

# MORNING BRIEF

Tuesday, 03 March 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 24: PLAY THE PERFECT COURTIER (24/48)

The perfect courtier thrives in a world where everything revolves around power and political dexterity. He masters the art of indirection; he flatters, yields to superiors, and asserts power over others in the most oblique and graceful manner.

## PAUL GRAHAM — THE LESSON TO UNLEARN (24/97)

The most damaging thing you learn in school is to treat life as a test where the goal is guessing what the authority figure wants. In school, this strategy works — you learn to 'hack the test.' But in real life, there is no test. Success comes from exploring open-ended problems and creating genuine value, not from gaming evaluation criteria. The transition from school-thinking to real-world-thinking is the most important intellectual shift you can make.

Stop looking for the 'right answer' and start exploring open-ended problems. Real-world success comes from curiosity-driven exploration, not from gaming evaluation criteria. Unlearn the instinct to ask 'what does the teacher want?' and start asking 'what's actually true and useful?'

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

**GIFT NIFTY 24,910.50** -82.00 (-0.33%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **+45 pts** (+0.18%)

## INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	24,865.70	-312.95	-1.24%
Sensex	80,238.85	-1,048.34	-1.29%
Bank NIFTY	59,839.65	-689.35	-1.14%
India VIX	17.13	+3.43	+25.04%

## FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	-3,296
DII	+8,594

India Market Mood: **45** (Neutral)

## US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	6,881.62	+2.74	+0.04%
Nasdaq	22,748.86	+80.65	+0.36%
Dow Jones	48,904.78	-73.14	-0.15%
S&P Futures	6,871.50	-17.50	-0.25%
Nikkei 225	57,465.80	-1,384.47	-2.35%
Hang Seng	26,059.85	-570.69	-2.14%

US Fear & Greed: **42** (fear)

## COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.05	+0.09	+2.17%
Gold	5,386.00	+155.50	+2.97%
Silver	90.75	-1.93	-2.08%
Crude Oil	71.86	+4.84	+7.22%
USD/INR	91.58	+0.50	+0.55%

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 45 pts (+0.18%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY dropped -1.24% — heavy selling.
- India VIX at 17.1 — moderate zone.
- FII sold 3,296 Cr, DII bought 8,594 Cr — domestic absorbing foreign outflows.
- Gold up +2.97% at \$5,386.
- Crude oil surged +7.22% — watch energy stocks.
- Rupee weakened to 91.58 — watch IT exporters.

## CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$68,950.00	+3.46%
ZEC	\$222.09	+1.40%

Fear & Greed Index: **14** (Extreme Fear)

- BTC surging +3.5% — strong momentum, watch for overextension.
- Fear & Greed at 14 (Extreme Fear) — historically a good accumulation zone.

## HACKER NEWS

### 1. Motorola announces a partnership with GrapheneOS

Motorola, a Lenovo Company, announced the addition of new consumer and enterprise solutions to its portfolio today at Mobile World Congress.

## 2. **Microsoft bans the word "Microslop" on its Discord, then locks the server**

Microsoft's aggressive AI push in Windows 11 through 2025 brought upon themselves the title Microslop.  
1017 pts · 460 comments

## 3. **How to talk to anyone and why you should**

It started with two incidents on the same day. In a fairly empty train carriage, a stranger in her 70s approached me: "Do you mind if I sit here?"  
550 pts · 507 comments

## 4. **The workers behind Meta's smart glasses can see everything**

Bank details, sex and naked people who seem unaware they are being recorded. Behind Meta's new smart glasses lies a hidden workforce, uneasy about peering into the most intimate parts of other people's lives. The advertisement is everywhere.  
457 pts · 245 comments

## 5. **British Columbia to end time changes, adopt year-round daylight time**

B.C. to end time changes, adopt year-round daylight time March 8 will be the last time most British Columbians have to change their clocks, premier announces Most British Columbians will change their clocks for the last time this Sunday.  
B.C.  
405 pts · 231 comments

