship. — Richard P.

153 pts · 51 comments

14. **Async/Await on the GPU**

GPU code can now use Rust's async/await. We share the reasons why and what this unlocks for GPU programming. At VectorWare, we are building the first GPU-native software company.

152 pts · 46 comments

15. **Xbox UI Portfolio Site**

151 pts · 42 comments

MARKET NEWS

Global Market Today: Asian shares advance at open, gold edges lower

Stocks rose in Japan and Australia, lifting the MSCI Asia Pacific Index 0.6% higher after three straight days of declines. The advance followed a volatile day on Wall Street, with the S&P 500 finishing up 0.1%. Gold and silver edged lower Wednesday.

SC allows Aakash Educational Services to go ahead with rights issue

Edtech platform Byju's bankrupt parent, Think & Learn (TLPL), which owns a minority stake in AES, had challenged the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal's February 3 order that allowed the coaching centre operator to issue the second tranche of...

Asian Paints faces near-term headwinds as weak Q3 dampens sentiment

Decorative volumes grew at a slower pace of 8% in the December-quarter compared with 11% growth in the previous quarter, indicating lack of traction in the repainting activity.

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

STATE OF THE MARKETS - Tech View: Any further easing in volatility is likely to remain supportive of bullish sentiment.

Stocks in news: Maruti Suzuki, Dabur, Info Edge, GR Infraprojects, Dilip Buildcon

Listen to this article in summarized format In today's trade, shares of Maruti Suzuki, Dabur, Info Edge, GR Infraprojects, Dilip Buildcon among others will be in focus due to various news developments.

Banks may get to hedge gold price risks abroad

The draft norms published on Tuesday would also allow authorised dealers to undertake transactions beyond market hours and with other authorised dealers, IFSC banking units, overseas banking units and overseas entities.

What lies ahead for Indian IT as brokerages reevaluate growth prospects?

Nomura Uncertainty overdone: The brokerage said the disruption concerns oversimplify the role of IT services companies.

More leveraged deals, lower base effect spur brokerage recovery in Q3

Among the listed brokers such as Billionbrains Garage Ventures (Groww), Motilal Oswal Financial Services, Angel One, and Anand Rathi Share & Stock Brokers, revenues advanced between 9% and 14% in the December quarter, compared with the...

India Inc could raise a cool \$100 billion as RBI eases ECB norms

With RBI allowing higher borrowing, removing pricing restrictions and relaxing the end-use, some market participants said the volume could even double from the previous financial year if structured credit and acquisition-linked deals increasingly...

Sharp drop in gold and silver prices fails to trigger buying rush

Jeweller Senco Gold & Diamonds said store footfalls have increased after prices fell but customers remain cautious and are holding back on high-end purchases.

Fixed-price ATM pacts are the new normal for banks

Of the 17,350 ATM contracts currently in the request-for-proposal (RFP) stage across banks, about 7,800 are structured around fixed payment models, underscoring the industry's pivot towards cost stability and long-term service alignment.

Kotak Mahindra, DCB Bank name new directors

Separately, DCB Bank board has approved the appointment of Suhail Nathani as an independent director for a three-year term, effective February 18, 2026.

Muthoot Microfin looks to buy company offering loan against property

The company recently ventured into the micro LAP business as part of a product diversification strategy which would help it reduce the concentration of unsecured microfinance business.

US Stocks | Wall Street regulator calls for shrinking exec pay disclosure

"I agree...that we should reconsider the number of executives for whom compensation information is provided," Atkins said, according to a copy of prepared remarks.

US Stocks | US Fed's Goolsbee: 'Several' rate cuts possible this year if inflation gets on track to 2%

Listen to this article in summarized format Consumer price inflation for January was a cooler-than-expected 2.4%, but Goolsbee said he partly discounted that result because it was influenced by high inflation readings from early last year falling...

US stocks | Trading platform eToro beats profit estimates on robust market activity

U.S. equities had an upbeat quarter as interest-rate cuts supported investor confidence, although volatility in crypto prompted some market participants to be cautious. Bitcoin saw its biggest monthly drop since mid-2021 in November.

Ahead of Market: 10 things that will decide stock market action on Wednesday

Listen to this article in summarized format Meanwhile, the volatility gauge India VIX ended at 12.67, down 4.93% from the last closing.

US Stocks | Raspberry Pi shares soar 40% as CEO buys stock, AI chatter builds

The rally in the roughly \$800 million company has materialised alongside social-media buzz that demand for its single-board computers could pick up as people buy them to run AI agents such as OpenClaw.

