

# MORNING BRIEF

Wednesday, 25 February 2026

## BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.6 (6/12)

*yudhamanyushcha vikranta uttamaujashcha viryavan  
saubhadro draupadeyashcha sarva eva maharathah*

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

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

## LAW 18: DO NOT BUILD FORTRESSES TO PROTECT YOURSELF - ISOLATION IS DANGEROUS

(18/48)

Isolation exposes you to more dangers than it protects you from. Better to circulate among people, find allies, mingle. You are shielded from your enemies by the crowd.

## PAUL GRAHAM — RELENTLESSLY RESOURCEFUL (18/97)

If you had to describe the ideal startup founder in two words, it would be 'relentlessly resourceful.' Not merely determined (that's just banging your head against the wall) and not merely clever (that's just sitting around thinking). The combination is key: when one approach fails, immediately find another way. The opposite is 'hapless' — someone who passively lets circumstances dictate outcomes.

When blocked, don't give up and don't keep banging against the same wall — find a creative alternative path. Relentless resourcefulness means combining persistence with adaptability. It's the single most important trait for anyone building something new.

[paulgraham.com/relres.html](http://paulgraham.com/relres.html)

**GIFT NIFTY 25,669.00** +65.50 (+0.26%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **+244 pts** (+0.96%)

## INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	25,424.65	-288.35	-1.12%
Sensex	82,225.92	-1,068.73	-1.28%
Bank NIFTY	61,047.30	-216.95	-0.35%
India VIX	14.15	-0.02	-0.14%

## FII / DII Flows

NET (CR)

FII / FPI	-103
DII	+3,161

India Market Sentiment: **86** (Extreme Greed) — VIX at 14.1

## US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	6,890.07	+52.32	+0.77%
Nasdaq	22,863.68	+236.41	+1.04%
Dow Jones	49,174.50	+370.44	+0.76%
S&P Futures	6,912.50	+61.00	+0.89%
Nikkei 225	57,973.60	+1,147.90	+2.02%
Hang Seng	26,590.32	-491.59	-1.82%

US Fear & Greed: **43** (fear)

## COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.03	+0.00	+0.10%
Gold	5,200.70	-4.00	-0.08%
Silver	88.24	+1.71	+1.98%
Crude Oil	66.18	-0.13	-0.20%
USD/INR	90.90	-0.12	-0.13%

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 244 pts (+0.96%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY dropped -1.12% — heavy selling.
- India VIX at 14.1 — low fear, complacency territory.
- FII sold 103 Cr, DII bought 3,161 Cr — domestic absorbing foreign outflows.
- Wall Street closed strong (S&P +0.77%) — positive cue for Asian markets.
- S&P futures pointing higher (+0.89%).

## CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$66,139.00	+2.67%
ZEC	\$248.27	+4.34%

Fear & Greed Index: **11** (Extreme Fear)

- BTC grinding up +2.7% — healthy trend continuation.
- Fear & Greed at 11 (Extreme Fear) — historically a good accumulation zone.

## HACKER NEWS

### 1. IDF killed Gaza aid workers at point blank range in 2025 massacre: Report

Israeli Soldiers Killed Gaza Aid Workers at Point Blank Range in 2025 Massacre: Report A minute-by-minute reconstruction of the massacre by Earshot and Forensic Architecture found Israeli soldiers fired over 900 bullets at the aid workers, killing...

1267 pts · 497 comments

## 2. I'm helping my dog vibe code games

For the past few weeks I've been teaching my 9-pound cavapoo Momo (cavalier king charles spaniel and toy poodle) to vibe code games.

597 pts · 179 comments

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## 3. OpenAI, the US government and Persona built an identity surveillance machine

the watchers: how openai, the US government, and persona built an identity surveillance machine that files reports on you to the feds ADDENDUM — february 18, 2026 we are in direct written correspondence with persona's CEO, rick song.

435 pts · 141 comments

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## 4. Discord cuts ties with identity verification software, Persona

Communication platform Discord is under fire after its identity verification software, Persona Identities, was found to have front-end code accessible on the open internet and on government servers.

405 pts · 300 comments

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## 5. I pitched a roller coaster to Disneyland at age 10 in 1978

In 1978, for my 10th birthday, I went to Disneyland and got to ride a new roller coaster called Space Mountain. It figuratively and literally took my breath away.