## 6. **Anthropic Cowork feature creates 10GB VM bundle on macOS without warning**

- Notifications You must be signed in to change notification settings - Fork 5.8k Description Description After using the cowork feature, Claude Desktop becomes extremely slow - slow startup, UI lag, and slow responses.  
353 pts · 179 comments

## 7. **New iPad Air, powered by M4**

PRESS RELEASE March 2, 2026 Apple introduces the new iPad Air, powered by M4 With blazing performance, more memory, enhanced connectivity, and game-changing iPadOS 26 features, iPad Air is a fantastic value CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA Apple today...  
315 pts · 517 comments

## 8. **OpenClaw surpasses React to become the most-starred software project on GitHub**

252 pts · 298 comments

## 9. **First in-utero stem cell therapy for fetal spina bifida repair is safe: study**

First-ever in-utero stem cell therapy for fetal spina bifida repair is safe, study finds A UC Davis Health research team has safely performed the world's first spina bifida treatment combining fetal surgery with stem cells, according to results from...  
246 pts · 47 comments

## 10. **Welcome (back) to Macintosh**

Welcome (back) to Macintosh For at least 10 years, every Time Machine set up I have been in charge of, or tasked with maintaining for someone else, has eventually run into an issue where it stops backing up successfully.  
236 pts · 144 comments

## 11. **iPhone 17e**

PRESS RELEASE March 2, 2026 Apple introduces iPhone 17e iPhone 17e delivers incredible value with faster performance, an advanced camera system, enhanced durability, the magic of MagSafe, and double the starting storage at 256GB CUPERTINO...  
190 pts · 222 comments

## 12. **Judge finalizes order for Greenpeace to pay \$345M in ND oil pipeline case**

172 pts · 200 comments

### **13. Ask HN: Who is hiring? (March 2026)**

Please state the location and include REMOTE for remote work, REMOTE (US) or similar if the country is restricted, and ONSITE when remote work is not an option. Please only post if you personally are...

164 pts · 216 comments

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### **14. Show HN: Govbase – Follow a bill from source text to news bias to social posts**

Govbase tracks every bill, executive order, and federal regulation from official sources (Congress.gov, Federal Register, White House). An AI pipeline breaks each one down into plain-language...

152 pts · 68 comments

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### **15. A case for Go as the best language for AI agents**

I have been working with Go for the past 8 years in a professional capacity. I'd like to make a case here about why Go is the best language to work with using AI agents.

151 pts · 221 comments

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## **MARKET NEWS**

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### **Yen, euro under pressure as Middle East conflict stokes energy concerns**

The dollar benefited from safe-haven demand as the U.S. and Israeli air war against Iran spilled out into neighboring countries. The euro steadied after sliding more than 1% as doubts swirled about when oil shipments from the region will be restored.

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### **US Stock Market | Wall Street ends narrowly mixed, trading volatile after air strikes on Iran**

Investors bought the dip with some enthusiasm and a strong bid emerged for AI-focused shares. Gains in energy, tech and defense stocks offset losses in other sectors.

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### **Global Market Today | Asian stocks drop as inflation concerns sink bonds**

Shares opened lower in Japan and South Korea, which returned after a long weekend. Equity-index futures for the S&P 500 Index and the Nasdaq 100 also edged lower after the underlying gauges erased initial losses to close little changed on Monday.

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### **Gold zooms as safe-haven asset scores in uncertain times**

"If the West Asian conflict continues, the risk premium for investors would increase, pushing gold prices in India to new records," said Aksha Kamboj, vice president at India Bullion & Jewellers Association (IBJA).

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### **Rs 6.35 lakh crore wiped out as oil spike and war fears grip markets**

Oil jumped nearly 8% as concerns over supply disruptions in West Asia - the world's top energy hub - drove up prices, underscoring India's vulnerability as a net importer. NSE's Nifty fell 312.95 points, or 1.2%, to close at 24,865.70.