US Stocks Today | Nasdaq drops over 1% as AI worries linger; Nvidia, Microsoft down

Listen to this article in summarized format Most U.S. technology stocks were lower on the day, with Nvidia losing 1.6% and Microsoft down 1.3%.

Market Trading Guide: LG Electronics, Bank of India among 3 stocks to buy on Wednesday for up to 9% upside

Nifty ended with gains on Tuesday, recording its second successive positive closing, aided by IT, consumer and financial stocks even as energy and metals dragged markets.

Carlsberg considering listing of India business to unlock shareholders value: Group CEO

Listen to this article in summarized format Ending speculation, Andersen, during the investor call, revealed the company's listing plans; however, he added that no final decision has been made so far.

Engineers India board to meet on February 26 to consider dividend. Check record date, dividend yield

The announcement was made after market hours and EIL shares today ended 5% lower at Rs 215.25 on the BSE amid profit booking following a 19% rally in the past two trading sessions. On Monday, the stock closed with 6% gains.

IPO-bound Kissht's NBFC arm gets Crisil Rating upgrade on strong growth

Crisil upgraded the company's long-term rating to A-/Stable from BBB+/Stable, and raised the short-term rating to A1 from A2+, Kissht said in a statement. The ratings on its non-convertible debentures have also been upgraded.

S45 introduces AI-based platform for IPO execution

Listen to this article in summarized format S45 announced on Tuesday the launch of the nation's first AI-enabled investment banking platform, with the goal of replacing old manual workflows that have long hampered IPO execution for capital market...

SBI, L&T among 4 stocks that hit 52-week highs & rallied up to 16% in a month

On Tuesday, the benchmark Sensex climbed about 174 points to finish at 83,450. Amid the broader market rally, four stocks from the BSE 100 index hit their 52-week highs, reflecting their best performance over the past year.

Turnaround Story: 7 stocks shift from loss to profit in December '25 quarter

A "Turnaround Story YoY" indicates that the company has gone from incurring a net loss in the same quarter last year to reporting a net profit in the latest quarter, signaling a significant improvement in its financial performance and recovery.

First GIFT City IPO set to open in March as XED files RHP to raise \$12 million

Listen to this article in summarized format The offering marks the first IPO to be launched from GIFT City's offshore capital markets platform, a milestone for India's attempt to position its IFSC as a global fundraising hub.

Fractal Analytics rebounds from weak debut; shares jump 4% as brokerage initiates coverage with 40% upside call

Listen to this article in summarized format The brokerage initiated coverage on India's first pure-play AI company, recommending a target of Rs 1,260. Fractal AI shares briefly breached the issue price today, but could not sustain the levels.

Gainers & Losers: Fractal Analytics, Infosys among 6 stocks in limelight on Tuesday

Feb 17, 2026 Indian equity benchmarks ended with gains on Tuesday, recording their second successive positive closing. They were aided by buying trends in IT, consumer and financial stocks, though energy and metals, dragged markets.

India bonds rise as strong demand at state debt sale provides further push

The benchmark 6.48% 2035 bond yield ended at 6.66%, after closing at 6.6642% on Monday. The yield has declined by about 11 basis points over the last six sessions.

Moustache Group of Hotels rebrands, eyes 100 properties by 2030

Currently, Moustache Group of Hotels operates across 20 hostels, 10 mid-market hotels, and 8 boutique luxury stays and aims to operate 100 more properties by 2030, the company said in a statement.

IIFL Finance bonds base issue of Rs 500 cr fully subscribed

This reflects strong investor demand and confidence in the company's financial strength, IIFL Finance said in a statement.

Rupee ends flat; likely RBI presence blunts corporate, interbank dollar bids

Tepid global risk sentiment and steady hedging demand from importers have kept the currency tilted lower, even after it recovered from near-record lows around 92 following the announcement of the India-U.S. trade deal earlier this month.

Market Wrap: Sensex ends 174 pts higher, Nifty extends gain for second session; IT, PSU bank stocks shine

Listen to this article in summarized format The BSE Sensex ended 174 points higher or 0.21% at 83,451, while the Nifty 50 rose 43 points, closing above 25,700 at 25,725, up 0.17%.

Commodity Radar: Copper prices fall 20% from peak. Is it a sign of a shift in fundamentals?

Listen to this article in summarized format Global cues were also weak. Copper declined 1.6% on COMEX and dropped 1.8% on the London Metal Exchange (LME) to \$12,813.06 per tonne.

PhonePe IPO at \$15 billion: Can the marquee valuation trigger a re-rating for its rival Paytm?

