

MORNING BRIEF

Tuesday, 24 February 2026

BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.5 (5/12)

*dhrishtaketushchekitanah kashirajashcha viryavan
purujiit kuntibhojashcha shaibyashcha narapungavah*

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

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

LAW 17: KEEP OTHERS IN SUSPENDED TERROR: CULTIVATE AN AIR OF UNPREDICTABILITY

(17/48)

Humans are creatures of habit with an insatiable need to see familiarity in other people's actions. Your predictability gives them a sense of control. Turn the tables: be deliberately unpredictable.

PAUL GRAHAM — DEFAULT ALIVE OR DEFAULT DEAD (17/97)

Every startup is either default alive (will reach profitability on current trajectory) or default dead (will run out of money). Shockingly many founders don't know which they are. To calculate: given your current revenue growth rate and expense growth rate, do you become profitable before money runs out? If you're default dead, you need to act now — either cut costs or increase revenue. Not later, now.

Know your financial trajectory at all times. If you're default dead, don't comfort yourself with plans that might work — either cut costs or grow revenue immediately. Hope is not a strategy.

paulgraham.com/aord.html

GIFT NIFTY 25,622.00 -100.00 (-0.39%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **-91 pts** (-0.35%)

INDIAN MARKETS

| INDEX | CLOSE | CHANGE | % |
|------------|-----------|---------|--------|
| NIFTY 50 | 25,713.00 | +141.75 | +0.55% |
| Sensex | 83,294.66 | +479.95 | +0.58% |
| Bank NIFTY | 61,264.25 | +92.25 | +0.15% |
| India VIX | 14.17 | -0.19 | -1.34% |

FII / DII Flows

| | NET (CR) |
|-----------|----------|
| FII / FPI | +3,484 |
| DII | -1,292 |

India Market Sentiment: **86** (Extreme Greed) — VIX at 14.2

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

| INDEX | CLOSE | CHANGE | % |
|-------------|-----------|---------|--------|
| S&P 500 | 6,837.75 | -71.76 | -1.04% |
| Nasdaq | 22,627.27 | -258.80 | -1.13% |
| Dow Jones | 48,804.06 | -821.91 | -1.66% |
| S&P Futures | 6,859.25 | -64.00 | -0.92% |
| Nikkei 225 | 57,188.55 | +362.85 | +0.64% |
| Hang Seng | 27,081.91 | +668.56 | +2.53% |

US Fear & Greed: **38** (fear)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

| ASSET | PRICE | CHANGE | % |
|--------------|----------|---------|--------|
| US 10Y Yield | 4.03 | -0.06 | -1.39% |
| Gold | 5,180.00 | +120.70 | +2.39% |
| Silver | 85.65 | +3.37 | +4.09% |
| Crude Oil | 66.18 | -0.21 | -0.32% |
| USD/INR | 90.96 | +0.24 | +0.26% |

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading below prev NIFTY close by 91 pts (-0.35%) — signals a gap-down open.
- NIFTY closed mildly positive at +0.55%.
- India VIX at 14.2 — low fear, complacency territory.
- FII bought 3,484 Cr, DII sold 1,292 Cr — foreign money in, domestic booking profits.
- Wall Street fell (S&P -1.04%) — could weigh on sentiment today.
- S&P futures pointing lower (-0.92%).
- Gold up +2.39% at \$5,180.
- Rupee weakened to 90.96 — watch IT exporters.

CRYPTO

| COIN | PRICE | 24H |
|------|-------------|--------|
| BTC | \$64,422.00 | -1.04% |
| ZEC | \$237.97 | +2.60% |

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

- BTC dipping -1.0% — mild correction territory.
- Fear & Greed at 8 (Extreme Fear) — historically a good accumulation zone.

1. The Age Verification Trap: Verifying age undermines everyone's data protection

Social media is going the way of alcohol, gambling, and other social sins: Societies are deciding it's no longer kid stuff. Lawmakers point to compulsive use, exposure to harmful content, and mounting concerns about adolescent mental health.

1189 pts · 959 comments

2. Ladybird adopts Rust

We've been searching for a memory-safe programming language to replace C++ in Ladybird for a while now. We previously explored Swift, but the C++ interop never quite got there, and platform support outside the Apple ecosystem was limited.

