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“Google Cloud Outage Fully Resolved”

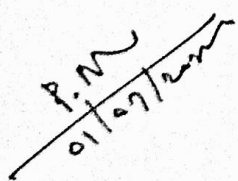
A major Google Cloud outage struck global services early Thursday afternoon, originating from an internal Identity and Access Management (IAM) failure. The incident began around 1:50 PM ET, triggering widespread login errors and service interruptions across Google platforms and dependent applications. Popular services such as Gmail, Drive, Calendar, Meet, Search, and third-party apps like Spotify, Discord, Snapchat, Twitch, Shopify, and Anthropic all experienced outages. Error messages and connectivity issues spiked, with over 40,000 user reports logged for Spotify and thousands more across other platforms. Downtdetector showed unusually high outage alerts worldwide, signaling a large-scale disruption. Google's status dashboard later acknowledged the IAM malfunction and engineering teams were quickly mobilized to restore stability. While some areas saw partial recovery by early evening, full resolution wasn't achieved until the following morning, prompting assurances from Google that all affected services were back online. Cloudflare, also impacted, clarified its core operations remained intact but suffered incidental disruptions via Google Cloud dependencies. Reports revealed services were fully restored by late Thursday across all regions. Google said it would conduct an internal post-mortem and publish a detailed analysis once investigations conclude.


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“Disney and Universal suing Midjourney over AI copyright”

Disney and Universal have jointly filed a major copyright lawsuit against Midjourney in U.S. District Court, accusing the AI image-generation firm of illegally replicating their iconic characters. They claim that Midjourney’s platform acts like a “virtual vending machine,” churning out unlicensed images featuring Spider-Man, Princess Elsa, Darth Vader, Homer Simpson, Minions, Wolverine, and others. The studios allege the AI service made hundreds of millions in subscription revenue—roughly \$300 million last year—by monetizing these unauthorized reproductions. Official filings describe Midjourney as a “bottomless pit of plagiarism” and a “copyright free-rider.” The complaint includes side-by-side comparisons demonstrating striking similarities between AI-generated images and copyrighted originals. Disney and NBCUniversal maintain they requested Midjourney to stop but claim the company ignored all warnings. They argue that using generative AI doesn't grant immunity from copyright law: “piracy is piracy,” they assert. The lawsuit spans over 100 pages and seeks both monetary damages and a permanent injunction to halt further use. It marks one of the most significant legal actions to date from Hollywood studios against an AI firm.

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“Cybersecurity Breaches Rise 20% Globally”

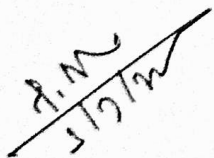
Cybersecurity incidents worldwide have surged by approximately 20% compared to last year, marking a significant escalation in digital threats. Increases have been noted in ransomware attacks, phishing campaigns, and zero-day exploits targeting businesses and public sectors. The healthcare, finance, and manufacturing industries remain the most heavily targeted, with several critical breaches reported in recent months. Remote work expansion post-pandemic continues to expose vulnerabilities in home and corporate networks. Security firms highlight the growing use of AI by attackers to automate phishing and craft more sophisticated malware. In response, organizations are accelerating adoption of AI-driven threat detection and real-time monitoring tools. Governments are also strengthening national cybersecurity frameworks and encouraging mandatory incident reporting. A notable uptick in supply chain attacks has shifted focus toward securing third-party vendor systems. Experts advise companies to prioritize employee training, stronger authentication, and timely patch management. Despite increased spending on cybersecurity, the evolving threat landscape continues to challenge existing defenses.


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“Europe Approving the New Digital Markets Regulation”

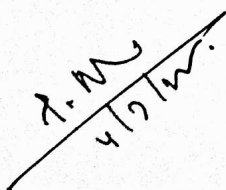
The European Union has officially approved the new **Digital Markets Regulation (DMA)**, marking a major shift in how big tech companies must operate within the EU. The regulation targets large digital “gatekeepers” like Google, Apple, Meta, Amazon, and Microsoft, enforcing stricter rules to ensure fair competition. Under the DMA, these companies must allow third-party app stores, ensure data portability, and prevent self-preferencing in search and rankings. Violations could result in fines of up to 10% of global annual revenue. The regulation also empowers smaller businesses and startups to compete more equally in the digital space. Enforcement will begin in late 2025, with designated gatekeepers required to comply within six months of identification. Consumer rights groups have welcomed the move, calling it a step toward greater transparency and digital fairness. Critics argue it may slow innovation and create compliance challenges for global tech firms. The EU aims to set a global standard for digital regulation through this landmark policy shift.