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### **Capacity expansion, new launches to support Navin Fluorine's growth**

The optimism is driven by newly commissioned capacities, a strengthening specialty-chemicals pipeline and planned expansion of production facilities.

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### **Oil & gas surge as Iran war disrupts West Asian output**

A sustained rise in oil prices would endanger a global economic recovery and fuel inflation and could push up U.S. retail gasoline prices, a risk for U.S. President Donald Trump and his Republican Party ahead of midterm elections this November.

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### **West Asia tensions rattle Dalal Street; pharma and metals buck the trend**

Export-facing sectors and those reliant on crude oil and its derivatives along with those sourcing raw materials from the Gulf through the sea route are expected to be adversely hit by the unfolding geopolitical tensions and the disruption to trade...

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### **India's oil contingency plan in pipeline amid Iran disruptions: Export curbs, more Russian crude, LPG rationing on table**

Oil and gas prices surged on Monday, with Brent crude futures rising nearly 10% to \$80 a barrel and European gas jumping more than 40%, as the widening West Asia conflict and attacks on energy facilities including Saudi Arabia's Ras Tanura refinery...

### **Gulf investors hold their breath amid shifting sands**

While the stock markets in Abu Dhabi and Dubai are closed Monday and Tuesday, a move aimed at preventing excessive volatility, airports in the two emirates resumed partial operations Monday evening.

### **Boardroom gaps widen across state-run corporate giants**

The shortfall isn't new: 17 companies have remained below the required threshold continuously from FY22 through FY25, highlighting a persistent governance lapse across more than a dozen PSUs.

### **No cultural taboo: The rich go for gold loan as metal soars**

Data published by Crif High Mark showed that the share of loans of more than ₹5 lakh each more than doubled to 36.5% at the end of December 2025 from 17.7% two years earlier.

### **Rupee's worst day in a month, ends at 91.48/\$1 amid US-Israel and Iran war**

The rupee closed below the 91 mark to a dollar for the first time in a month – at 91.48 – as financial assets across Asia were battered by an alarming escalation in the US-Iran conflict.

### **Clean Max Enviro Energy bulk deal: Citigroup sells 8.3 lakh shares worth Rs 70 crore**

Clean Max Enviro Energy Solutions made its market debut at Rs 960 on the NSE, down 9% from the issue price. The shares were sold via Citigroup's affiliate Citigroup Global Markets Mauritius Private Limited.

### **Trump's SEC gave companies more power over investors. Lawsuits pushed them back**

The change has prompted at least three investor lawsuits - against AT&T, Axon Enterprises and PepsiCo - and potentially more to follow.

### **US manufacturing grows steadily in February, input prices surge**

The Institute for Supply Management said on Monday its manufacturing PMI was little changed at 52.4 last month compared to a reading of 52.6 in January. It was the second straight month that the PMI was above the 50 level, which indicates expansion.

### **Travel stocks tumble as US-Iran conflict sparks worst disruption since pandemic**

LONDON/SYDNEY/HONG KONG, - Travel shares tumbled on Monday as escalating conflict between the U.S., Israel and Iran disrupted flights worldwide, closed key Middle Eastern hubs and sent oil prices surging, with analysts warning of weeks of disruption...

### **US stocks today: US stocks fall on fears of protracted Middle East conflict**

About 20 minutes into trading, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 0.7 percent at 48,661.35. The broad-based S&P 500 shed 0.5 percent to 6,845.44, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index dropped 0.4 percent to 22,575.52.

### **Sebi imposes Rs 38 lakh penalty on Coffee Day Enterprises, executives over financial disclosure lapses**

The market regulator conducted an investigation to ascertain possible violations of its provisions.

### **Commodity Radar: Gold jumps Rs 7,600 per 10 gm on Iran-Israel war, weak rupee. What's the weekly trade setup?**

The MCX April gold futures today hit a high of Rs 1,69,679 compared to the Friday close of Rs 1,68,006. Firm cues from international bullion markets buoyed sentiment on the MCX, with gold opening gap-up and extending gains through the session.