388 pts · 151 comments

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## 6. How we rebuilt Next.js with AI in one week

\*This post was updated at 12:35 pm PT to fix a typo in the build time benchmarks. Last week, one engineer and an AI model rebuilt the most popular front-end framework from scratch.

359 pts · 119 comments

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## 7. Open Letter to Google on Mandatory Developer Registration for App Distribution

Date: February 24, 2026 To: Sundar Pichai, Chief Executive Officer, Google To: Sergey Brin, Founder and Board Member, Google To: Larry Page, Founder and Board Member, Google To: Vijaya Kaza, General Manager for App & Ecosystem Trust, Google CC...

359 pts · 311 comments

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## 8. Goodbye InnerHTML, Hello SetHTML: Stronger XSS Protection in Firefox 148

Cross-site scripting (XSS) remains one of the most prevalent vulnerabilities on the web. The new standardized Sanitizer API provides a straightforward way for web developers to sanitize untrusted HTML before inserting it into the DOM.

327 pts · 149 comments

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## 9. Mac mini will be made at a new facility in Houston

PRESS RELEASE February 24, 2026 Apple accelerates U.S.

320 pts · 322 comments

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## 10. Nearby Glasses

attempting to detect smart glasses nearby and warn you. HARASSING someone because you think they are wearing a covert surveillance device can be a criminal offence. It may even be a more serious offence than using such a device.

233 pts · 89 comments

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## 11. Osaka: Kansai Airport proud to have never lost single piece of luggage (2024)

Osaka: Kansai Airport Proud to Have Never Lost Single Piece of Luggage;'World's Best Airport for Baggage Delivery' 10:40 JST, December 28, 2024 IZUMI-SANO, Osaka — Kansai Airport is proud to have never had a lost baggage incident in the 30 years...

200 pts · 90 comments

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## 12. Show HN: enveil – hide your .env secrets from prAIing eyes

Hide .env secrets from prAIing eyes. AI coding tools like Claude Code, Copilot, Cursor, and others can read files in your project directory, which means a plaintext .env file is an accidental secret dump waiting to happen. This isn't theoretical.

189 pts · 119 comments

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### **13. IRS Tactics Against Meta Open a New Front in the Corporate Tax Fight**

181 pts · 196 comments

### **14. Hacking an old Kindle to display bus arrival times**

165 pts · 39 comments

### **15. Steel Bank Common Lisp**

Steel Bank Common Lisp (SBCL) is a high performance Common Lisp compiler. It is open source / free software, with a permissive license.

151 pts · 50 comments

## **MARKET NEWS**

### **Global Market Today: Asian stocks rise after tech-led rebound in US**

Shares opened higher in Japan, South Korea and Australia, helping the MSCI Asia Pacific Index extend its advance to a third day.

### **Markets tumble with IT shares hit by renewed anxiety over AI impact**

The NSE Nifty fell 288.35 points, or 1.1%, to close at 25,424.65. The BSE Sensex fell 1,068.74 points, or 1.3%, to end at 82,225.92.

### **Flexible workspace sector sees steady growth on multi-city deals, rising demand**

Across companies, a structural shift can be seen. Large corporations and global capability centers (GCCs) are moving away from conventional office leases towards plug-and-play, multi-city flexible workplaces formats.

### **Can Omnitech IPO deliver long-term growth for investors?**

Business Incorporated in 2006, Omnitech caters to customers across sectors such as energy, motion control and automation, industrial equipment systems, metal forming and others.

### **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: The India VIX has remained elevated, which may keep investors on edge. However, as long as 25300 is not broken decisively, a meaningful bounce could happen.

### **Stocks in news: IRFC, Voltas, IDFC First Bank, Alembic Pharma, Lupin**

Listen to this article in summarized format In today's trade, shares of IRFC, Voltas, IDFC First Bank, Alembic Pharma, Lupin among others will be in focus due to various news developments.

### **Govt to divest up to 4% in IRFC via OFS at Rs 104/ Share**

The OFS opens for non-retail investors on Wednesday, with retail bidding on Thursday.

### **Little respite for rupee, RBI prevents 91 breach**

A stronger dollar index and a rise in crude oil prices added pressure on the rupee. The dollar index was at 98 on Tuesday, from 97.5 the previous day. Brent crude oil prices stood at \$71.4 per barrel, from \$69 per barrel last week.