1064 pts · 581 comments

3. Americans are destroying Flock surveillance cameras

Brian Merchant, writing for Blood in the Machine, reports that people across the United States are dismantling and destroying Flock surveillance cameras, amid rising public anger that the license plate readers aid U.S.

571 pts · 385 comments

4. Pope tells priests to use their brains, not AI, to write homilies

526 pts · 416 comments

5. Elsevier shuts down its finance journal citation cartel

Elsevier Shuts Down Its Finance Journal Citation Cartel 12 papers retracted, 7 editor positions removed, and the "open secret" of Elsevier's elite paper mill exposed.

525 pts · 96 comments

6. Binance fired employees who found \$1.7B in crypto was sent to Iran

404 pts · 171 comments

7. Magical Mushroom – Europe's first industrial-scale mycelium packaging producer

INSPIRED BY NATURE. CREATED WITH SCIENCE. We are replacing plastic packaging at industrial scale.

355 pts · 120 comments

8. ASML unveils EUV light source advance that could yield 50% more chips by 2030

255 pts · 66 comments

9. FreeBSD doesn't have Wi-Fi driver for my old MacBook. AI build one for me

FreeBSD doesn't have Wi-Fi driver for my old MacBook. AI build one for me My old 2016 MacBook Pro has been collecting dust in a cabinet for some time now. The laptop suffers from a "flexgate" problem, and I don't have any practical use for it.

230 pts · 183 comments

10. The peculiar case of Japanese web design (2022)

in this 2013 Randomwire blog post, the author (David) highlighted an intriguing discrepancy in Japanese design. While the nation is known abroad for minimalist lifestyles, their websites are oddly maximalist.

223 pts · 101 comments

11. Show HN: PgDog – Scale Postgres without changing the app

PgDog is a proxy for scaling PostgreSQL. It supports connection pooling, load balancing queries and sharding entire databases. Written in Rust, PgDog is fast, secure and can manage thousands of connections on commodity hardware.

186 pts · 44 comments

12. A simple web we own

A simple web we own By R. S. Doiel, 2026-02-21 Tenant and product or co-owner and participant?

180 pts · 121 comments

13. Crawling a billion web pages in just over 24 hours, in 2025

Crawling a billion web pages in just over 24 hours, in 2025 tl;dr: - 1.005 billion web pages - 25.5 hours - \$462 For some reason, nobody's written about what it takes to crawl a big chunk of the web in a while: the last point of reference I saw was...

163 pts · 53 comments

14. AI Added 'Basically Zero' to US Economic Growth Last Year, Goldman Sachs Says

Meta, Amazon, Google, OpenAI, and other tech companies spent billions last year investing in AI. They're expected to spend even more, roughly \$700 billion, this year on dozens of new data centers to train and run their advanced models.

145 pts · 114 comments

15. UNIX99, a UNIX-like OS for the TI-99/4A

136 pts · 47 comments

MARKET NEWS

US Stocks | Wall Street ends sharply lower amid AI displacement fears and revived tariff angst

A broad selloff sent all three major U.S.

Clouded outlook suggests waiting on IDFC First Bank despite sharp correction

In the case of IDFC First Bank, the price-book (P/B) multiple inched up gradually to nearly two over the past three years from around one, aided by improving asset quality.

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

Listen to this article in summarized format STATE OF THE MARKETS - Tech View: India VIX remained elevated, while the index continued to hold above the 200DMA. The daily RSI remained indecisive despite a positive crossover.

Stocks in news: IDFC First Bank, Hindustan Zinc, BPCL, Bharti Airtel, Waaree Energies

Overall, analysts say the ongoing tussle in the index reflects prevailing uncertainty on the global front, while domestic cues remain largely muted.

RBI monitoring IDFC First Bank fraud, sees no systemic risk: Sanjay Malhotra

The bank, which reported the swindle on Sunday, plunged 16.2% on the BSE to end at Rs 70 on Monday. "We are watching the developments.

Gold, silver see biggest surge in 3 weeks

It was the biggest surge in both precious metals in three weeks. In the international market, gold futures on the Comex advanced \$96.61 per troy ounce to \$5177 per ounce. Silver futures rose 5.58% to \$86.93 per ounce.