### **European gas prices jump 50% after Qatar halts LNG output**

Qatar, soon to cement its role as the world's second largest LNG exporter after the United States, plays a major role in balancing both Asian and European markets' demand of LNG.

## **Stock market quote of the day by Peter Thiel | “The most contrarian thing of all is not to oppose the crowd but to think for yourself.”**

In investing contrarianism is often misunderstood. Many assume it simply means going against the majority. If the market is bullish, be bearish.

## **Gainers & Losers: Adani Ports, Tejas Networks and Indigo among 8 big movers on Monday**

Mar 2, 2026 India's benchmark indices Nifty and the BSE Sensex recovered from the day's low but still ended with deep cuts on Monday amid selling pressure across the board. Sectorally, financials, auto and consumer stocks were the worst hit.

## **Explained: What US-Israel war on Iran means for Indian stocks and oil prices**

Business News>Markets>Stocks>Explained: What US-Israel war on Iran means for Indian stocks and oil prices Explained: What US-Israel war on Iran means for Indian stocks and oil prices Indian markets tumbled Monday as the US and Israel struck Iran...

## **Amid West Asia tensions, gold may hit \$6,000/ounce, Nifty near-term returns can remain flat: Report**

The report said gold stands to benefit significantly from rising geopolitical tensions. Apart from continued central bank and ETF-related buying, gold is likely to receive an additional boost from geopolitical risk premium.

## **Fresh Middle East curve ball raises risks for weary world markets**

Oil prices shot higher on Monday, while gold rose alongside government borrowing costs as financial markets came to grips with U.S. and Israeli strikes on Iran at the weekend that killed Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

## **TCS, Wipro and 3 other large cap stocks hit 52-week lows; slip up to 17% in a month**

On Monday, the benchmark Sensex tumbled nearly 1,048 points, closing at 80,238. Amid the broader market decline, five stocks in the BSE 100 LargeCap TMC index hit fresh 52-week lows.

## **Top 5 listed realty firms' sale bookings up 20 pc to Rs 84,000 cr in Apr-Dec FY26**

According to the data compiled from regulatory filings, the total combined sales bookings or pre-sales of 28 major listed realtors stood at Rs 1,32,569 crore during April-December period of 2025-26 financial year, driven mainly by strong demand for...

## **TARC Ltd expects Rs 4,500 cr revenue from luxury housing project in Delhi**

Delhi-based TARC Ltd had in 2024 launched a super luxury residential project 'TARC Kailasa', spread over 6 acre land, at Kirti Nagar in the national capital.

## **Iran crisis jolts Japan bond yields, muddies BOJ rate outlook**

The initial reaction by Japanese government bonds pointed to diminished expectations for an early move by the central bank.

## **Rupee drops to one-month low as escalating Middle East war keeps traders on edge**

The Reserve Bank of India likely stepped into the market, traders said, while dollar sales by foreign banks also helped curb losses in the rupee, which fell 0.5% to close at 91.47 per dollar in its steepest drop in more than a month.

## **Forget equities, load up on gold and mining stocks: Ajay Srivastava makes a case for portfolio overhaul**

When markets open in the shadow of a geopolitical shock, the instinct is to watch the opening bell. Ajay Srivastava, CEO of Dimensions Corporate Finance, thinks that instinct is misplaced. "Indian mornings are actually afternoons," he told ET Now.

## **L&T's 5% drop an overreaction but the Middle East risk is real, says Sumit Kishore of Axis Capital**

Larsen & Toubro, India's largest engineering and construction conglomerate, found itself squarely in the market's crosshairs as tensions in the Middle East escalated, with its stock falling nearly 5% in a single session.

## **As India targets a \$10–20 trillion economy, fixed income deserves a larger role in portfolios: Vineet Agrawal**

In an interaction with Kshitij Anand of ETMarkets, Vineet Agrawal, Co-Founder of Jiraaf, says that as India aspires to become a \$10–20 trillion economy, fixed income can no longer remain a peripheral asset class for investors.

