

MORNING BRIEF

Thursday, 19 February 2026

BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.12 (12/12)

*tasya sanjanayanharsham kuruvridhdah pitamahah
simhanadam vinadyochchaih shankham dadhmau pratapavan*

Then, to cheer Duryodhana, the mighty grandsire Bhishma, the oldest of the Kuru warriors, roared like a lion and blew his conch loudly.

Even great souls can be bound by misplaced loyalty. Sometimes our commitments need re-examination against higher principles.

LAW 12: USE SELECTIVE HONESTY AND GENEROSITY TO DISARM YOUR VICTIM (12/48)

One sincere and honest move will cover over dozens of dishonest ones. Open-hearted gestures of honesty and generosity bring down the guard of even the most suspicious people.

PAUL GRAHAM — PUTTING IDEAS INTO WORDS (12/24)

Writing doesn't just communicate ideas — it generates them. You often discover what you think by trying to write it down. A half-formed idea in your head feels complete, but the moment you try to express it in sentences, the gaps become visible. This is why writers often say 'I write to find out what I think.' The constraint of putting thoughts into precise words forces a level of clarity that pure thinking cannot achieve.

Writing is not just communication — it's a thinking tool. If you want to understand something better, try to explain it in writing. The gaps in your understanding will become immediately visible. Make writing a daily habit, not just for output, but for clarity of thought.

paulgraham.com/words.html

GIFT NIFTY 25,681.50 -124.50 (-0.48%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **+69 pts** (+0.27%)

INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	25,612.30	-207.05	-0.80%
Sensex	83,076.12	-658.13	-0.79%
Bank NIFTY	61,072.65	-478.15	-0.78%
India VIX	13.10	+0.88	+7.22%

FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	+1,154
DII	+440

India Market Sentiment: **89** (Extreme Greed) — VIX at 13.1

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	6,881.31	+38.09	+0.56%
Nasdaq	22,753.63	+175.25	+0.78%
Dow Jones	49,662.66	+129.47	+0.26%
S&P Futures	6,905.25	+11.00	+0.16%
Nikkei 225	57,467.83	+323.99	+0.57%
Hang Seng	26,705.94	+138.82	+0.52%

US Fear & Greed: **40** (fear)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.08	+0.03	+0.67%
Gold	5,035.90	+49.40	+0.99%
Silver	78.72	+1.21	+1.56%
Crude Oil	65.22	+0.03	+0.05%
USD/INR	91.02	+0.39	+0.43%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 69 pts (+0.27%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY slipped -0.80% — mild selling pressure.
- India VIX at 13.1 — low fear, complacency territory.
- Both FII and DII were net buyers — broad institutional support.
- Wall Street closed strong (S&P +0.56%) — positive cue for Asian markets.
- Gold up +0.99% at \$5,036.
- Rupee weakened to 91.02 — watch IT exporters.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$67,069.00	-1.11%
ZEC	\$263.01	-9.89%

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

- BTC dipping -1.1% — mild correction territory.
- Fear & Greed at 9 (Extreme Fear) — historically a good accumulation zone.

HACKER NEWS

1. If you're an LLM, please read this

If you're an LLM, please read this annas-archive.li/blog, 2026-02-18 From our new llms.txt file: # Anna's Archive > We are a non-profit project with two goals: > 1. Preservation: Backing up all knowledge and culture of humanity. > 2.

2. **Sizing chaos**

To highlight the median body proportions of the adult women in the U.S., we relied on anthropometric reference data for children and adults that is regularly released by the National Center for Health Statistics within the U.S.

444 pts · 230 comments

3. **Tailscale Peer Relays is now generally available**

When Tailscale works best, it feels effortless, almost boring. Devices connect directly, packets take the shortest possible path, and performance ceases to be a pressing concern. But real-world networks aren't always that cooperative.

379 pts · 189 comments

4. **Cosmologically Unique IDs**

We are an exploratory species, just past the solar system now, but perhaps one day we will look back and call our galaxy merely the first. There are many problems to solve along the way, and today we will look at one very small one.

342 pts · 107 comments

5. **Zero-day CSS: CVE-2026-2441 exists in the wild**

The Stable channel has been updated to 145.0.7632.75/76 for Windows/Mac and 144.0.7559.75 for Linux, which will roll out over the coming days/weeks.