D-Street up on bank, auto boost amid caution ahead of F&O expiry

The US Supreme Court ruled Trump's tariffs illegal. In response, Trump imposed fresh duties - starting at 10% and then lifting them to 15% - on all countries.

Price targets, ratings of big IT companies cut on 'downside risks'

Jefferies downgraded Infosys, HCL Technologies and Mphasis from "Buy" to "Hold", and TCS, LTIMindtree and Hexaware from "Hold" to "Underperform". It expects these stocks to fall between 2% and 18%.

Bharti Airtel to invest ₹20,000 cr for scaling up newly formed NBFC arm

The telecom operator will contribute 70% of the funds with its promoter group Bharti Enterprises, pooling in the balance amount in the NBFC subsidiary.

Insurance-linked securities on anvil to diversify risks

The IFSCA would soon approach the government for such SPVs, K Rajaraman said on the sidelines of the Global Conference of Actuaries in Mumbai. Under the proposed framework, risk will not be limited to reinsurers alone.

Commercial credit up 15% in a year as rate cuts spur demand

One basis point is a hundredth of a percentage point. Incremental credit growth in the first 10 months of this fiscal year was Rs 34.5 lakh crore, up 35% over the corresponding period, data published by the RBI in its latest monthly bulletin showed.

Haryana CM orders probe, warns of 'stern action' in IDFC 'fraud' case

Sharing the details in Chandigarh, Saini said the state government has directed the Anti-Corruption Bureau and the Vigilance Department to conduct a "comprehensive investigation" into the alleged irregularities.

AU Small Finance Bank begins internal probe after Haryana account fiasco

The bank said it has placed some employees off duty. "The bank's board has been informed and the bank continues its internal review on this matter.

IDFC 'fraud' may singe other private banks too: Low-cost accounts at risk

Analysts said any migration of low-cost current and savings accounts (CASA) from private lenders is likely to benefit large state-sector banks, particularly State Bank of India and Punjab National Bank which are strong in government banking.

IDFC First Bank to get Rs 35 cr relief under employee dishonesty cover

"We have an employee dishonesty policy to the tune of Rs 35 crores, so to that extent the final impact will be considering that insurance," the management told investors in a call.

PNGS Reva IPO: Citigroup, Societe Generale back jeweller in Rs 170 crore anchor round

Among the key global institutions participating in the anchor round were Citigroup Global Markets Mauritius and Société Générale. Other investors included Astor Capital VCC - Arven, Aanjay Ageless AIF Fund and Holani Venture Capital Fund - 1.

US Markets | Domino's shares jump 5% as US sales beat estimates

The pizza chain joined fast-food rivals such as burger giant McDonald's and Taco Bell-parent Yum Brands, which have also launched value meals to attract budget-conscious customers grappling with rising prices on daily essentials, including groceries...

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

Listen to this article in summarized format Meanwhile, the volatility gauge India VIX ended at 14.17, down 1.35% from the last closing.

Precious Metal Prices | FM Sitharaman downplays gold surge as central bank buying spree continues

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European oil and gas stocks hit record high, surpassing 2007 level

At 1450 in London the basket was up 1.5%. Oil and gas names have added 17% year-to-date versus a 6.5% rise for the pan-European STOXX 600 index. Brent rose as high as \$72.44 a barrel on Monday a six month high.

Sebi chief Tuhin Kanta Pandey flags big PMS overhaul, to examine new RBI funding rules

On the PMS norms, Pandey said, "We propose to carry out a comprehensive review... so that the framework remains effective, adaptable, and aligned with evolving market dynamics." The draft regulations will be released for public consultation before...

Market Trading Guide: Tourism Finance and Cummins India are stocks to buy on Tuesday for up to 16% returns. Here's why

India's benchmark indices rallied on Monday after the US Supreme Court on Friday struck down President Donald Trump's sweeping global tariffs.

Nashik civic body announces launch of green bonds to finance Simhastha Kumbh Mela projects

The announcement of the taxable, unsecured, redeemable, non-convertible green municipal bonds in the nature of debentures of face value of Rs 1,000 each was made by mayor Himgauri Aher-Adke, deputy mayor Vilas Shinde and civic commissioner Manisha...