## **Gold price to double at \$10,000 in next 5 years? Jefferies' Chris Wood makes bold prediction!**

"In my view, gold can easily reach \$10,000 within five years," the market veteran said in an interview to ET Now.

### **Adani Ports shares plunge 6% as escalating Iran-Israel war sparks concerns around Haifa port**

Adani Ports operates the Haifa Port in Israel, which on Sunday confirmed that its port assets and infrastructure are fully secure and in operational condition.

### **Pakistan's KSE-30 index crashes 10%, biggest drop on record as Mideast tensions escalate**

The KSE-30 Index fell as much as 9.8% early in the day before paring decline to 7.3% once trading resumed after an hour-long halt.

### **Shanghai stocks close at 10-year high as Iran conflict boosts energy and gold shares; HK drops**

Mainland sentiment was supported by expectations that Beijing may step in to steady markets ahead of a parliamentary meeting later this week.

### **Stock Market Holi Holiday 2026: Will NSE & BSE be closed on March 3 or 4?**

The country's largest non-agricultural commodity exchange, the Multi Commodity Exchange of India (MCX), will remain shut for trading in the first session between 9 am and 5 pm but will resume trading in the evening session from 5 pm to 11:30 pm.

### **German 2-year bond yields nudge higher as Middle East conflict sparks inflation concerns**

The yield on the German two-year bond The yield on the benchmark German 10-year bond started the day lower as risk-off sentiment dominated markets, before edging into positive territory.

### **Gold, Bitcoin, and safe havens: Christopher Wood on navigating global market risks**

Wood advised caution for leveraged gold investors. "So, if you own gold on leverage, I would take some profits here because it had a big move. But if you are structurally owning gold, then you stay invested.

### **European shares touch two-week lows on Middle East conflict**

The pan-European STOXX 600 fell 1.8% to its lowest since mid-February to 622.35 points by 0812 GMT, retreating from a record high hit on Friday, with most sectors in the deep red.

### **FIIIs doubled their stake in 6 stocks; 3 surge over 15% just 2 months**

Retail investors often track the moves of large institutional players—especially Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs), who typically invest based on deep research and long-term conviction.

### **Global Markets | Japanese shares and yen fall, JGBs rise as Iran strikes continue**

The benchmark Nikkei 225 Index shed 0.9% to 58,301.84, paring an earlier decline of as much as 2.7%. The broader Topix slid 1.1% to 3,893.77.

### **US Market Today | Wall Street futures slide as Middle East conflict escalates**

Oil prices jumped, while traditional safe havens rose, with gold climbing roughly 2% and bond prices rallying, sending the U.S. 10-year Treasury yield briefly to an 11-month low.

### **Oil could top USD 100 as Strait of Hormuz closure halts flows**

Following US and Israeli attacks on Iranian government, military and nuclear facilities, Iran warned shipping away from the strait and insurers withdrew coverage, effectively halting tanker movements.

### **LT Foods, KRBL & other rice stocks fall up to 11% as Israel-Iran war flares up. Here's why**

Indian Rice Exporters Federation (IREF) issued an advisory to its members, cautioning them against entering fresh cost, insurance and freight (CIF) commitments for Iran and parts of the Gulf as worries around disruption near the Strait of Hormuz...

### **Market dips are buying opportunities, focus on emerging trends: Ramesh Damani**

When it comes to safe havens, Damani pointed to commodities, defence, and pharmaceuticals. He said that while he is not particularly bullish on oil, defence spending is set to rise as countries pursue economic nationalism.

### **AI Tool Sudarshan: SEBI Chief shares how unethical influencers are being weeded out**

Business News>Markets>Stocks>News>AI Tool Sudarshan: SEBI Chief shares how unethical finfluencer are being weeded out  
AI Tool Sudarshan: SEBI Chief shares how unethical finfluencer are being weeded out On the Sudarshan AI tool, SEBI Chief Tuhin...