### **IDFC First Bank pays Rs 583 crore to Haryana government**

"Even though the investigation in the matter is ongoing, we have paid out 100% of the principal and interest to the relevant departments of the Haryana government as claimed," the bank said in a stock exchange disclosure.

### **Mainboard transition proves challenging as SMEs face stricter norms**

But, for many of them, the upgrade remains elusive. Prime Database's data on companies that have moved from the SME platform to the mainboard in the past decade shows this migration has slowed down in the past five years.

### **US Stock Market | Citrini founder shocked his AI prediction spurred stocks selloff**

Listen to this article in summarized format The 33-year-old founder of Citrini Research published his dystopian scenario for an artificial intelligence future on his firm's Substack on Sunday.

## **BookMyForex suffers a major data breach; thousands defrauded**

Many affected customers were unable to access the platform to lock their forex cards, worsening the situation, according to social media posts. Several of them said they noticed unauthorised transactions in US dollars and Brazilian real.

## **Standard Chartered India posts 15% rise in profit before tax in 2025**

India improved one spot to occupy the number four position in terms of profit contribution in 2025 mainly because profit from China dropped 24% to \$376 million from \$493 million in 2024.

## **Banks' liquidity buffers shrink as deposits lag credit growth**

The sharpest decline was seen at State Bank of India, where credit expanded by 15% in Q3FY26, while deposits grew a more modest 9%.

## **US software stocks climb as Anthropic announcement sparks relief rally**

Anthropic said it was developing new tools, the so-called "plug-ins", with its partners that could help with investment banking, wealth management and HR tasks, including deal reviews, portfolio analysis and making new-hire materials reflect a...

## **Copper hits highest price in more than a week as China returns from holiday**

Benchmark three-month copper on the London Metal Exchange had gained 2.2% to \$13,155 a metric ton by 1525 GMT after touching its highest price since February 12 at \$13,196.

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

Meanwhile, the volatility gauge India VIX ended at 14.15, down 0.12% from the last closing.

## **Indian economy now more resilient to shocks, says RBI deputy governor Poonam Gupta**

She said that India is experiencing a "virtuous cycle of accelerated growth and macroeconomic stability".

## **US Stocks: Fed's Cook says AI triggering big changes, sees possible short-term unemployment rise**

Listen to this article in summarized format "We appear to be approaching the most significant reorganization of work in generations," Cook said in remarks prepared for delivery at a National Association for Business Economics conference, pointing to...

## **US Stocks: Anthropic touts new AI tools weeks after legal plug-in spurred market rout**

The San Francisco-based startup said its plug-ins could now help with investment banking tasks like reviewing deals, wealth-management tasks such as portfolio analysis and human resource-related tasks such as making new-hire materials reflect a...

## **Govt to divest up to 4% stake in IRFC via OFS starting Wednesday, sets floor price at Rs 104 per share**

Listen to this article in summarized format The government has offered to divest 2% equity in IRFC with an additional 2% as green shoe option.

## **Market Trading Guide: Buy PNB and Sell OFSS on Wednesday. HDFC Securities explains why**

Commenting on the current trends, Rupak De, Senior Technical Analyst at LKP Securities said Nifty declined toward its 200DMA, where it found initial support and it is likely to remain within the 25,300–25,750 band, going ahead.

## **US stock markets today: US stocks rise after Anthropic announces new AI tools; tariff worries persist**

Listen to this article in summarized format Artificial intelligence lab Anthropic announced 10 new ways for business customers to plug in its technology to key areas of their work, weeks after its earlier releases stoked a selloff of traditional...

## **Schaeffler India announces Rs 35/share dividend. Check payment date, dividend yield**

The dividend was announced after market hours today along with the company's Q4 (October-December) earnings.

## **US Stocks: US SEC to give probe targets more notice, rolls out other changes**

Listen to this article in summarized format The SEC's process for notifying and communicating with targets of investigations is among the key changes to the SEC's new manual.

## **Standard Chartered India profit up on lower expenses, provisions in 2025**

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### **Vivriti promoter increases stake as co rejigs business to increase focus on fee income**

Listen to this article in summarized format The fund infusion has boosted Sukumar's stake to 11.5% from less than 7%.

### **US Stocks: Fed's Goolsbee says rate cuts appropriate if inflation falls, but too soon to bet on productivity**

Indeed inflation is running about a percentage point above the Fed's target with little progress over the past year.