Listen to this article in summarized format The platform had over 657 million life-to-date registered users and 47 million registered merchants as of September 2025.

Infosys-Anthropic deal sparks fresh debate: Is AI now an opportunity, not a threat, for Indian IT?

Listen to this article in summarized format The deal, which pairs Anthropic's Claude models, including Claude Code, with Infosys's proprietary Topaz AI platform, is aimed squarely at sectors like telecommunications, financial services...

Every second smallcap stock trading 40% below all-time high levels. Right time to buy for long term?

From 2019 to 2025, market capitalization of small-caps had increased from Rs 16 lakh crore to Rs 83 lakh crore, expanding its value by 5.30x.

Aegus to invest ₹1,900 crore in Tamil Nadu aerospace hub; engine manufacturing to drive long-term margin expansion: CEO

Listen to this article in summarized format Speaking to ET Now, Aravind Melligeri, Executive Chairman & CEO, Aegus, outlined the company's margin outlook, capital expenditure roadmap, and revenue visibility from the new project.

Kwality Wall's shares slide 5% after tepid Monday debut; plunges 30% in two sessions

Listen to this article in summarized format The stock saw incessant selling with over 3 crore shares changing hands on the NSE around 1:40 pm.

Global Markets | European shares steady as geopolitical uncertainty dominates mood

Listen to this article in summarized format The pan-European index held its ground at 819.22 points, as of 0819 GMT, with most sectors trading in the black. Geopolitics dominated the mood, with the U.S.

Global Markets | Japan's Nikkei slips as post-earnings and election momentum fade

The Nikkei's 14-day relative strength index (RSI) is at 64, after touching 72 on Thursday. A level above 70 indicates gains have stretched too far.

Adani stocks rise up to 3% after group announces \$100 billion AI-energy investment plan

Listen to this article in summarized format Adani Energy Solutions led the gains, rising around 3%, while Adani Enterprises and Adani Ports climbed about 2% each. Adani Green Energy also added roughly 2%, and Adani Power was up 1% in early trade.

Hindalco, NALCO downgraded to 'reduce' by InCred Equities. Here are 3 reasons why

Listen to this article in summarized format InCred assigned a target price of Rs 631 to Hindalco, the Aditya Birla Group company, and forecasted a downside potential of 30% from the last close of Rs 907.

Infosys-Anthropic tie-up signals AI growth opportunities, not market disruption: Sumit Pokharna

Speaking on ET Now, Sumit Pokharna from Kotak Securities described the partnership as "a step in the right direction" and "the need of the hour." He explained, "The goal of this partnership is to help companies in complex and regulated industries..."

AI disruption in IT: Nilesh Shah says it's too early to panic; also India's earnings are finally turning

Listen to this article in summarized format Amid an ongoing global selloff in technology stocks and rising anxiety about artificial intelligence eroding white-collar employment, Nilesh Shah, Managing Director of Kotak AMC, is urging investors to...

FMCG sector poised for strong growth in FY27: Abneesh Roy

Listen to this article in summarized format Abneesh Roy, a noted market strategist from Nuvama Institutional Equities, told ET Now, "Yes, the gradual recovery will continue."

Unique Picks: 7 stocks held by a single MF scheme in January; fall up to 55% in a year

ETMarkets analysed mutual fund portfolios to identify stocks held exclusively by a single mutual fund scheme. In the initial screening for January 2025, 194 such stocks were found.

Global Markets | Australian shares rises as BHP unearths record high on first-half profit beat

Rival Fortescue eased 0.5%. Rio Tinto, up 0.2%, is due to report on Thursday and Fortescue next week, with investors watching for signals on iron ore demand and the sector outlook.

Groww, Dixon Tech among 10 stocks that Motilal Oswal is bullish on. Do you own any?

Indian markets could see improved performance in CY26 after underperforming MSCI EM by around 26% in USD terms in CY25, according to Motilal Oswal.

CRYPTO NEWS

Abu Dhabi wealth funds bitcoin ETF holdings topped \$1 billion at end of 2025

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Gold firm Elemental Royalty to pay out dividends in Tether's tokenized gold

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Stripe's stablecoin firm Bridge wins initial approval of national bank trust charter

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Crypto venture capital firm Dragonfly raises \$650 million despite 'gloom of a bear market'

Crypto venture capital firm Dragonfly raises \$650 million despite 'gloom of a bear market' The firm's fourth fund positions it alongside a16z and Paradigm even as blockchain VC fundraising contracts and investors pivot toward stablecoins and...