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### **Gold surges Rs 7,000, near Rs 1.7 lakh mark after Israel-Iran war. Perfect time to invest in yellow metal?**

After witnessing a steep correction last month due to multiple factors, the latest rally leaves the yellow metal just 12% below its record high of Rs 1,93,096.

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## **CRYPTO NEWS**

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### **U.S. Senate housing bill includes CBDC ban**

U.S. Senate housing bill includes CBDC ban The Senate Banking Committee's bipartisan "ROAD to Housing Act" includes a provision banning the Fed from issuing a CBDC before 2031.

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### **PayPay, 40% owner of Binance Japan, seeks up to \$1.1 billion in Nasdaq IPO**

PayPay, 40% owner of Binance Japan, seeks up to \$1.1 billion in Nasdaq IPO The Nasdaq-bound payments firm backed by SoftBank targets a valuation above \$10 billion.

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### **Core Scientific turns lower after Q4 results disappoint**

Core Scientific turns lower after Q4 results disappoint Riot Platforms topped revenue estimates as it reported earnings for the final three months of 2025.

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### **Australia could unlock A\$24 billion in digital finance gains, is on track for just A\$1 billion**

Australia could unlock A\$24 billion in digital finance gains, is on track for just A\$1 billion An OKX-backed report estimates tokenization and digital finance could generate A\$24 billion annually, with productivity gains hinging on reforms to...

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### **Bitcoin's 5% spike higher Monday driven by short-covering, not fresh buying, says analyst**

Bitcoin's 5% spike higher Monday driven by short-covering, not fresh buying, says analyst Market data show rising open interest and large liquidation clusters around \$65,000 and above \$70,000, underscoring that the rally may be fragile without...

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### **Vitalik Buterin unveils plan to curb Ethereum block builder centralization**

Vitalik Buterin unveils plan to curb Ethereum block builder centralization Another focus of his post is so-called "toxic MEV," where traders exploit visibility into pending transactions to front-run or "sandwich" users' trades.

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### **Battle for Bitcoin's soul opens as first block supporting 'clean-up' proposal is mined**

Battle for Bitcoin's soul opens as first block supporting 'clean-up' proposal is mined A Bitcoin block signaling the BIP-110 proposal has appeared onchain while critics push back by inscribing a large image in protest.

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### **Weekend warriors: How HyperLiquid became retail's bear market playground**

Weekend warriors: How HyperLiquid became retail's bear market playground While bitcoin and ether remain in bear markets, HYPE has climbed alongside gold as HyperLiquid's derivatives volume expands, weekend equity trading gains traction.

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### **Crypto world faces growing pressure to relent on stablecoin rewards to win bigger prize**

Crypto world faces growing pressure to relent on stablecoin rewards to win bigger prize As much as crypto negotiators paint bank lobbyists' campaign against stablecoin yield as unfair, it landed a blow that one dramatic move could end.

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### **Nasdaq follows Cboe joining world of 'binary bets' as prediction market craze hits Wall Street**

Nasdaq follows Cboe joining world of 'binary bets' as prediction market craze hits Wall Street The exchange has filed a proposal with the SEC to list yes-or-no bets on the Nasdaq-100 amid continued demand for prediction markets.

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### **Bitcoin surges above \$68,000 amid muted stock market reaction to Iran war**

Bitcoin surges above \$68,000 amid muted stock market reaction to Iran war At their worst levels, U.S. stock index futures had been down more than 2%, but equity markets are barely lower one hour into Monday's trading session.

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### **Tom Lee's Bitmine boosts ether holdings to 4.47 million tokens with \$98 million ETH purchase**

Tom Lee's Bitmine boosts ether holdings to 4.47 million tokens with \$98 million ETH purchase The ether treasury firm now has nearly \$10 billion in assets and more than \$6 billion of ETH staked.