### **AMD shares surge 9% on \$60 billion GPU deal with Meta**

Listen to this article in summarized format Meta is partnering with AMD to rapidly scale AI infrastructure and accelerate the development and deployment of cutting-edge AI models, a company release said, adding that both the companies have agreed to...

### **US Stocks Today | US stock futures steady after Monday's battering; tariffs, AI concerns dominate**

All three main indexes dropped more than 1% on Monday, with financials and software stocks among the worst hit as the fallout from Friday's U.S. Supreme Court ruling on Trump's tariffs prompted investors to flee high-risk equities.

### **Gainers & Losers: LTIM, TAC Infosec among 7 big movers on Tuesday**

Feb 24, 2026 Indian benchmark indices ended sharply lower on Tuesday dragged by a steep fall in IT, auto and bank stocks. Today's slide wiped out Rs 2.85 lakh crore of investor wealth.

### **Market quote of the day by Jeff Bezos | "Given a ten percent chance of a 100 times payoff, you should take that bet every time."**

The Power of Asymmetric Bets The idea that big rewards often require bold bets sits at the heart of modern entrepreneurship.

### **Canara Bank plans to raise Rs 5, 000 crore via bonds. Check details**

Listen to this article in summarized format The sale of Basel III-compliant tier 2 bonds is scheduled on February 26, the bank said Tuesday.

### **US Stocks: Citigroup's hedge fund clients sold US dollar around Supreme Court tariff ruling**

"Citi's hedge fund clients were net USD (dollar) sellers around and after the tariff ruling," Kristjan Kasikov, global head of Citi FX Quant Investor Solutions, said in the note, adding the Australian dollar was the most bought currency among major...

### **India bonds rise as robust demand for state debt energises bulls**

The benchmark 6.48% 2035 bond yield ended at 6.6812%, modestly lower on the day, building on a 2 basis points drop in the previous session in which it closed at 6.6970%. Bond yields move inversely to prices.

### **Realty player Srijan forays into organised fashion retail; to invest Rs 500cr in 3-4 yrs**

Launching 'Srijan Style', the group stated that it has committed an initial investment of over Rs 500 crore over the next 3-4 years.

### **Tata Investment shares slips 3% as Tata Sons chief's reappointment talks deferred**

The stock closed at Rs 668 apiece, extending its losses for the second straight session. As per the company's shareholding pattern as of December 31, Tata Sons held a 68.51% stake in Tata Investment Corporation.

### **Institutions trim stakes in 9 midcap stocks in Q3. Are you still holding?**

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

### **Mutual Funds bet big on 9 microcaps stocks held over 4 quarters; 2 turn multibaggers**

Over the past four quarters, mutual funds (MFs) have steadily increased their stakes in nearly 39 companies from the Nifty Microcap 250 index, taking December 2024 as the base period.

### **Natco Pharma, Eris Lifesciences shares jump up to 6% on partnership for Semaglutide launch in India**

Natco Pharma shares jumped more than 6% to Rs 947.5 apiece, the highest level seen by the stock since January 8 this year. Eris Lifesciences shares meanwhile gained nearly 4% to Rs 1,402.50 apiece, extending gains for the third consecutive session.

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### **Eternal tumbles 6% as sell-off deepens; stock among biggest Sensex drags**

Listen to this article in summarized format Investors were on a severe selling spree as nearly 6.5 crore shares changed hands on the NSE around 3 pm.

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### **Will AI eat software or is it the other way round? HSBC has a fresh take on the debate**

Listen to this article in summarized format Arguing that AI encompasses the creative analysis and production of intelligent data, and that data is passed to the software stack to be processed, stored, checked, formatted, presented, or actioned in a...

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### **Rupee slips on stock slump, NDF maturities; RBI intervention tempers hit**

The rupee settled at 90.95 per dollar, down 0.1% on the day, hovering around its weakest level since early February. The dollar index was a tad higher while the Chinese yuan hit the strongest level in nearly three years as traders bet the U.S.

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### **Beyond Dalal Street | Metals to mining stocks: the global trade Indian investors can finally access.**

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### **IDFC First Bank shares rise 3% after Haryana CM says Rs 556 crore returned to govt; what lies ahead?**

The shares of the lender rose to Rs 72.24 apiece on Tuesday afternoon, before erasing all gains.