US stock markets today: US stocks decline with tech leading losses as tariff uncertainty weighs

Listen to this article in summarized format The Supreme Court, in a 6-3 ruling on Friday, voided most of the tariffs Trump imposed last year, finding that the emergency law he relied on did not allow the imposition of tariffs.

Nexus Select Trust to pick 50% stake in Runwal Enterprises' upcoming mall in Mumbai for Rs 434 crore

In a regulatory filing on Monday, Nexus Select Trust, a REIT sponsored by Blackstone, said it has entered into a tie-up for an under-construction development.

IPO-bound PNGS Reva Diamond Jewellery to invest Rs 287 cr to open 15 retail stores

Pune-based PNGS Reva Diamond Jewellery Ltd will launch its initial public offering (IPO) on Tuesday to raise Rs 380 crore through the fresh issue of equity shares.

These 7 largecap stocks post over 50% EBITDA growth in December quarter

Quarterly EBITDA growth indicates higher earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization, reflecting improved profitability and operational efficiency.

Market quote of the day by George Soros | "It's not whether you're right or wrong that's important, but how much money you make when you're right and how much you lose when you're wrong."

Listen to this article in summarized format In the world of investing and trading, this insight captures a profound truth that success is not about winning every bet — it's about managing outcomes.

Indian bonds tick higher as US-Iran jitters ease, but hefty debt sales loom

The benchmark 6.48% 2035 bond yield settled at 6.6970%, down from 6.7215% on Friday, snapping a two-day rise. Bond yields move inversely to prices. Geopolitical worries had weighed on sentiment last week after U.S.

IDFC First Bank shares record worst crash since March 2020, end 16% lower

Shares of IDFC First Bank closed at Rs 70.09 apiece on Monday. Earlier during the day, the stock crashed 20% to briefly hit the lower circuit at Rs 66.80 apiece, marking the lowest level since early June last year.

Gainers & Losers: IDFC First Bank, Adani Ports among 6 stocks that were in focus on Monday

Gainers & Losers: IDFC First Bank, Adani Ports among 6 stocks that were in focus on Monday Shivendra Kumar, ETMarkets.com No Monday Blues India's benchmark indices rallied on Monday after the US Supreme Court on Friday struck down President Donald...

Nithin Kamath says these hidden charges in trading can wipe out low brokerage advantage

In a post explaining how DP charges work, Kamath said that every time an investor sells shares, the securities are debited from the demat account and delivered to the clearing corporation for settlement.

US Market | Wall Street futures dip as tariff doubts hit risk appetite

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US Market Today | All eyes on big tech earnings as AI anxiety and tariff turmoil keep investors on edge

The backdrop remains complicated following a U.S. Supreme Court decision that overturned sweeping tariffs introduced under the administration of Donald Trump.

HAL shares decline 5% on Tejas crash reports; company denies incident

The shares of the defence major dropped to an intraday low of Rs 3,976 apiece in today's trade, before recovering some losses.

IDFC First Bank tightens high value transaction controls; forensic findings due in 4-5 weeks

Instead of relying solely on telephonic verification, the bank will trigger an alert on the customer's registered mobile app, requiring them to log in and digitally approve the transaction within a stipulated time window before it is processed.

Carlsberg said to begin \$700 million IPO process for India unit

Listen to this article in summarized format The company has picked Kotak Mahindra Capital Co. and the local units of JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Citigroup Inc.

Rupee rises 7 paise to close at 90.87 against US dollar

However, foreign fund outflows, coupled with geopolitical concerns, capped gains for the local unit, forex traders said.

Gold at ₹5,200, oil at \$70: Here's what happens next with precious metals and crude

Listen to this article in summarized format Gold and silver: Uncertainty is the fuel With gold trading around ₹5,200 and silver near ₹87, precious metals continue their steady climb — and Imran sees no reason for that to change as long as policy...

SBI, Bank Of Baroda among 6 PSU bank stocks that hit 52-week high; rally up to 19% in a month

On Monday, the benchmark Sensex surged nearly 480 points, closing at 83,294. During this rally, six stocks in the BSE PSU Bank index reached their 52-week highs, marking their strongest levels in the past year.