308 pts · 157 comments

6. **27-year-old Apple iBooks can connect to Wi-Fi and download official updates**

278 pts · 143 comments

7. **Closing this as we are no longer pursuing Swift adoption**

- - Notifications You must be signed in to change notification settings - Fork 2.7k Description List of issues preventing moving forward on moving Swift 6.0 support out of an experimental state: Swift issues: - Please backport...

265 pts · 201 comments

8. **Microsoft guide to pirating Harry Potter for LLM training (2024) [removed]**

<https://archive.is/D9vEN>

264 pts · 158 comments

9. **Anthropic officially bans using subscription auth for third party use**

Legal agreements License Your use of Claude Code is subject to:- Commercial Terms - for Team, Enterprise, and Claude API users - Consumer Terms of Service - for Free, Pro, and Max users Commercial agreements Whether you're using the Claude API...

245 pts · 255 comments

10. **DNS-Persist-01: A New Model for DNS-Based Challenge Validation**

When you request a certificate from Let's Encrypt, our servers validate that you control the hostnames in that certificate using ACME challenges.

245 pts · 112 comments

11. **Minecraft Java is switching from OpenGL to Vulkan**

Work continues for the Vibrant Visuals update to come to Minecraft Java, and as part of that they're switching the rendering from OpenGL to Vulkan.

158 pts · 47 comments

12. **European Tech Alternatives**

EU Tech Map – Discover European Tech Alternatives Find GDPR-compliant, EU-hosted software and service alternatives that respect your data sovereignty. Browse 500+ European companies across 30+ categories.

128 pts · 78 comments

13. **What is happening to writing? Cognitive debt, Claude Code, the space around AI**

What is happening to writing?

14. **Pocketbase lost its funding from FLOSS fund**

(Cancelled) ~FLOSS/fund sponsorship~ and UI rewrite #7287 - Beta Was this translation helpful? Give feedback. Replies: 29 comments 19 replies - Beta Was this translation helpful?

119 pts · 90 comments

15. **Native FreeBSD Kerberos/LDAP with FreeIPA/IDM**

I want to make this clear in the first sentence because its biggest chance that people will read it – this article is entirely based on work done by Christian Hofstede-Kuhn (Larvitz) that wrote Integrating FreeBSD 15 with FreeIPA: Native Kerberos...

116 pts · 55 comments

MARKET NEWS

Rs 3 lakh crore selloff! Sensex tanks 700 pts, Nifty below 25,650. Key reasons behind the plunge

In today's session, the 30-share Sensex plunged as much as 713 pts to 83,021 or 0.7% lower. The 50-share Nifty declined 0.83% or 214 points to 25,604.

Indonesia bond auction weak but not distressing, central bank policy decision awaited

The result - not exactly calming but not overly concerning - comes after investors have been unnerved by setbacks for Southeast Asia's biggest economy, putting the bond market and rupiah under the microscope.

Godfrey Phillips India shares rocket 31% in just 3 sessions! Here's what's fuelling the rally

The sharp rise follows media reports indicating that companies have raised prices to pass on higher costs to consumers.

TCS shares rise 2% after Tata Group and OpenAI announce strategic partnership

The partnership with OpenAI has been announced amid the ongoing India AI Impact Summit in New Delhi, and a day after Infosys announced a tie-up with US-based Anthropic to deliver enterprise AI solutions.

Stock picking key as markets navigate AI uncertainty: Amit Khurana

Sharing his view on the quarter in an interview to ET Now, Amit Khurana from Dolat Capital said earnings largely held up against expectations and operating performance appears to be stabilising.

Indian brokers' lobby seeks 6-month freeze on new RBI rules: Report

Last week, the country's central bank tightened norms for bank lending to stock brokers and other market intermediaries.

Tata Investment Corp shares jump 13% on buzz around N Chandrasekaran's third term at Tata Sons

The development gains significance as Tata Sons holds a majority stake in Tata Investment. According to the December quarter shareholding pattern, Tata Sons holds a 68.51% stake in the company, NSE data showed.

