



B I-WEEKLY DOSE OF TECH BITES



Builder.ai Files for Bankruptcy Amidst "AI Washing" Allegations

Once a celebrated AI unicorn valued at over **\$1.3 billion** and backed by investors like **Microsoft** and **Qatar's sovereign wealth fund**, **Builder.ai** collapsed into insolvency in May 2025 after its senior lender, Viola Credit, seized \$37 million, leaving the company unable to meet obligations.

Despite marketing itself as an AI-powered no-code platform for easy app development, investigations revealed much of the work was done manually by engineers in India, sparking accusations of "AI washing" and inflated sales. Founded in 2016 by **Sachin Dev Duggal**, Builder.ai raised over \$450 million but overstated revenues and faced mounting debts. Leadership changes and rising costs worsened the crisis, leading to layoffs and bankruptcy filings, raising concerns about transparency in AI startups.

Supreme Court Stays ₹5,712 Cr GST Notice Against Paytm's First Games

The Supreme Court has stayed a Rs. 5,712 crore GST notice issued to **Paytm-owned First Games** by the Directorate General of GST Intelligence. The notice was related to tax liabilities on real-money gaming operations.

Foxconn's \$1.5B Investment

Apple supplier Foxconn invested \$1.5 billion to expand iPhone production in India, including a 300-acre **plant in Karnataka**, as part of its strategy to diversify manufacturing beyond China.

MapMyCrop Raises \$1.8M for Precision Farming

AgriTech startup **MapMyCrop** secured \$1.8 million in pre-Series A funding to scale AI-powered satellite imagery solutions for agriculture.

Zepto Cafe Achieves 1 Lakh Orders Per Day

**Zepto Cafe**, the quick-commerce food delivery service, has reached a milestone of 1 lakh orders per day, highlighting the growing demand for rapid food delivery services.

Qure.AI Eyes IPO

Healthcare AI startup **Qure.AI** plans to go public within two years, aiming for profitability by next fiscal year. The company, valued at \$264 million, serves around 15 million patients annually and is expanding its presence in the U.S. and emerging markets.

Origamis AI Raises \$500K for GenAI Platform

Bengaluru-based GenAI startup **Origamis AI** raised \$500,000 in seed funding to develop an orchestration platform for secure and compliant AI solutions.

Former 100X.VC Partners Launch 247VC with \$30M Debut Fund

**Shashank Randev** and **Yagnesh Sanghrajka**, both former partners at 100X.VC, have established their new venture capital firm **247VC**. The duo has secured **\$30 million** for their inaugural fund, which will focus on investing in seed-stage startups operating in the consumption, deep technology, enterprise technology, and emerging 'industry 5.0' sectors.

Naveen Tahilyani Steps Down as Tata Digital CEO

Naveen Tahilyani has resigned as CEO and MD of **Tata Digital** after a year in the role. He is expected to join **Prudential Plc**, with Hardeep Guru (CFO Tata Digital) likely to succeed him.

BYJU'S App Removed from Play Store Amid Service Disruptions

**BYJU'S** Android app has been taken down from the **Google Play Store**, and its website is reduced to a basic landing page. This follows widespread service disruptions linked to unpaid AWS bills and ongoing insolvency proceedings.

Cleantech Startups Surge Ahead: Euler Motors Leads with ₹638 Cr Funding Boost

India's cleantech sector witnessed a significant upswing this week, with electric vehicle manufacturer **Euler Motors**

securing **₹638 crore** (approximately \$75 million) in a Series C funding round. This investment, led by **Hero MotoCorp**, underscores the growing investor confidence in sustainable transportation solutions. Euler Motors plans to utilize the fresh capital to expand its pan-India presence, aiming to establish operations in over 40 cities by the end of FY25. The funds will also support product development, enhance technological capabilities, and accelerate R&D efforts.

The cleantech momentum didn't stop there. **Alt Carbon**, a startup specializing in carbon removal through enhanced rock weathering, attracted **\$12 million** in funding. Additionally, **Promethean Energy**, focusing on clean jet fuel technology that mimics photosynthesis, secured **\$2 million** in investment.

OpenAI acquires Jony Ive's AI device startup

OpenAI has acquired **Jony Ive's** AI device startup, io, in a **\$6.5 billion deal**. Ive, known for his Apple designs, will join OpenAI to lead new hardware projects. Their first AI-powered device is expected in 2026.