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“China’s Tech Stocks Recover as Trade Tensions Ease”

China’s technology sector has shown a strong recovery as trade tensions between the United States and China begin to ease. Following recent diplomatic talks, both nations agreed to suspend certain tariffs and explore long-term cooperation, boosting investor confidence. The Hang Seng Tech Index climbed over 2%, marking one of its best weeks in recent months. Leading Chinese tech firms like Alibaba, Tencent, and Baidu recorded strong gains in their stock values. Semiconductor companies also experienced an uptick, driven by optimism over the loosening of export restrictions on key components. Investors are hopeful that the renewed dialogue will lead to stable and transparent tech trade policies. Market analysts suggest that this recovery may continue if the positive momentum in diplomatic relations is maintained. China’s decision to grant more export licenses for rare earth elements has also added to the bullish sentiment. In response, U.S. markets showed modest gains, reflecting broader global relief. Chinese regulators have pledged continued support for the tech industry, emphasizing innovation and digital economy growth.

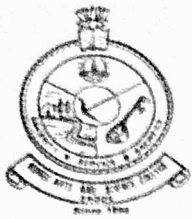
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“Adobe Introduces AI-Generated Video Editing in Premiere Pro”

Adobe has integrated advanced AI-powered editing tools directly into Premiere Pro, enabling users to automate voiceovers, transitions, and effects with minimal effort. The new feature, powered by Firefly AI, can instantly generate natural-sounding narration and visual enhancements with simple text prompts. Video creators can now describe the mood or style they want, and Premiere Pro will apply matching color grading, cuts, and effects. This update reduces manual editing time and makes professional-quality production accessible to smaller teams and solo creators. AI-generated motion graphics and titles are also included, allowing seamless insertion and customization on the timeline. Adobe emphasizes that all AI tools respect user control, offering editable layers and options to fine-tune results. The update supports both short-form social clips and longer-form content projects. Adobe Creative Cloud subscribers will receive the feature in a mid-2025 rollout. Early testers report up to 60% faster production workflows and improved creative flexibility. This move positions Adobe as a leader in bringing AI into mainstream video editing for professionals and enthusiasts alike.

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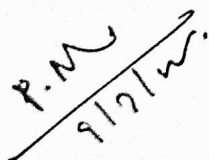
“Recent Highlights in Computer Science”

The field of Computer Science continues to grow with exciting innovations and global impact. Artificial Intelligence (AI) remains a leading trend, with applications expanding in healthcare, education, finance, and daily life through tools like AI chatbots, recommendation engines, and smart devices. Cybersecurity is gaining major attention due to the rise in cyber threats. Organizations are focusing more on securing their data, creating a strong demand for professionals skilled in ethical hacking, network security, and digital forensics. Cloud Computing is reshaping how data is stored and accessed, enabling faster and more scalable digital solutions. Technologies such as Edge Computing are also gaining traction, especially in areas like IoT and real-time data processing. Blockchain is being explored for use in secure digital transactions, supply chain tracking, and even electronic voting systems. The future also holds promise with Quantum Computing, which has the potential to solve complex problems much faster than traditional computers.