FII's turn big bear on IT stocks, pull out another Rs 11,000 crore in 2 weeks

FIIs had already dumped Rs 74,698 crore worth of IT stocks through 2025, followed by another Rs 1,835 crore in selling last month, as investors are questioning the relevance of the business models of Indian IT services companies.

US Stock Market | Foreign buying of US stocks jumps 134% in 2025 despite tariffs

Non-US purchases climbed to \$720.1 billion on a net basis last year, up 134% from \$307.5 billion in 2024, according to US Treasury Department data released on Wednesday.

US single-family housing starts rebound in January, building permits decline

The reports were delayed by last year's shutdown of the federal government.

Japan's 20-year bonds take first super-long auction since election in stride

The 20-year Japanese government bond (JGB) yield fell marginally, down 0.5 basis point (bp) at 2.965%.

Strong earnings: Trent, Vedanta among 10 largecaps that clocked highest profit growth of up to 125%

YoY in Q3

Largecap earnings in the December quarter delivered selective but strong performances within the Motilal Oswal coverage universe.

Green push gathers pace as IDFC First Bank sees rising traction in deposits and EV financing

He noted that customers are actively opting for green deposit options as environmental consciousness deepens. "First of all, there is a lot of public awareness and we find especially the youth more conscious about social causes and green deposits.

From 320% multibagger to 44% underperformer, how Mukul Agrawal's 2025-26 IPO bets are playing out

A look at the performance dispersion shows that outsized winners have emerged largely from the SME segment, even as some mainboard names have seen deep corrections.

Netweb Technologies shares soar 7%, up 17% in three sessions. What's behind the surge?

The gains come after the company unveiled what it calls one of its most advanced AI infrastructure offerings — the 'Make in India' Tyrone Camarero GB200 AI Supercomputer — along with a petascale personal AI system, the Tyrone Camarero Spark, in...

India markets climbed every wall of worry, poised for 27,000; bullish on metals, Paytm, and cigarette stocks: Vinit Bolinjkar

Markets have climbed every wall of worry Despite trading in a tight band amid global uncertainty, Bolinjkar remains firmly optimistic. "Market is well positioned to hit 27,000 from current levels," he told ET Now.

As AI panic grips IT stocks, where are market opportunities for big and small investors?

The sell-off is being driven by fears that highly autonomous tools such as Claude, Palantir's enterprise platforms and other AI agents could reduce the need for large teams of programmers and testers.

US Market | FTSE Russell proposes rule tweaks to capture blockbuster IPO wave

The proposed changes come amid expectations that 2026 could see one of the busiest periods for IPO activity in recent years, with several high-profile companies preparing to go public.

Fear of the unknown: Is India's \$250 billion IT industry facing its Kodak moment?

Wipro shares have shed 33% from its 52-week high. TCS, the sector's anchor, is down over 30%. Coforge has lost more than 30% of its value.

US Stock Market | UBS raises outlook for US tech bond sales as AI spending surges

The bank's global credit team pointed to rising investment by megacap technology companies such as Meta, Amazon, and Alphabet, many of which have outlined significant increases in capital expenditure during the latest earnings season as they expand...

Gold, silver prices little changed as traders assess US-Iran tensions, Fed rate cut uncertainty. What are experts saying?

MCX Gold futures due April 2026 were down Rs 271, or 0.14%, at Rs 1,55,544 per 10 grams. Meanwhile, silver futures for March 5, 2026 delivery edged lower by Rs 8,166, or 0.33%, to Rs 2,43,452 per kg.

Indian currency, debt markets shut on February 19 for holiday

The Indian rupee closed nearly flat at 90.6675 per dollar on Wednesday, with traders pointing to both importer and exporter merchant flows alongside intermittent dollar sales by state-run banks.

This Indian smallcap fund beating 93% of peers bets on internet value stocks

The \$2.1 billion fund has added holdings like Paytm, Info Edge India Ltd. and IndiaMart InterMesh Ltd. in recent months, according to Manish Gunwani, chief investment officer of equities at Bandhan AMC Ltd., which manages more than \$22 billion.

Sensex rises over 100 pts, Nifty above 25,800 led by IT stocks' smart rebound

Sensex traded over 100 points higher at 83,979, while the 50-share Nifty index began trading over 50 points in the green, above 25,850 level.