Crypto infrastructure firm BitGo a potential acquisition target for Wall Street firms, analysts say

Crypto infrastructure firm BitGo a potential acquisition target for Wall Street firms, analysts say Compass Point and Canaccord call BitGo a potential acquisition target and defend the stock despite its weak debut, citing growth in institutional...

Trading platform eToro shares jump 14% after posting record Q4 profit despite crypto revenue drop

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The crypto tax reckoning is here

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Bitcoin treasury company Nakamoto to acquire BTC Inc and UTXO in \$107 million all-stock deal

Bitcoin treasury company Nakamoto to acquire BTC Inc and UTXO in \$107 million all-stock deal Some reacted with concerns about dilution for existing shareholders due to the stock price decline and the related-party nature of the transaction.

CFTC's Selig opens legal dispute against states getting in way of prediction markets

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Bitcoin slips below \$67,000 as software stocks continue to plunge

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Gemini stock falls 10% after it parts ways with COO, CFO and Chief Legal Officer months after IPO

Gemini stock falls 10% after it parts ways with COO, CFO and Chief Legal Officer months after IPO Crypto exchange says Marshall Beard, Dan Chen and Tyler Meade are departing effective immediately; Cameron Winklevoss to take on COO duties as board...

CoinDesk 20 Performance Update: Bitcoin Cash (BCH) Drops 2.2%, Leading Index Lower

Share this article CoinDesk 20 Performance Update: Bitcoin Cash (BCH) Drops 2.2%, Leading Index Lower Ripple (XRP), down 1.5% from Monday, was also an underperformer. Feb 17, 2026, 2:26 p.m.

The hardware hurdle: Cysic and Cardano clash over the future of decentralized compute

The hardware hurdle: Cysic and Cardano clash over the future of decentralized compute At Consensus Hong Kong 2026, Leo Fan questioned Midnight's use of Google Cloud and Azure, as Charles Hoskinson justifies hyperscaler partnerships.

BitMine adds \$90 million in ETH — Tom Lee says crypto sentiment reminiscent of 2018 and 2022 bottoms

BitMine adds \$90 million in ETH — Tom Lee says crypto sentiment reminiscent of 2018 and 2022 bottoms The Ethereum treasury firm continues its buying spree with its largest weekly ETH purchase in token terms this year.

Michael Saylor's Strategy purchased \$168 million in bitcoin last week

Michael Saylor's Strategy purchased \$168 million in bitcoin last week The company's stack is now 717,131 bitcoin acquired for \$54.52 billion, or \$76,027 per coin. Bitcoin's current price is \$68,000.

Banking giant Intesa Sanapolo discloses \$100 million bitcoin ETF holdings, along with Strategy hedge

Banking giant Intesa Sanapolo discloses \$100 million bitcoin ETF holdings, along with Strategy hedge The bank also holds a large put option position on Strategy, potentially capitalizing on the company trading above the value of its BTC holdings.

Bitcoin improvement proposal to block spam draws heat from heavyweights

Bitcoin improvement proposal to block spam draws heat from heavyweights Your day-ahead look for Feb.

Crypto slides as tech stocks and gold retreat; bitcoin-Nasdaq correlation turns positive

Crypto slides as tech stocks and gold retreat; bitcoin-Nasdaq correlation turns positive Bitcoin falls to \$68,000 as tech-led risk-off move deepens, gold extends correction and memecoins lead altcoin losses amid BTC dominance range.

Bitcoin remains under pressure near \$68,000 even as panic ebbs

Bitcoin remains under pressure near \$68,000 even as panic ebbs Key derivatives metrics and ETF flows suggest lack of demand, but macro forces offer hope. What to know: - BTC's implied volatility has pulled back sharply from Feb.

Popular burger joint Steak 'n Shake says bitcoin adoption boosted sales 'dramatically'

Popular burger joint Steak 'n Shake says bitcoin adoption boosted sales 'dramatically' Bitcoin payments are directed to a Strategic Bitcoin Reserve, used to fund employee bonuses according to the company.

UK crypto rules too slow to support global hub ambitions, says Agant CEO

UK crypto rules too slow to support global hub ambitions, says Agant CEO Regulatory delays risk blunting Britain's digital asset push, said Andrew MacKenzie, head of the pound-pegged stablecoin developer.

DeFi protocol ZeroLend shuts down after three years, citing inactive chains and hacks

DeFi protocol ZeroLend shuts down after three years, citing inactive chains and hacks The protocol is shutting down after three years, citing unsustainable economics, thin margins and rising security threats.