Sarvam AI debuts flagship open-source LLM with 24 billion parameters

**Sarvam AI**, recently chosen by the Indian government under the **₹10,370 crore IndiaAI Mission**, (along with **Soket AI Labs**, **Gnani.ai**, and **Gan.ai**) has launched **Sarvam-M**, an open-

source, 24-billion-parameter language model built on **Mistral Small** and tailored for Indian languages, math, and programming. Backed by both significant government support including access to thousands of high-end GPUs and equity-based funding and \$41 million in private investment, Sarvam is tasked with building sovereign AI models for India, in collaboration with top research centers like **IIT Madras**. While Sarvam-M's early adoption has been modest, with only 24 downloads reported soon after release, experts say this initiative is a positive move for India's AI ecosystem. By focusing on local languages and open access, Sarvam is laying the groundwork for AI independence and innovation in the country.



# Repo of the week



Airweave is an open-source framework designed to enable AI agents to semantically search and retrieve information from various applications, databases, and APIs.

By transforming structured and unstructured data into agent-ready knowledge, Airweave facilitates the creation of intelligent, context-aware agents.

## Key Features

- Semantic Search Integration:** Transforms diverse data sources into semantically searchable knowledge bases, enhancing agent comprehension
- MCP Compatibility:** Supports the Message Control Protocol (MCP), allowing standardized communication between agents and data sources.
- Extensive Integrations:** Offers over 120 integrations, including tools like Notion, Slack, Linear, and Google Drive, enabling broad data connectivity.
- Multi-Platform SDKs:** Provides SDKs in Python and TypeScript, facilitating seamless integration into various development environments.
- Automated Synchronization:** Features automated sync capabilities with configurable schedules and change detection through content hashing, ensuring up-to-date knowledge
- White-Labeled Multi-Tenancy:** Supports OAuth2-based integration across multiple user accounts while maintaining privacy and security boundaries.

# AI Tools of the week

## Open Computer Agent by Hugging Face

A browser-based AI assistant that autonomously navigates websites, fills out forms, and performs tasks using vision-language models.

**Use Case:** Automating online errands like booking tickets or checking store hours.

## AI Mind Mapper

Transforms PDFs into structured mind maps, aiding in information digestion and study.

**Use Case:** Visualizing complex documents for easier understanding.

## Old Photo AI

Brings old photographs to life by transforming still images into animated videos.

**Use Case:** Animating vintage photos for personal or historical projects.

## MusicHero

Generates original music tracks from text prompts using advanced AI models.

**Use Case:** Composing background scores or jingles quickly.

## Swift

An open-source voice assistant designed for advanced speech recognition and interaction.

**Use Case:** Implementing customizable voice commands in applications.

## GroupMe with Copilot Integration

Microsoft's GroupMe app now features Copilot, enabling users to generate images and receive AI-assisted chat responses.

**Use Case:** Enhancing group chats with creative visuals and contextual AI replies.

## Tiny Agents

Hugging Face has launched Tiny Agents, a lightweight Python framework that lets developers build powerful AI agents in just about 70 lines of code. Using the new Model Context Protocol (MCP), these agents can easily connect to external tools like web search and image generation without complex coding.

**Use Case:** Framework to build multifunctional AI agents, making advanced AI more accessible than ever.

## Salad

An AI-powered transcription tool that converts audio and video into text across 99 languages.

**Use Case:** Transcribing meetings, lectures, or interviews efficiently.

## LearChat

An interactive AI platform allowing users to engage with unique AI personalities in dynamic conversations.

**Use Case:** Practicing conversations or exploring different AI character interactions.

# Google I/O 25

At the annual Google I/O 2025 developer conference, the tech giant unveiled a suite of artificial intelligence advancements poised to redefine digital interactions. From enhanced search capabilities to cutting-edge wearable technology, here's a comprehensive overview of the key announcements:

**Veo 3: AI Video Generator**  
Generates realistic videos with audio from text prompts, including improvised dialogue and sound effects.

**Project Astra: Multimodal AI Assistant**  
It process visual and auditory inputs to assist users in various tasks, such as identifying objects and recalling their locations.