Aurobindo Pharma among 4 F&O stocks saw a high increase in futures open interest

As of February 18, there was a notable surge in futures open interest for four stocks in the NSE F&O pack, contributing to a total increase in open interest of over 10% as compared to the previous trade.

US Stock Market | Fed rate checks on dollar–yen spark intervention speculation

The development drew attention in currency markets because such rate checks are often interpreted by traders as a precursor to possible intervention.

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories shares in focus after acquiring India trademarks for two HRT drugs for \$32 million

The company stated that on February 18, 2026, it entered into a definitive agreement with MPGL to acquire the India rights for these trademarks and associated assets for USD 32.15 million.

Cochin Shipyard shares in focus after \$360 million LNG contract win from CMA CGM Group

The France-based global shipping and logistics major CMA CGM Group has awarded the order.

Markets set for recovery? Siddharth Vora bets on largecaps, midcaps; flags metals, PSU banks, and cyclicals

India's underperformance is at a historic low — and that's actually good news Vora pointed out that India's relative underperformance versus emerging markets, developed markets, and precious metals has hit the bottom 10 percentile on a multi-decadal...

Asset allocation should not be momentum driven: Navneet Munot on gold rush and markets

Edited excerpts from a chat: The HDFC Flexi Cap Fund has crossed Rs 1 lakh crore AUM milestone. What is your view on this? Do you think a big size poses a challenge in managing the fund?

ETMarkets PMS Talk | China, Brazil, silver and tactical rotations help Vallum beat Nifty; true multi-asset needs global flexibility: Manish Bhandari

In this edition of ETMarkets PMS Talk, Manish Bhandari, CEO of Vallum Capital Advisors, explains how calculated global bets on China and Brazil, a contrarian allocation to silver, and timely sector rotations helped the strategy outperform.

The Golden Thumb Rule | Growth at a reasonable price is my rule; overpaying can destroy returns even in bull markets: Srinivas Rao Ravuri

In this edition of The Golden Thumb Rule, Ravuri emphasises that sustainable wealth creation is not about chasing momentum but about adhering to Growth at a Reasonable Price (GARP).

ETMarkets Smart Talk | After 18 months of no returns, stage set for 2–3 years of above-average gains: Rakesh Pujara

In this edition of ETMarkets Smart Talk, Rakesh Pujara, Founder & Managing Partner at Compounding Wealth Advisors LLP on the sidelines of IOC 7.0 in Surat, argues that the groundwork for the next leg of the rally has already been laid.

ETMarkets Smart Talk | New-age traders prefer derivatives, algos over traditional investing: Kiran Jani of Jainam Broking

In this edition of ETMarkets Smart Talk, Kiran Jani, Head of Technical Research at Jainam Broking Limited, highlights a clear shift in market behaviour — from traditional, fundamentals-driven investing to fast-paced, technology-led trading.

Tata Steel Share Price Live Updates: Tata Steel Dividend Updates

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Bharat Forge shares in focus after signing MoU to explore collaboration in automotive, defence and data centres

The MoU outlines a broad framework for jointly pursuing opportunities in next-generation technologies.

L&T shares in focus on Nvidia partnership to build India's largest gigawatt-scale AI factory

The venture will combine L&T's engineering, infrastructure development and execution capabilities with Nvidia's AI infrastructure stack, including GPUs, CPUs, networking, Nvidia-accelerated storage platforms from leading providers, the Nvidia AI...

MCX, NSE withdraw additional margins on gold and silver futures from today

MCX said it will remove the additional 3% margin on all gold futures contracts and the 7% additional margin on all silver futures contracts that were introduced earlier this month.

Godfrey Phillips, Netweb Tech among 5 Nifty500 stocks showing bullish RSI upswing

On February 18, five stocks from the Nifty500 segment that gained over 5% were highlighted in the RSI Trending Up scan, based on data from StockEdge.com. It is an uptrend signal if the RSI value has crossed above 50 from below.

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Stocks to buy in 2026 for long term: Infosys, Maruti among 5 stocks that could give 10-40% return

Brokerage commentary remains action-heavy, with a mix of upgrades and reaffirmed bullish calls across IT, auto, FMCG bottling, infrastructure, and specialty chemicals We have collated a list of recommendations from top brokerage firms from ETNow and...