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### **EU banks' euro-pegged stablecoin in talks with crypto exchanges to ensure liquidity**

EU banks' euro-pegged stablecoin in talks with crypto exchanges to ensure liquidity Qivalis is a group of 12 major EU banks developing a euro-pegged stablecoin they plan to debut in the second half of the year.

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### **CoinDesk 20 performance update: NEAR Protocol (NEAR) jumps 12.4% over weekend**

Share this article CoinDesk 20 performance update: NEAR Protocol (NEAR) jumps 12.4% over weekend Solana (SOL), up 2.1% from Friday, was also among the top performers. Mar 2, 2026, 2:15 p.m.

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### **Iranian crypto outflows jump 700% minutes after U.S.-Israeli airstrikes, Elliptic says**

Iranian crypto outflows jump 700% minutes after U.S.-Israeli airstrikes, Elliptic says The blockchain analytics firm said flows from Iran's largest exchange spiked immediately after U.S.-Israeli strikes on Tehran, pointing to possible capital flight.

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### **Turkey's ruling party unveils 10% crypto income tax proposal**

Turkey's ruling party unveils 10% crypto income tax proposal The bill proposes a 10% tax on gains from regulated crypto platforms, withheld quarterly, with the president having the power to adjust the rate between 0% and 20%.

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### **Strategy purchased more than \$200 million in bitcoin last week**

Strategy purchased more than \$200 million in bitcoin last week The latest purchase, funded through common and preferred stock sales, lifted total holdings to 720,737 coins valued at more than \$47 billion.

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### **South Korea investigates seed phrase leak in photo leading to \$4.8 million crypto theft from tax authority**

South Korea investigates seed phrase leak in photo leading to \$4.8 million crypto theft from tax authority The National Tax Service said it had intended to provide a vivid shot of the seizure by sharing a photo.

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### **Anthony Pompliano's ProCap Financial buys 450 bitcoin, steps up share buybacks**

Anthony Pompliano's ProCap Financial buys 450 bitcoin, steps up share buybacks The acquisition makes ProCap the 19th largest publicly traded holder of bitcoin, while lowering the company's average cost basis per coin.

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### **Battered bitcoin could find solace in war-led 'debasement' trade**

Battered bitcoin could find solace in war-led 'debasement' trade Your day-ahead look for March 2, 2026 What to know: If you're not already subscribed to the newsletter email, click here.

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### **Bitcoin outperforms equities in risk-off session as Iran conflict enters third day**

Bitcoin outperforms equities in risk-off session as Iran conflict enters third day Bitcoin rebounded to \$66,500 after weekend strikes on Iran triggered \$300 million in liquidations. Oil jumped, equities slid and select DeFi tokens outperformed.

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### **U.S. equity futures fall in pre-market trading as oil, gold retreat from highs**

U.S. equity futures fall in pre-market trading as oil, gold retreat from highs Oil and gold pulled back after surging on the breakout of hostilities in Iran, while equities and crypto stocks face pressure.

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### **Hong Kong links up with Shanghai trade authorities to put cargo data on blockchain**

Hong Kong links up with Shanghai trade authorities to put cargo data on blockchain HKMA teams up with mainland regulators to develop a cross-border platform linking cargo data and electronic bills of lading, aiming to cut trade finance friction and...

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### **Riot Platforms, Core Scientific earnings, U.S. jobs report: Crypto Week Ahead**

Riot Platforms, Core Scientific earnings, U.S. jobs report: Crypto Week Ahead Your look at what's coming in the week starting March 2.

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### **Bitcoin slips below \$66,000, U.S. stock futures bleed as Iran hits Saudi oil refinery**

Bitcoin slips below \$66,000, U.S. stock futures bleed as Iran hits Saudi oil refinery Iran has reportedly stepped up attacks against U.S. assets in the middle east.

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## TECH & STARTUPS

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### **India's Pronto formalizes house help as its valuation jumps 8× in under a year**

Bengaluru-based Pronto, is helping to bring India's largely informal domestic help market online. As daily bookings climb and its city footprint expands, investors are opening their wallets.