**Google Search - AI Mode**  
Transforming traditional search results into conversational, AI-generated responses leveraging its Gemini 2.5 Pro model

**Android XR Platform**  
In collaboration with Samsung and Qualcomm, Google introduced Android XR, a platform designed for extended reality devices like headsets and glasses, integrating AI to enhance user experiences.



**Imagen 3: Enhanced Image Generation**  
**AI Enhancements in Gmail and Chrome**

**Gemini 2.5 Pro**  
With enhanced reasoning, improved coding performance, multimodal support, and a 2+ million token context window.



# OpenAI launches Codex

## A cloud-based software engineering agent

OpenAI Codex is a cutting-edge AI coding agent designed to help developers write, debug, and automate code with ease. Codex can handle multiple programming tasks at once, generate code from natural language prompts, fix bugs, write tests, and even interact with external services like APIs or online platforms. Its ability to explain code, suggest improvements, and automate routine work makes it a valuable tool for both beginners and professional developers.

When it comes to pricing, **Codex** is currently included with ChatGPT Pro (starting at **200\$**), Team, and Enterprise subscriptions at no extra cost for early users. For API access, Codex uses a token-based pricing system: **\$1.50 per million input tokens and \$6 per million output tokens**, with a 75% discount for prompt caching to lower costs on repeated tasks. OpenAI plans to introduce rate limits and flexible, on-demand pricing soon, allowing teams to scale usage as their projects grow. This makes Codex an affordable and scalable solution for anyone looking to boost their coding productivity.

# Meta launches standalone AI chat app

powered by its advanced Llama 4, aiming to compete with ChatGPT and other popular AI assistants. The app offers personalized conversations by drawing on user data from Facebook and Instagram, supports both text and voice chat, and integrates with **Meta’s Ray-Ban** smart glasses for seamless use. Meta’s new AI app promises smarter, more context-aware interactions for users across its social platforms.

# Amazon to launch AI Audio Summaries

Amazon has started testing AI-powered short-form audio summaries on select product pages in the U.S., offering shoppers quick, conversational highlights of key product features and customer reviews. These summaries are generated by AI **“shopping experts”** using large language models that analyze product details and online information to help customers make faster, more informed decisions. The feature, accessible via a “Hear the highlights” button in the Amazon Shopping app, is currently limited but is expected to expand to more products and users in the coming months

# Microsoft Build 2025 Key Launches: AI Agents and Developer Tools

At Microsoft Build 2025, Satya Nadella announced several major launches focused on AI-powered agents and developer productivity:



## GitHub Copilot as a Full Coding Agent

Now capable of handling entire coding tasks autonomously under Pro+ and Enterprise plans.

## Copilot Studio:

Enables multi-agent collaboration across Microsoft 365 apps like Word, Excel, and Teams.

**Windows AI Foundry :** A platform for building and running AI models locally on Windows and macOS.

**Azure AI Foundry Upgrades:** Includes new tools and integration of Elon Musk’s xAI Grok models. It now offers unified observability and governance features, enabling real-time monitoring, compliance, and secure management of AI agents at scale.

**Open Model Context Protocol (MCP):** This enforces security through proxy-mediated communication, baseline server requirements (like code signing and privilege declarations), runtime isolation, tool-level user authorization, and centralized auditing to ensure safe, transparent, and least-privilege AI agent operations.

**AI APIs in Microsoft Edge:** Allow on-device AI for writing and math tasks, enhancing privacy.

**Open Sourcing WSL Core Components:** Encourages community contributions to Windows Subsystem for Linux.

**NLWeb Protocol:** Lets users query websites using natural language AI.

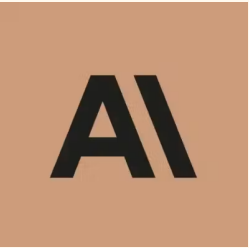
**Scientific Discovery Platform:** An enterprise AI platform that accelerates scientific research by enabling collaboration with specialized AI agents enhancing speed, scale, and accuracy in R&D. It transforms the discovery process from hypothesis generation to simulation and analysis, providing transparency and traceability in scientific workflows