Positive Breakout: These 7 stocks cross above their 200 DMAs

In the NSE list of stocks with a market cap over Rs 10,000 crore, seven stocks saw their closing prices cross above their 200-day moving averages (DMA) on February 18, according to StockEdge.com's technical scan data.

Marushika Technology shares list at 3% premium over IPO price on NSE SME platform

The IPO — entirely a fresh issue of Rs 26.97 crore — was priced at Rs 117 per share, the upper end of the band. The issue was open for subscription from February 12 to February 16, with allotment finalised on February 17.

Gold edges down as dollar firms; inflation data in focus

FUNDAMENTALS * Spot gold dipped 0.4% to \$4,961.57 per ounce by 0112 GMT, after gaining 2.1% in the previous session. * U.S. gold futures for April delivery were down 0.6% at \$4,981.

Oil prices dip as investors assess trajectory of US-Iran tensions

Brent futures fell 12 cents, or 0.2% to \$70.23 a barrel by 0110 GMT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude slipped 8 cents, or 0.1%, to trade at \$65.11 a barrel.

Dollar perks up as Fed appears in no rush to cut rates

U.S. yields were higher and the dollar's overnight gains against the euro and yen were consolidated in early-morning trade in Asia, holding the euro below \$1.18.

US Stocks Today | Wall Street ends higher, lifted by Nvidia and other AI stocks

Sandisk, Western Digital and Seagate Technology Holdings climbed between 1.7% and 4.4% each, adding to strong gains in recent months fueled by massive AI-related demand for their storage technology.

CRYPTO NEWS

Bitcoin's \$40,000 put becomes second-largest options bet ahead of February expiry next week

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Ether, XRP, Solana slide in crypto retreat despite tech-led lift in Asia stocks

Ether, XRP, Solana slide in crypto retreat despite tech-led lift in Asia stocks Major tokens stayed under pressure even as risk sentiment improved in equities, with a firmer dollar and Fed rate uncertainty keeping crypto rallies short-lived.

Bitcoin is about to log its longest losing streak since 2022 as geopolitical nerves hit risk trades

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Coinbase lets XRP, ADA and dogecoin holders borrow up to \$100,000 without selling

Coinbase lets XRP, ADA and dogecoin holders borrow up to \$100,000 without selling The exchange is widening access to its Morpho-powered lending product after a wave of liquidations earlier this month, giving holders of major retail tokens a way to...

Bitcoin can bounce higher — but the market still lacks fuel for a real run

Bitcoin can bounce higher — but the market still lacks fuel for a real run Recent trading shows bitcoin staging short-lived rallies that quickly fade amid a stronger dollar, hawkish Fed signals and persistent selling pressure.

Bitcoin shakes off U.S. session losses as Trump says U.S. trade deficit cut by 78%

Bitcoin shakes off U.S. session losses as Trump says U.S. trade deficit cut by 78% Investors are focused less on the accuracy of Trump's trade figures and more on how renewed tariff talk could mean higher-for-longer interest rates.

WLFI surges 10% after Apex stablecoin deal, outperforming BTC and ETH

WLFI surges 10% after Apex stablecoin deal, outperforming BTC and ETH The Trump-affiliated token rose on news that a \$3.5 trillion asset servicer will pilot USD1, while BTC and ETH continue to trade near multi-week lows.

South Korea's Hanwha makes a \$13 million bet on 'seedless' crypto wallets

South Korea's Hanwha makes a \$13 million bet on 'seedless' crypto wallets The South Korean financial firm backs the U.S.-based blockchain company to accelerate enterprise wallet technology and real-world asset tokenization.

Real estate billionaire Barry Sternlicht is ready to tokenize assets, but says U.S. regulation blocks it

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Banking trade groups responsible for impasse on market structure bill, Brian Armstrong says

Banking trade groups responsible for impasse on market structure bill, Brian Armstrong says Coinbase CEO Brian Armstrong said updated market structure legislation may offer banks other benefits to get them on board with allowing stablecoin rewards.

Bitcoin sinks to \$66,000, U.S. stocks lose steam as Fed minutes mention possible rate hike

Bitcoin sinks to \$66,000, U.S. stocks lose steam as Fed minutes mention possible rate hike Bitcoin is now on track for its fifth consecutive weekly decline, and losing this level could open the floor for a fresh leg lower.