BofA survey flags dollar bearish bets at over a decade high. Here's what it means for bitcoin

BofA survey flags dollar bearish bets at over a decade high. Here's what it means for bitcoin BofA's February survey shows investor positioning in the U.S. dollar has fallen to its most negative level since at least early 2012.

TECH & STARTUPS

Intellexa's Predator spyware used to hack iPhone of journalist in Angola, research says

A government customer of sanctioned spyware maker Intellexa hacked the phone of a prominent journalist in Angola, according to Amnesty International, the latest case of targeting someone in civil society with powerful phone-hacking software.

Jack Altman joins Benchmark as GP

Jack Altman and Benchmark announced today that he would be joining the firm as a general partner. This news is a big deal, especially since Altman has been running his own VC firm, Alt Capital, since at least 2024.

Ford turns to F1 and bounties to build a \$30,000 electric truck

Ford is promising to deliver an EV truck next year that starts at \$30,000 and can compete with Chinese automakers without undermining profit margins.

Meta's own research found parental supervision doesn't really help curb teens' compulsive social media use

An internal research study at Meta dubbed "Project MYST" created in partnership with the University of Chicago, found that parental supervision and controls — such as time limits and restricted access — had little impact on kids' compulsive use of...

Apple is reportedly cooking up a trio of AI wearables

Late last month, The Information reported that Apple was developing an AI wearable — an AirTag-sized pendant with cameras that could be pinned to a user's shirt.

Thrive raises \$10B for new fund, its largest yet

Thrive Capital just raised \$10 billion for a new fund — the largest fund it has ever raised and nearly double the size of its last fund.

Climactic launches hybrid fund to get startups through the ‘valley of death’

It's a challenge every startup faces: They've made a prototype and proven the thing works, but now have to sell the product and produce enough to get past the "valley of death" that kills so many companies.

Anthropic releases Sonnet 4.6

Anthropic has released a new version of its mid-sized Sonnet model, keeping pace with the company's four-month update cycle. In a post announcing the new model, Anthropic emphasized improvements in coding, instruction-following, and computer use.

Mistral AI buys Koyeb in first acquisition to back its cloud ambitions

Mistral AI, the French company last valued at \$13.8 billion, has made its first acquisition. The OpenAI competitor has agreed to buy Koyeb, a Paris-based startup that simplifies AI app deployment at scale and manages the infrastructure behind it.

SpaceX vets raise \$50M Series A for data center links

Travis Brashears, Cameron Ramos, and Serena Grown-Haeberli began collaborating at SpaceX, developing optical communications links that keep thousands of Starlink internet satellites in constant contact.

Running AI models is turning into a memory game

When we talk about the cost of AI infrastructure, the focus is usually on Nvidia and GPUs — but memory is an increasingly important part of the picture.

European Parliament blocks AI on lawmakers' devices, citing security risks

The European Parliament has reportedly blocked lawmakers from using the baked-in AI tools on their work devices, citing cybersecurity and privacy risks with uploading confidential correspondence to the cloud.

WordPress.com adds an AI Assistant that can edit, adjust styles, create images, and more

WordPress.com, the website hosting platform from Automattic, will now include a built-in WordPress AI assistant, the company announced on Tuesday.

These are the countries moving to ban social media for children

Over the past few months, several countries have announced plans to restrict social media access for children and teens.

Amazon Fire TV's new interface is now rolling out in the US

Amazon is rolling out a new user interface for its Fire TV streaming devices, designed to put more focus on the content, while also simplifying navigation.

Apple Podcasts is getting an enhanced video experience this spring

Apple is taking on YouTube and Spotify with a new video podcast experience launching in the spring.

Here are the 17 US-based AI companies that have raised \$100M or more in 2026

Nearly 20 U.S.-based AI startups have raised mega-rounds of \$100 million or more in 2026 — and it's been less than two months.

India bids to attract over \$200B in AI infrastructure investment by 2028

India has set out an aggressive push to attract more than \$200 billion in artificial-intelligence infrastructure investment over the next two years, as it seeks to position itself as a global hub for AI computing and applications at a time when...

Snapchat launches creator subscriptions in the US

Social network Snapchat announced today it's launching creator subscriptions in alpha with select people in the U.S. starting on February 23.

SpendRule raises \$2M, emerges from stealth to help hospitals track spending

Last year, Chris Heckler was coming to the end of a five-year non-compete after selling his last company, a healthcare startup. "I was sitting on the sidelines doing angel investing, and I realized I was too young to retire," he told TechCrunch.