# Major upcoming AI and startup events in India for 2025

Name	Dates	Location	Description	For
21BY72 Season 4	June 14–15, 2025	Surat, India	Startup-investor networking, AI trends, legal aspects, success stories	Founders, investors, entrepreneurs
AI Innovation Summit 2025	July 18–19, 2025	Buntara Bhavana, Pune	AI in finance, leadership, sponsorship opportunities	AI leaders, finance professionals
The August Fest	August 22, 2025	Hyderabad, India	Startup pitches, creative performances, networking, innovation	Entrepreneurs, creatives, investors
Cypher 2025	September 17–19, 2025	KTPO Trade Centre, Bengaluru	India’s largest AI summit, 5000+ attendees/day, AI & ML, data science, policy, business applications	AI startups, data scientists, professionals
GenAI Summit 2025	Date TBA (2025)	India (invite-only)	GenAI, tech/startup leaders, business innovation	Tech, startup, business leaders
AI Day For Startups India	Nov 6–Dec 18, 2025	Multi-city (India)	GenAI tools, AI agents, commercialization, early-stage startup support	Early-stage AI startups, founders
Entrepreneur 2025 Summit	Date TBA (2025)	India (city TBA)	AI’s impact on startups, digital transformation, investment outlook, awards	Entrepreneurs, investors, policymakers

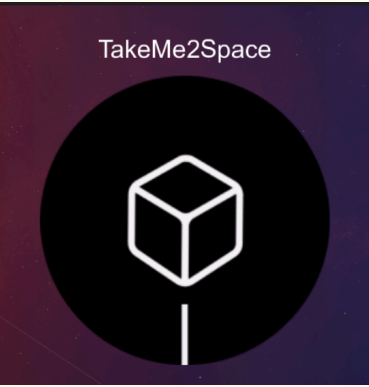


# Anthropic’s Claude 4 Series: A New Benchmark in AI Coding



Anthropic’s Claude 4 series sets a new standard in AI coding. Claude Opus 4 leads with top performance, scoring 72.5% on coding benchmarks and handling long, complex tasks autonomously. Claude Sonnet 4 offers fast, efficient support, powering GitHub Copilot. Both models support advanced memory and tool use, enhancing developer workflows. Though their context window is smaller than some rivals, Claude 4’s strong coding accuracy and agentic abilities make it a breakthrough AI for software development.

# India’s First AI Lab in Space



Hyderabad-based startup **TakeMe2Space** is building MOI-TD, India’s first AI lab in space. The lab aims to demonstrate AI’s utility in space by assisting with environmental monitoring, weather pattern analysis, and Earth’s surface change tracking. The mission successfully validated key subsystems, including computer infrastructure and sensors, laying the foundation for space-based computing.



# NVIDIA & Stanford’s AI Cartoons

**New Tom and Jerry episodes, earlier unwritten and un-animated, are ready to be aired thanks to AI.**

NVIDIA and Stanford unveiled a technique called **Test-Time Training (TTT)**, enabling the generation of one-minute animated cartoons with strong temporal and spatial coherence. This method outperforms alternatives in storytelling and visual consistency, opening new possibilities for AI in entertainment and education.

# Research Corner



## SAM 2: Segment Anything in Images and Videos

**Meta’s Segment Anything Model 2 (SAM 2)** is a breakthrough in computer vision, unifying real-time object segmentation for both images and videos within a single model. With advanced memory mechanisms and promptable segmentation, SAM 2 can accurately track and segment objects across video frames, even when they disappear or reappear, while operating up to six times faster than its predecessor and requiring less human input. This leap in efficiency and versatility opens new possibilities for video editing, autonomous vehicles, medical imaging, and augmented reality

## Emergent Social Conventions in AI Communication

Researchers from **City St George’s, University of London**, and the **IT University of Copenhagen** demonstrated that large language models (LLMs) can independently develop human-like social conventions through group interactions. In their study, AI agents formed linguistic norms similar to those in human society, highlighting the social potential of AI systems and offering insights into AI safety and ethics.