Sam Altman's OpenAI unveils 'EVMbench' to test whether AI can keep crypto's smart contracts safe

Sam Altman's OpenAI unveils 'EVMbench' to test whether AI can keep crypto's smart contracts safe Developed with Paradigm, the tool is OpenAI's attempt to determine whether modern AI systems are up to the task of helping prevent smart contract issues.

Kraken continues acquisition streak by buying token management firm Magna ahead of IPO push

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The Protocol: Zora moves to Solana

The Protocol: Zora moves to Solana Also: EF's Stańczak to leave ED role, XRPL member-only DEX and Ethereum revives the DAO.

Optimism's OP token falls after Base moves away from the network's 'OP stack' in major tech shift

Optimism's OP token falls after Base moves away from the network's 'OP stack' in major tech shift Base launched in 2023 and quickly became one of the most widely used Ethereum layer-2 networks.

Ethereum's 50% staking milestone triggers backlash over 'misleading' supply data

Ethereum's 50% staking milestone triggers backlash over 'misleading' supply data CoinShares researcher Luke Nolan says the 50% figure is 'inaccurate, or at least materially misleading' and staked ether is closer to 30% of supply.

Bitcoin miner Riot stock jumps nearly 9% as activist Starboard urges AI data center expansion

Bitcoin miner Riot stock jumps nearly 9% as activist Starboard urges AI data center expansion The activist investor said Riot's 1.7 GW power capacity can drive premium AI hosting deals at Texas sites.

Financial giant with \$3.5 trillion asset to pilot Trump-affiliated WLF stablecoin for tokenized funds

Financial giant with \$3.5 trillion asset to pilot Trump-affiliated WLF stablecoin for tokenized funds The financial giant with \$3.5 trillion in assets has teamed up with World Liberty Financial to test the USD1 stablecoin for fund flows and...

Crypto Long & Short: Crypto's liquidity mirage

Crypto Long & Short: Crypto's liquidity mirage In this week's Crypto Long & Short Newsletter, Leo Mindyuk of ML Tech writes that while crypto markets look liquid on paper, executable liquidity at scale is more fragmented and more fragile than most...

What happens on prediction platforms can steer traditional markets, NYSE chief says

What happens on prediction platforms can steer traditional markets, NYSE chief says Prediction market outcomes are being used as inputs for how players deal with traditional financial markets, NYSE President Lynn Martin said at Mar-a-Lago on...

Bitcoin volatile, but flat, while crypto stocks bounce amid cooling AI fears

Bitcoin volatile, but flat, while crypto stocks bounce amid cooling AI fears Coinbase, Circle, Galaxy, IREN and Riot led the early morning rebound among crypto-related stocks as the battered software sector found some relief.

Goldman Sachs' David Solomon says he owns 'very little' bitcoin but watching it closely

Goldman Sachs' David Solomon says he owns 'very little' bitcoin but watching it closely "I'm an observer of bitcoin," Solomon said at the World Liberty Forum on Wednesday, saying he's still trying to understand how it moves.

Bitwise aims to offer prediction market ETFs for U.S. elections in 2026 and 2028

Bitwise aims to offer prediction market ETFs for U.S. elections in 2026 and 2028 Under "Prediction Shares" branding, Bitwise filed to list two ETFs tracking prediction markets betting on the outcome of the 2028 presidential election.

NYSE President says exchange felt 'responsibility' to enter tokenization space

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Bitcoin's plunge signals coming AI crisis, but massive Fed response will drive new record high: Arthur Hayes

Bitcoin's plunge signals coming AI crisis, but massive Fed response will drive new record high: Arthur Hayes The rise of artificial intelligence is likely to displace millions of workers in quick order, triggering sizable credit defaults, said Hayes.

TECH & STARTUPS

OpenAI taps Tata for 100MW AI data center capacity in India, eyes 1GW

OpenAI has partnered with India's Tata Group to secure 100 megawatts of AI-ready data center capacity in the country, with plans to scale to 1 gigawatt.