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“Google Cloud integrating TPUs”

Google Cloud recently introduced **Ironwood**, its seventh-generation TPU, engineered specifically for large-scale inference workloads and signaling a strategic shift toward performance and energy efficiency; the chip delivers up to **4,614 TFLOPS per chip** and supports pods scaling to **42.5 exaflops** (9,216 chips), boasting **192 GB high-bandwidth memory** with ~7.4 TB/s bandwidth and **1.2 Tbps inter-chip interconnect**, delivering up to **30× energy efficiency** compared to the first Cloud TPU and **2× efficiency gains** over its predecessor. Built to handle “thinking models” such as LLMs and Mixture-of-Experts, Ironwood integrates seamlessly into Google’s AI Hypercomputer architecture, leveraging the Pathways runtime for distributed, multi-host orchestration. For Google Cloud, hosting OpenAI workloads validates the TPU-as-a-service model, boosting credibility and challenging Nvidia’s GPU dominance, while prompting hyperscalers to reconsider compute strategies and intensifying competition in AI infrastructure.


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“Microsoft’s Windows 11 Notepad Gains Formatting Options and Markdown Support”

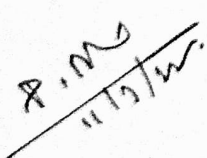
Microsoft has rolled out a major update to Windows 11’s Notepad for Insider users in the Dev and Canary channels, transforming the decades-old plain text editor into a lightweight formatting tool by introducing a new formatting toolbar atop the classic interface that enables **bold, italic, hyperlinks, lists, and headings**, along with full **Markdown support** complete with live preview and raw-syntax toggle; users can effortlessly apply styling while typing or on selected text, then easily **clear formatting** or **disable the feature entirely** via settings, preserving the traditional Notepad experience. Notably, Notepad continues to launch nearly instantly, retains low resource usage, and includes robust handling for both .txt and .md files with progressive rendering for larger files. Overall, Notepad has evolved from a minimalist scratchpad into an unexpectedly capable Markdown and formatting-capable editor, balancing modernization with the option to preserve classic simplicity.


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“Google’s seventh-generation TPU”

Google has unveiled Ironwood, its seventh-generation Tensor Processing Unit (TPU), specifically engineered for **inference workloads** and marking a pivotal shift in AI compute strategy; Ironwood is available in **two pod configurations**—a 256-chip setup and a massive **9,216-chip pod** delivering **42.5 exaflops** of FP8 compute, which is over **24 times the compute power of the El Capitan supercomputer**, and each chip offers **4,614 TFLOPs** of peak performance. It boasts **192 GB** of high-bandwidth memory per chip (a **6× increase** vs. the previous generation), offering **7.2–7.4 TB/s** of memory bandwidth, while inter-chip interconnect bandwidth is up to **1.2 Tbps**, and it brings approximately **2× the performance-per-watt** of the sixth-generation Trillium TPU and nearly **30× efficiency** compared to the original TPU. With this launch, Google further tightens its grip on the hyperscaler AI hardware race, offering unmatched inference performance, energy efficiency, and architectural sophistication for next-gen AI services.


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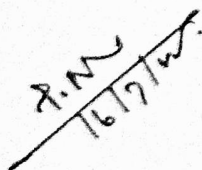
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"AI-Driven Satellite Internet"

Satellite internet is undergoing a dramatic transformation as AI becomes integral to its expansion and effectiveness, enabling persistent, reliable connectivity for global IoT, aviation, emergency services, and remote communities; Starlink's recent approval in India exemplifies this trend, with its 4,408 LEO satellites poised to deliver 600 Gbps bandwidth and bridge the digital divide. AI enhances satellite networks through real-time traffic optimization, predictive maintenance, anomaly detection, and dynamic beam steering, cutting failures by ~25%, downtime by ~30%, and bandwidth waste by ~25%. The convergence of LEO constellations, AI, and ground infrastructure is not only bridging connectivity gaps but opening new frontiers for global digital ecosystems. AI also monitors satellite health, predicts failures, and automates repairs, extending satellite lifespan by ~18 months and cutting operational costs. As AI-satellite synergy enables 24/7 coverage and smarter edge devices, the stage is set for seamless integration of ground and space networks.


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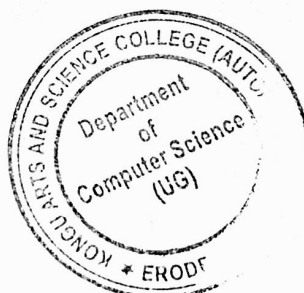
“Cybercrime and the Need for Digital Vigilance”

Cybercrime is becoming one of the biggest threats to the digital world. Ransomware attacks, phishing emails, and identity theft cases are increasing globally. In response, governments and companies are investing heavily in cybersecurity infrastructure. Career opportunities in ethical hacking, digital forensics, and cybersecurity analysis are on the rise.