Shree Ram Twistex IPO Day 1: Retail investors subscribe 82%; check GMP and other details

Listen to this article in summarized format In the grey market, the shares are trading at a premium of around 6%, suggesting expectations of moderate listing gains.

Sebi deploying AI to track influencers and insider trading in real time: Tuhin Kanta Pandey

"AI is being increasingly used by us. We are using them on financial influencers and those transgressing the lines of investment advice. It is also being used on certain advertisements to ensure they are under Sebi rules," Pandey said.

Sebi Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey proposes overhaul of PMS regulations

Pandey said that the regulator's approach has been one of "Optimum Regulation," easing unnecessary frictions while strengthening investor protection. Speaking at a PMS conclave, he said that regulation alone cannot build a strong industry.

Global Markets | Germany's DAX leads European shares lower on heightened US trade uncertainty

The pan-European STOXX had capped last week with a record high after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down tariffs that Trump had slapped on global economies last year.

BPTP partners landowner to develop 11 acre housing project in Faridabad

BPTP arm Urban Realtech Pvt Ltd has entered into a joint development arrangement with the landowner for development of a residential group housing project on an approximately 11-acre land parcel in Sector 39, Surajkund, Faridabad.

Global Markets | US Supreme Court decision against Trump's tariffs raises uncertainty, but markets stay calm

The decision announced Friday could potentially disrupt arrangements worked out in trade negotiations since Trump announced sweeping tariffs on dozens of countries in April 2025.

Lodha Developers to invest Rs 1,200 cr on construction in Q4, launch housing projects worth Rs 13K cr

Lodha Developers, which sells properties under the Lodha brand, is one of the leading real estate firms in the country.

One quarter's profit, gone! How IDFC First Bank fell victim to banking's oldest fraud in the age of cyberattacks

Listen to this article in summarized format The trail began on February 18, when the Haryana state government entities asked the bank to close some accounts and transfer funds. What came back was a discrepancy.

12 stocks see FII stake cuts; shares plunge up to 75%. Are you holding any?

Investors often keep a keen eye on FII activity, knowing that foreign institutions typically enter the market only after thorough research.

Indian govt, LIC lose over Rs 1,400 crore in IDFC First Bank market crash

Following the decline, LIC, which holds 20,23,69,591 shares in the bank, saw the value of its investment fall by about Rs 338 crore in a single session.

CRYPTO NEWS

IoTeX offers cross-bridge hackers 10% bounty if they return \$4.4 million within 48 hours

IoTeX offers cross-bridge hackers 10% bounty if they return \$4.4 million within 48 hours Raulen Chai, IoTeX co-founder and CEO, told CoinDesk he would not press charges if the stolen assets or its equivalent is returned within 48 hours.

NEAR Launches Near.com super app, touting AI capabilities and confidential transactions

NEAR Launches Near.com super app, touting AI capabilities and confidential transactions The company is betting that the next big wave in crypto will come from its convergence with AI.

Kraken's co-CEO could trust AI with 100% of his crypto — Dragonfly's Haseeb Qureshi isn't convinced

Kraken's co-CEO could trust AI with 100% of his crypto — Dragonfly's Haseeb Qureshi isn't convinced At NEARCON 2026, Dragonfly's Haseeb Qureshi and Kraken co-CEO Arjun Sethi delivered a sharp debate over how soon those agents can be trusted with...

Crypto suffers deeper declines as AI fears send IBM plunging 11%

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Solana Company starts building high-speed infrastructure to prepare SOL for next 'super cycle'

Solana Company starts building high-speed infrastructure to prepare SOL for next 'super cycle' The initiative targets institutional demand across Asia-Pacific, offering DeFi tools, liquid staking, and execution services designed for traditional...

Mystery Hong Kong investor in BlackRock's bitcoin ETF breaks silence after \$436 million stake sparks controversy

Mystery Hong Kong investor in BlackRock's bitcoin ETF breaks silence after \$436 million stake sparks controversy A spokesperson for Laureore said the \$436 million IBIT stake "reflects personal investment conviction," as records link it to a mainland...