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### **Sify Infinit is said to seek \$4.2 billion valuation in India IPO**

The unit of Nasdaq-listed Sify Technologies Ltd. has begun investor meetings to raise 37 billion rupees (\$407 million) through a share sale in mid-March, the people said, asking not to be identified because the information is private.

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### **Nifty IT's 21% February crash is worst since the 2008 global financial crisis. More pain or perfect time to buy?**

Listen to this article in summarized format Concerns escalated after AI startup Anthropic said its Claude tool can help streamline COBOL code, raising fears of disruption to long-standing revenue streams for technology companies.

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### **Commodity Radar: Zinc under consolidation after 22% surge over a year. Time to buy or book profits?**

Decoding the recent consolidation in zinc prices, Ajit Mishra, Senior Vice President - Research at Religare Broking, said the short-term consumption prospects have reduced following closure of Chinese markets on account of the Lunar New year...

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### **Lodha, Godrej Properties, other realty stocks slide up to 5% as IT rout sparks fears over housing demand**

Listen to this article in summarized format The Nifty Realty index fell 3% today to hit the day's low of 819.15 with all 10 stocks trading in the red. The worst fall was recorded in Prestige Estates Projects, which was down 5% around 2 pm.

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### **Adani Properties to Tata Electronics: Top 10 unlisted gems that are showing IPO readiness with up to 1,652% revenue growth**

None of the companies on the list have filed draft IPO papers or publicly disclosed listing plans.

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## **CRYPTO NEWS**

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### **Crypto wallets for AI agents are creating a new legal frontier, says Electric Capital**

Crypto wallets for AI agents are creating a new legal frontier, says Electric Capital As AI agents grow more autonomous, developers are already giving them crypto wallets, allowing software to hold assets, pay for services, trade tokens and even...

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### **Payments giant Stripe reportedly mulling PayPal acquisition. Here is what it means for crypto**

Payments giant Stripe reportedly mulling PayPal acquisition. Here is what it means for crypto Bloomberg reported that Stripe — which has growing stablecoin and blockchain ambitions — is exploring a deal for the embattled fintech.

## **Bitwise's Hunter Horsley says AI Is 'unstoppable freight train' for crypto, while Haun's Monica urges caution**

Bitwise's Hunter Horsley says AI Is 'unstoppable freight train' for crypto, while Haun's Monica urges caution As artificial intelligence races ahead, some crypto executives believe it could become the force that finally pushes blockchain...

## **Crypto isn't losing to AI, its just 'capitalism doing its job,' says Dragonfly**

Crypto isn't losing to AI, its just 'capitalism doing its job,' says Dragonfly Comparisons between AI's explosive consumer adoption and crypto's trajectory misunderstand the nature of the products, Dragonfly's Haseeb Qureshi told CoinDesk in an...

## **Crypto's biggest exchange fights back against allegations of moving billions of Iran-linked money**

Crypto's biggest exchange fights back against allegations of moving billions of Iran-linked money The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times and Fortune all reported that investigators had been let go after identifying sanctions-violating...

## **Millions in crypto funded tools to exploit U.S. software, Treasury says in new sanctions**

Millions in crypto funded tools to exploit U.S. software, Treasury says in new sanctions An Australian national was said to sell cyber tools designed for the U.S. government and its allies to a Russian company known as Operation Zero.

## **Fed proposes rule to deal with crypto debanking by scrapping 'reputation risk'**

Fed proposes rule to deal with crypto debanking by scrapping 'reputation risk' The proposal would cut the risk factor from Fed oversight and bar supervisors from pushing banks to cut off disfavored businesses, including in crypto.

## **Prediction market firms could be making \$10 billion in yearly revenue by 2030, Citizens Bank says**

Prediction market firms could be making \$10 billion in yearly revenue by 2030, Citizens Bank says The bank said rising volumes, tighter market structure and early institutional engagement are pushing prediction markets beyond their gambling roots...

## **Bitcoin retakes \$64,000, crypto miners rally, as AI-related software rout eases**

Bitcoin retakes \$64,000, crypto miners rally, as AI-related software rout eases Sellers are taking a breather as bitcoin's Fear & Greed Index plunged to levels never seen before.

## **Stripe's Bridge sees stablecoin volume quadruple as utility insulates from 'crypto winter'**

Stripe's Bridge sees stablecoin volume quadruple as utility insulates from 'crypto winter' The payments giant says Bridge, its stablecoin arm, saw its transaction volume sky-rocket through last year as stablecoin adoption is decoupling from crypto...