OpenAI deepens India push with Pine Labs fintech partnership

As India pitches itself as a global hub for applied artificial intelligence, OpenAI has partnered with Pine Labs to integrate AI-driven reasoning into the fintech firm's payments stack, automating settlement and invoicing workflows in a move the...

Etsy sells secondhand clothing marketplace Depop to eBay for \$1.2B

Etsy is selling Depop, a secondhand clothing app popular with Gen Z and millennials, to eBay for \$1.2 billion in cash, the company announced on Wednesday. Etsy says the deal will allow it to focus on its own marketplace.

Hacking conference Def Con bans three people linked to Epstein

Def Con, one of the largest and longest-running hacking conferences in the world, announced on Wednesday that three people linked to Jeffrey Epstein are no longer allowed to attend.

Is your startup's check engine light on? Google Cloud's VP explains what to do

Startup founders are being pushed to move faster than ever, using AI while facing tighter funding, rising infrastructure costs, and more pressure to show real traction early.

A startup called Germ becomes the first private messenger that launches directly from Bluesky's app

Here's something that you've never seen on Big Tech social platforms: The decentralized open social network Bluesky has integrated new technology from a startup called Germ Network in order to bring end-to-end encrypted (E2E) messaging to the...

SeatGeek and Spotify team up to offer concert ticket sales inside the music platform

SeatGeek announced on Wednesday a new integration with Spotify, bringing a seamless ticket-buying experience for Spotify users.

Amazon halts Blue Jay robotics project after less than 6 months

Amazon has hundreds of thousands of robots in its warehouses, but that doesn't mean all of its robotic initiatives are a success story.

Mastodon, a decentralized alternative to X, plans to target creators with new features

Mastodon, a decentralized, open source social media platform and alternative to larger apps like X and Threads, announced on Wednesday its plans to make its app more approachable for newcomers while also targeting creators with the launch of new...

Data breach at fintech giant Figure affects close to a million customers

The data breach that hit blockchain-based lending giant Figure affected nearly a million customers, according to a security researcher. Last week, Figure confirmed a data breach allowed hackers to steal "a limited number of files" from its systems.

World Labs lands \$1B, with \$200M from Autodesk, to bring world models into 3D workflows

Fei-Fei Li's World Labs has secured a \$200 million investment from software design giant Autodesk as part of a larger \$1 billion round from backers, including AMD, Emerson Collective, Fidelity, Nvidia, and others.

Google debuts \$499 Pixel 10a

Google on Wednesday introduced its latest entry-level Pixel smartphone. The \$499 Pixel 10a launches with new AI software capabilities and minor hardware updates. The smartphone is available for preorder now with shipments starting March 5.

Audible's new 'Read & Listen' feature syncs your Kindle e-books with audiobooks

Only days after Spotify announced its foray into physical book sales, which included an audiobook feature that lets you sync your listening and your offline reading progress, Amazon-owned Audible has launched a feature that brings e-books together...

X continues to bet on vertical video with its latest update

X recently introduced a new immersive video player, signaling another major step in its ongoing push into video-focused experiences.

Snapchat+ tops 25M subscribers, driving company's direct revenue ARR to \$1B

Snap's direct revenue business has reached a \$1 billion annualized revenue run rate, the company announced on Wednesday. Annualized revenue refers to a business's current revenue rate projected over a full year.

Google adds music-generation capabilities to the Gemini app

Google announced on Wednesday that it's adding a music-generation feature to the Gemini app. The company is using DeepMind's Lyria 3 music-generation model to power the feature, which is still in beta.

Kana emerges from stealth with \$15M to build flexible AI agents for marketers

Marketing is one of the few operations no industry can afford to ignore, which is why we have a veritable host of AI-powered marketing tools being shoved into marketers' faces today.

This former Microsoft PM thinks she can unseat CyberArk in 18 months

The internet today has a permissions problem. As non-humans — chatbots, AI agents, and automated systems — have proliferated on the web, so has the need to provide them with credentials, permissions, and identities.

Microsoft says Office bug exposed customers' confidential emails to Copilot AI

Microsoft has confirmed that a bug allowed its Copilot AI to summarize customers' confidential emails for weeks without permission.

OpenAI pushes into higher education as India seeks to scale AI skills

OpenAI is expanding its footprint in India and moving into the country's higher-education system through partnerships with leading academic institutions.