Bitcoin rebound fades as software and private equity rout drags stocks and crypto lower

Bitcoin rebound fades as software and private equity rout drags stocks and crypto lower Crypto has been nearly perfectly correlated with a key software sector ETF, and that gauge has tumbled another 5% Monday to a new 52-week low.

Trump-linked stablecoin wobbles as WLF1 says it's under 'coordinated attack'

Trump-linked stablecoin wobbles as WLF1 says it's under 'coordinated attack' The USD1 token briefly fell to \$0.994, some 0.6% below its \$1 peg, CoinGecko data shows.

Crypto.com wins initial approval for U.S. federally regulated crypto custodian bank

Crypto.com wins initial approval for U.S. federally regulated crypto custodian bank The national trust charter institution would consolidate custody services under a single framework under federal oversight.

Anthony Pompliano led Procap Financial dips toe into buybacks

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Elliptic flags Russia-linked crypto platforms' ongoing sanctions evasion

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CoinDesk 20 performance update: AAVE gains 1.7% while index trades lower over weekend

Share this article CoinDesk 20 performance update: AAVE gains 1.7% while index trades lower over weekend Uniswap (UNI) joined Aave (AAVE) as a top performers, gaining 0.5% from Friday. Updated Feb 23, 2026, 2:23 p.m. Published Feb 23, 2026, 2:20 p.m.

BitMine Immersion added \$98 million of ether last week as losses balloon to more than \$8 billion

BitMine Immersion added \$98 million of ether last week as losses balloon to more than \$8 billion Tom Lee's Ethereum-focused firm continues buying into the crypto market weakness, now 4.42 million ETH tokens, or about 3.66 percent of the total supply.

U.S. Treasury may boost T-Bill issuance as stablecoins eye \$2 trillion market cap: StanChart

U.S.

Pantera leads \$11.5M round in Based, a Hyperliquid-powered crypto app

Pantera leads \$11.5M round in Based, a Hyperliquid-powered crypto app The company said the fresh capital will be used to expand into new markets and build out its onchain financial infrastructure.

Mexican billionaire Ricardo Salinas remains bullish on bitcoin after plunge

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Strategy logs 100th bitcoin purchase announcement, adding 592 coins last week for \$39.8 million

Strategy logs 100th bitcoin purchase announcement, adding 592 coins last week for \$39.8 million Led by Executive Chairman Michael Saylor, the company now holds 717,722 bitcoin, purchased at an average price of \$76,020 per coin, for a total of \$54.56...

Tariff travails resurface, bitcoin holders prepare for declines

Tariff travails resurface, bitcoin holders prepare for declines Your day-ahead look for Feb.

Bitcoin stabilizes after overnight crypto rout, bouncing to \$66,000

Bitcoin stabilizes after overnight crypto rout, bouncing to \$66,000 Bitcoin fell to \$64,270 shortly after midnight UTC before rebounding to \$66,300, as thin liquidity amplified moves tied to U.S. tariff plans and geopolitical tensions.

Pre-market trading stabilizes as bitcoin reclaims \$66,000, Saylor eyes 100th BTC purchase

Pre-market trading stabilizes as bitcoin reclaims \$66,000, Saylor eyes 100th BTC purchase President Trump's proposed tariffs and U.S. tensions with Iran have weighed on broader risk sentiment.

KuCoin told to halt new EU business due to compliance staffing shortfalls

KuCoin told to halt new EU business due to compliance staffing shortfalls Austria's financial regulator said KuCoin EU must appoint an anti-money-laundering officer and deputy officer, as well as a sanctions compliance officer and deputy.

Bitcoin balances on Binance hit highest since November 2024: here's what it means

Bitcoin balances on Binance hit highest since November 2024: here's what it means Users' bitcoin holdings in wallets linked to Binance have climbed to highest since late 2024.

Ethereum's cofounder Vitalik Buterin sells more ether while prices continues to slide

Ethereum's cofounder Vitalik Buterin sells more ether while prices continues to slide The latest sales are part of a broader plan announced in late January to fund ecosystem development and other initiative.

Bitdeer sold all its bitcoin to fund its move into AI data centers

Bitdeer sold all its bitcoin to fund its move into AI data centers Singapore based BTC and AI miner sells all holdings to build liquidity for expansion, signaling a broader shift in capital strategy across the sector.