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### **ChatGPT uninstalls surged by 295% after DoD deal**

U.S.

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### **Stripe wants to turn your AI costs into a profit center**

Stripe on Monday released a preview of a new feature that could help AI startups (and other companies) solve the problem of passing through the underlying costs of AI model usage to their customers.

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### **Geopolitical drama reportedly stalls IPO of SoftBank-backed PayPay**

PayPay, Japan's leading mobile payment app, has reportedly postponed its U.S. IPO due to market volatility and recent conflict in the Middle East. The company was planning to release its IPO price range on Monday, March 2.

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### **No one has a good plan for how AI companies should work with the government**

As Sam Altman discovered Saturday night, it's a fraught time to do work for the U.S. government.

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### **A new app alerts you if someone nearby is wearing smart glasses**

One of the chief problems with "luxury surveillance" devices, like smart glasses with baked-in video recording cameras, is that they often look indistinguishable from regular eyewear, meaning you might be recorded without knowing it.

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### **Instagram tracked growing usage while targeting teens, lawyers argue**

Instagram tracked the time users spent on its app, with company executives flagging "milestones" that its app reached year after year.

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### **Users are ditching ChatGPT for Claude — here's how to make the switch**

Many users are switching to Claude following a string of controversies surrounding ChatGPT and its parent company, OpenAI.

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### **Paramount+ and HBO Max to merge into one streaming service after WBD deal closes**

Following the surprising news that Netflix had withdrawn its bid to acquire Warner Bros. Discovery (WBD), Paramount Skydance stepped in to purchase the company.

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### **Tech workers urge DOD, Congress to withdraw Anthropic label as a supply-chain risk**

Hundreds of tech workers have signed an open letter urging the Department of Defense to withdraw its designation of Anthropic as a "supply-chain risk." The letter also calls on Congress to step in and "examine whether the use of these extraordinary...

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### **X adds 'Paid Partnership' labels so creators can ditch the hashtags**

Social network X on Monday announced the introduction of a new "Paid Partnership" label that creators can apply to their posts to indicate they're advertisements.

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### **Hackers claim to have hacked Homeland Security to release ICE contract data**

A group of hackers calling themselves "Department of Peace" claimed to have hacked the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), leaking allegedly stolen documents online.

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### **A married founder duo's company, 14.ai, is replacing customer support teams at startups**

The customer service industry is in a bit of flux, thanks to AI. Investors and corporate leaders have rung alarm bells for the BPO (Business Process Outsourcing) industry.

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### **Apple speeds up the iPad Air with an M4 upgrade, starting at \$599**

Apple on Monday unveiled a new iPad Air that's powered by the M4 chip. The company says the device is designed to be faster, thanks to an updated neural engine and more memory, making it better for AI uses.

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### **Apple bakes in AI smarts into its new \$599 iPhone 17e**

Apple on Monday unveiled the latest version of its budget-friendly iPhone line. The iPhone 17e retails for \$599 and will be available on March 11.

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### **Hackers and internet outages hit Iran amid US air strikes**

Early on Saturday, cities across Iran, including its capital Tehran, were rocked by a series of U.S. and Israel-led airstrikes that killed the country's supreme leader, Ali Hosseini Khamenei, and top leadership.

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### **MyFitnessPal has acquired Cal AI, the viral calorie app built by teens**

After deal talks lasting almost a year, MyFitnessPal has successfully acquired its up-and-coming rival Cal AI.

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### **Parade's Cami Tellez announces new creator economy marketing platform, \$4M in funding**

Cami Tellez is back. Tellez is the founder of the viral undergarments brand Parade, which at one point was seen as the Gen Z rival to Victoria's Secret.

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### **Anthropic's Claude reports widespread outage**

Anthropic experienced widespread disruptions on Monday morning, with thousands of users reporting problems accessing Claude services.

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