## Emerging Properties in Unified Multimodal Pretraining

A new open-source AI model called **BAGEL** is setting a benchmark in unified multimodal pretraining by demonstrating remarkable emerging properties in both understanding and generating content across text, images, and video. Trained on trillions of interleaved multimodal tokens, BAGEL’s architecture and large-scale, carefully curated data enable it to outperform previous open models in tasks like free-form image manipulation, future frame prediction, and complex world navigation. Researchers highlight that these advanced reasoning abilities emerge from the model’s unified approach and scaling, narrowing the gap with proprietary systems and paving the way for broader innovation in multimodal AI research

## AI That Teaches Itself: Absolute Zero Reasoner Sets New Benchmark in Machine Intelligence

In a landmark leap for artificial intelligence, researchers have unveiled the **Absolute Zero Reasoner (AZR)** - an AI model that learns with zero human data, inventing and solving its own tasks to achieve state-of-the-art results in math and coding. Unlike traditional systems that require vast human-labeled datasets, AZR autonomously generates its own curriculum, leveraging a unique reinforcement learning strategy to iteratively improve its reasoning. The model not only outperforms previous zero-data approaches but also demonstrates powerful cross-domain learning, with coding skills boosting mathematical reasoning and vice versa. Experts say AZR’s self-directed evolution marks a pivotal moment in AI, hinting at a future where machines could independently master new domains, though it also raises fresh questions about AI safety and alignment as these systems become increasingly autonomous.

# OpenAI Expands Stargate Project Worldwide with "OpenAI for Countries"

OpenAI has launched a major new initiative called "OpenAI for Countries," aiming to help governments around the world build their own AI infrastructure and customize AI tools for local needs. This move expands the reach of OpenAI’s massive **\$500 billion Stargate project**, which began in the United States, to democratically aligned nations globally.

Through this program, OpenAI will partner with countries to set up local data centers and create versions of ChatGPT tailored to local languages and cultures. The goal is to improve public services like healthcare and education using AI, with funding shared between OpenAI and participating governments. By bringing advanced AI tools to more people, OpenAI hopes to strengthen democratic values and ensure that the benefits of AI are widely shared, while also reinforcing U.S. leadership in the technology sector

# WestBridge-Backed Otipy Shuts Operations Amid Cash Crunch

**Otipy**, a Delhi-NCR-based subscription-based grocery provider, has ceased operations as of May 17, 2025, affecting around 300 employees and numerous gig workers. The shutdown was communicated to employees during a townhall meeting by cofounder and CEO **Varun Khurana**, who cited the inability to secure further funding as a primary reason for the closure

# Microsoft Announces Major Layoffs Despite Strong Earnings, Shifts Focus to AI

Major tech companies like Google, Amazon, IBM, and CrowdStrike are joining Microsoft in cutting jobs as part of a sweeping industry shift in 2025. Over **61,000 tech jobs** have been **eliminated** across more than 130 companies this year, with firms prioritizing AI adoption, automation, and streamlined management to boost efficiency and long-term profitability.

This wave of layoffs marks a paradigm shift from labor-intensive operations to leaner, AI-driven business models. Companies are restructuring not just to cut costs, but to reorganize teams for faster decision-making and to reduce reliance on large workforces, signaling a new era where efficiency and adaptability matter more than sheer headcount

# Beacon.li Secures \$7M Series A Funding

**Beacon.li**, an AI startup, has raised **\$7 million** in Series A funding led by **Sorin Investments**, with participation from **Athera Venture Partners**, **JAFCO Asia**, and several angel investors. The company plans to use the funds to expand its AI product assistant and grow its presence in India and the US.

# MaxIQ Raises \$7.8M in Seed Funding

**MaxIQ**, an AI-driven platform designed to unify and streamline sales and customer success processes for B2B SaaS companies, has raised **\$7.8 million** in seed funding. Led by **Dell Technologies Capital** with participation from **Intel Capital**, the funding will support product development, scaling operations. Founded in 2022 by **Sonny Aulakh**, MaxIQ aims to eliminate fragmented workflows by providing a single system for deal qualification, forecasting, and customer lifecycle management, helping companies boost efficiency and revenue growth.

# Wix acquires Hour One to boost AI video and media tools

**Wix.com Ltd.** has acquired **Hour One**, a generative AI media creation startup founded in 2019, to enhance its AI-powered digital experiences and reduce reliance on third-party providers. According to Wix’s COO **Ronny Elkayam**, this strategic acquisition reinforces the company’s position as a leader in generative AI while providing access to Hour One’s proprietary cloud-based infrastructure that integrates AI inference with advanced 3D rendering for scalable, high-quality video content creation.