Circle Internet, crypto miners report earnings: Crypto Week Ahead

You are reading Crypto Week Ahead: a comprehensive list of what's coming up in the world of cryptocurrencies and blockchain in the coming days, as well as the major macroeconomic events that will influence digital asset markets.

TECH & STARTUPS

A Meta AI security researcher said an OpenClaw agent ran amok on her inbox

The now-viral X post from Meta AI security researcher Summer Yue reads, at first, like satire. She told her OpenClaw AI agent to check her overstuffed email inbox and suggest what to delete or archive. The agent proceeded to run amok.

Tesla's battle with the California Department of Motor Vehicles isn't over after all

Tesla has filed a lawsuit against the California Department of Motor Vehicles in an attempt to overturn an agency ruling.

With AI, investor loyalty is (almost) dead: At least a dozen OpenAI VCs now also back Anthropic

With OpenAI on the verge of finalizing a new \$100 billion round, and Anthropic just closing its own monster \$30 billion raise, one thing is clear: The concept of investor "loyalty" is only hanging on by a thread.

Ex-Apple team launches Acme Weather, a new take on weather forecasting

The creators of Dark Sky, who sold their popular weather app to Apple in March 2020, are back with a new take on weather forecasting.

Anthropic accuses Chinese AI labs of mining Claude as US debates AI chip exports

Anthropic is accusing three Chinese AI companies of setting up more than 24,000 fake accounts with its Claude AI model to improve their own models.

Uber wants to be a Swiss Army Knife for robotaxis

Uber has a pitch for autonomous vehicle makers: we got this.

Google's Cloud AI leads on the three frontiers of model capability

As a product VP at Google Cloud, Michael Gerstenhaber works mostly on Vertex AI, the company's unified platform for deploying enterprise AI.

Americans are destroying Flock surveillance cameras

Brian Merchant, writing for Blood in the Machine, reports that people across the United States are dismantling and destroying Flock surveillance cameras, amid rising public anger that the license plate readers aid U.S.

OpenAI calls in the consultants for its enterprise push

OpenAI is beefing up partnerships with four major consulting giants as the AI company looks to grow its enterprise business in 2026.

Guide Labs debuts a new kind of interpretable LLM

The challenge of wrangling a deep learning model is often understanding why it does what it does: Whether it's xAI's repeated struggle sessions to fine-tune Grok's odd politics, ChatGPT's struggles with sycophancy, or run-of-the-mill hallucinations...

Particle's AI news app listens to podcasts for interesting clips so you you don't have to

An AI news app called Particle, from former Twitter engineers, can now keep up with news breaking on podcasts as well as news published on the web.

Spotify rolls out AI-powered Prompted Playlists to the UK and other markets

After initially testing its AI-powered "Prompted Playlist" feature in New Zealand and recently launching in the U.S.

Finnish quantum unicorn IQM set to go public

Finnish unicorn IQM today announced plans to go public via a special purpose acquisition company (SPAC), valuing the company at approximately \$1.8 billion. The move will see IQM join the growing cohort of quantum computing companies listed on U.S.

VPN flaws allowed Chinese hackers to compromise dozens of Ivanti customers, says report

In February 2021, software giant Ivanti discovered that Chinese hackers had breached the network of Pulse Secure, one of its subsidiaries that provided VPN appliances to dozens of companies and government agencies around the world, according to new...

5 days left to lock in the lowest TechCrunch Disrupt 2026 ticket rates

We are officially down to the final 5 days to save up to \$680 on your TechCrunch Disrupt 2026 ticket. These lowest rates of the year disappear on February 27 at 11:59 p.m. PT.

How AI agents could destroy the economy

On Sunday, an analyst group called Citrini Research published a remarkable piece illustrating how agentic AI could bring on mass economic destruction over the next two years.

Defense Secretary summons Anthropic's Amodoi over military use of Claude

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth is calling in Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei to the Pentagon on Tuesday morning to discuss the military use of Claude, according to reporting from Axios.

Wispr Flow launches an Android app for AI-powered dictation

AI-powered dictation startup Wispr Flow has launched its Android app today. The company released its app for Mac and Windows first, then launched on iOS in June 2025. On iOS, users could use Wispr Flow through a dedicated keyboard.

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