## **Kraken rolls out crypto-style, 24/7 perpetuals trading for tokenized U.S. stocks**

Kraken rolls out crypto-style, 24/7 perpetuals trading for tokenized U.S. stocks The crypto exchange is bringing U.S. stocks closer to the crypto world, letting users trade derivatives of tokenized stocks around-the-clock and with 20x leverage.

## **Adam Back's BSTR moving forward with public listing plans, hopes for April approval**

Adam Back's BSTR moving forward with public listing plans, hopes for April approval Back remains optimistic despite the brutal price action in bitcoin and BTC treasury companies.

## **Wall Street's big blockchain win: SEC gives WisdomTree the green light for instant, around-the-clock trading**

Wall Street's big blockchain win: SEC gives WisdomTree the green light for instant, around-the-clock trading The move adds momentum to the \$10 billion large tokenized Treasury market led by BlackRock, Circle and others.

## **Bitcoin's U.S. demand signal turns negative for a record 40 days**

Bitcoin's U.S. demand signal turns negative for a record 40 days The indicator last printed positive on Jan. 15.

## **Mark Zuckerberg's Meta is planning stablecoin comeback in the second half of this year**

Mark Zuckerberg's Meta is planning stablecoin comeback in the second half of this year The Facebook owner's stablecoin integration involves a third party vendor to help administer stablecoin-based payments and a new wallet to be implemented, sources...

## **Binance brings back tokenized stocks trading with Ondo Finance deal**

Binance brings back tokenized stocks trading with Ondo Finance deal The world's largest crypto exchange has listed a batch of tokenized U.S. equities issued by Ondo Finance on its Binance Alpha platform, reviving stock trading push.

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### **CoinDesk 20 performance update: index falls 2% as nearly all constituents decline**

Share this article CoinDesk 20 performance update: index falls 2% as nearly all constituents decline Internet Computer (ICP), up 1.2%, was the only gainer from Monday. Feb 24, 2026, 2:18 p.m.

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### **Coinbase adds stock, ETF trading as it expands beyond crypto**

Coinbase adds stock, ETF trading as it expands beyond crypto The move pits Coinbase against Robinhood as it pushes to become an "everything exchange." What to know: - Coinbase introduced stock and ETF trading for all U.S.

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### **Your AI is getting a bank account: MoonPay just gave bots the power to spend money**

Your AI is getting a bank account: MoonPay just gave bots the power to spend money MoonPay Agents is a non-custodial, permissionless financial infrastructure for AI agents that move money.

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### **'If you're not accumulating bitcoin at this stage, then when,' asks prominent analyst**

'If you're not accumulating bitcoin at this stage, then when,' asks prominent analyst Time, not price, is probably going to be more frustrating for bulls from here, wrote James Check, but bitcoin has been mostly de-risked at this point.

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### **Cipher Digital shares rise 6% as the firm rebrands from bitcoin mining to HPC, earnings miss**

Cipher Digital shares rise 6% as the firm rebrands from bitcoin mining to HPC, earnings miss The company's earnings came in below estimates as the miner leans into large scale data center buildout.

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### **Canton advances cross-border repo to free up \$300 trillion assets via tokenization**

Canton advances cross-border repo to free up \$300 trillion assets via tokenization A group of global financial firms tokenized a repo transaction with U.K. government bonds for the first time.

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### **Over 400,000 BTC bought between \$60k and \$70k during bitcoin's latest downturn**

Over 400,000 BTC bought between \$60k and \$70k during bitcoin's latest downturn Glassnode data shows a 43% surge in supply clustered in the \$60K to \$70K range following bitcoin's 50% decline from its October all time high.

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### **Bitcoin teeters near \$63,000 as pippin's rally shows froth remains**

Bitcoin teeters near \$63,000 as pippin's rally shows froth remains Your day-ahead look for Feb.

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### **The ghost of the iPhone: Why Michael Saylor thinks bitcoin is mirroring Apple's legendary 'valley of despair'**

The ghost of the iPhone: Why Michael Saylor thinks bitcoin is mirroring Apple's legendary 'valley of despair' Michael Saylor compared bitcoin's 45% drawdown to Apple's 2013 slump, arguing that enduring deep corrections is part of every successful...

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## **TECH & STARTUPS**

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### **Nvidia challenger AI chip startup MatX raised \$500M**

MatX, a chip startup founded by two former Google hardware engineers, has raised a \$500 million Series B led by Jane Street and Situational Awareness, an investment fund formed by former OpenAI researcher Leopold Aschenbrenner.

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### **Self-driving tech startup Wayve raises \$1.2B from Nvidia, Uber, and three automakers**

Wayve's self-driving tech has attracted a diverse set of investors in the company's latest \$1.2 billion funding round, including three automakers, top venture and institutional firms, and returning backers Microsoft, Nvidia, and Uber.

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### **Spanish 'soonicorn' Multiverse Computing releases free compressed AI model**

Large language models have a problem: they are large.

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### **Apple rolls out age-verification tools worldwide to comply with growing web of child safety laws**

Apple is launching new tools to comply with the growing number of age-verification laws both in the U.S. and abroad.

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## **Uber engineers built an AI version of their boss**

Consumers probably think of Uber as a ride-hailing and food delivery company.

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## **Stripe is reportedly eyeing deal to buy some or all of PayPal**

Stripe is considering a deal to buy some or all of PayPal Holdings, sources told Bloomberg, though talks are still in their very early stages and the deal may not happen.

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## **Former L3Harris Trenchant boss jailed for selling hacking tools to Russian broker**

Peter Williams, a former U.S. defense contractor boss, was sentenced on Tuesday to seven years in prison for stealing and selling his former company's hacking and surveillance tools to a Russian firm.

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## **Google's new 1.9GW clean energy deal includes massive 100-hour battery**

Google announced Tuesday that it will build a data center in Minnesota that's backed by 1.9 gigawatts of clean power, including a massive 300-megawatt battery made by startup Form Energy.

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## **CarGurus data breach affects 12.5 million accounts**

Automotive marketplace CarGurus was the target of a data breach in which the names, email addresses, phone numbers, and physical addresses of millions of customers were stolen.

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## **Anthropic won't budge as Pentagon escalates AI dispute**

Anthropic has until Friday evening to either give the U.S. military unrestricted access to its AI model or face the consequences, reports Axios.

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## **Discord delays global rollout of age verification after backlash**

Discord no longer plans to roll out age verification globally in March and is delaying the launch until the second half of 2026, the company announced Tuesday.

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## **Instagram head pressed on lengthy delay to launch teen safety features, like a nudity filter, court filing reveals**

Prosecutors in a lawsuit focused on whether or not social media apps, like Instagram, are addictive and harmful, wanted to know why it took so long for Meta to roll out basic safety tools, like a nudity filter for private messages sent to teens.

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## **More startups are hitting \$10M ARR in 3 months than ever before**

AI has brought the startup world the rise of a new phenomenon: startups that almost instantly hit multimillion-dollar ARR (annual recurring revenue).

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## **Instagram's TV app is launching on Google TV devices**

Instagram is expanding its Instagram for TV app to Google TV devices in the U.S., two months after its debut on Amazon Fire TV in December.

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## **Treasury sanctions Russian zero-day broker accused of buying exploits stolen from US defense contractor**

The U.S. government announced on Tuesday sanctions against two companies that acquire and resell zero-day exploits, as well as sanctioning their founders and their associates. Officials with the U.S.

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## **Google adds a way to create automated workflows to Opal**

Google on Tuesday announced it's adding a new way to create automated workflows to its vibe-coding app Opal.

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## **Spotify and Liquid Death release a limited-edition speaker shaped like ... an urn?**

Spotify and Liquid Death have teamed up to launch what might be the wildest product collaboration of the year: the Eternal Playlist Urn, a wireless Bluetooth speaker shaped like a cremation urn. Yes, you read that right.

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## **Twitch is overhauling its suspensions policy**

Twitch announced on Tuesday that it's revamping its suspensions policy to shift away from its previous all-or-nothing penalty system.

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## **OpenAI COO says 'we have not yet really seen AI penetrate enterprise business processes'**

Earlier this month, OpenAI launched a new platform called OpenAI Frontier for enterprises to build and manage agents, but OpenAI COO Brad Lightcap said that businesses haven't yet seen AI adoption at scale.

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## **Stripe's valuation soars 74% to \$159 billion**

Another year, another Stripe tender offer where investors buy shares from employees that values the company at an enormous step up. On Tuesday, Stripe announced that this latest secondary transaction now values the company at \$159 billion.

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