Cybersecurity awareness is being integrated into school and college programs to prepare the next generation to tackle these challenges. Students are learning about safe internet usage, secure coding practices, and real-world simulations of cyber attacks. In a digital-first world, vigilance and cyber-awareness are not optional—they're essential for personal and professional safety.

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“Green Computing: The Future of Sustainable Tech”

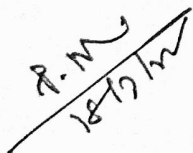
Growing concern over climate change, the IT industry is turning toward **Green Computing** — an approach focused on designing energy-efficient hardware and reducing electronic waste. Companies are now building data centers powered by renewable energy and producing laptops and devices with recyclable materials. Cloud service providers like Microsoft and Amazon are pledging to reach carbon neutrality in the coming years.

At the individual level, developers are encouraged to write clean, optimized code that consumes less power during execution. Students are also being introduced to eco-conscious programming and system design, highlighting the importance of sustainable practices in the digital world. The future of computing is not just faster—it's greener.


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“Rise of Generative AI in Tech”

Generative AI tools like ChatGPT, DALL·E, and Google Gemini are changing the way humans interact with technology. These tools can generate text, images, code, and even music, opening new doors in content creation, design, and education. Many companies are integrating generative AI into their workflows to boost creativity and productivity. However, this also brings concerns about ethical use, misinformation, and the importance of human oversight.

Educational institutions are now introducing AI-related courses to help students understand the logic behind these tools and how to use them responsibly. In the near future, professionals across various fields—not just computer science—will be expected to work alongside AI to enhance efficiency and innovation.

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“About Android development in 2025”

Android 16, codenamed Baklava, launched on June 10, 2025, introducing material 3 expressive UI, AI fraud detection, and enhanced multitasking capabilities. Google is merging **Android and ChromeOS into one unified OS**, with Android as the core—streamlining app development and reducing platform fragmentation. **Gemini Spaces**, a dynamic AI-powered lock and home screen widget platform, leaked via Android Canary with swipeable cards for calendar, finance, and news. Google I/O 2025 unveiled **ML Kit GenAI APIs** leveraging Gemini Nano for on-device summarization, rewriting, image description, and Firebase AI Logic for cloud AI tasks. Developers can now build apps for **Android Automotive OS**, Wear OS 6, Google TV, and Android XR using updated SDKs and Compose for TV libraries. New **APV professional video codec support**, vertical text rendering enhancements, and stricter adaptive app policies landed with Android 16. Samsung's R&D confirmed deep integration with Google on Android's evolution—including camera optimization and adaptive windowing improvements. **Android 15 features** like satellite connectivity, recording detection, loudness control, and app archiving in testing builds for future rollout.


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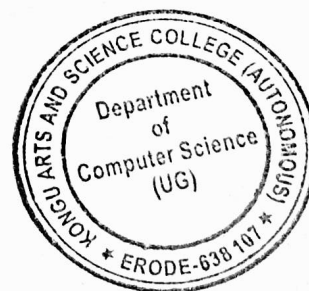
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“Google’s latest product”

Google is preparing the **Made by Google event** on August 20 in New York, expected to unveil the Pixel 10 series—including phones, smartwatches, earbuds, and possibly smart glasses—highlighting deeper Gemini AI integration across devices. The **Pixel 10 line** is rumored to feature a triple camera system, Tensor G5 chip, larger battery, and a Pixel 10 Pro Fold model with improved hinge and display. The **June 2025 Core Search Update** completed rolling out July 17 after nearly 17 days, causing noticeable ranking volatility and impacting Discover, Featured Snippets, and traffic for content-heavy sites. **AI Mode for Search** now includes the Gemini 2.5 Pro model along with "Deep Search"—an enhanced research tool generating fully cited, comprehensive summaries. Google launched **Amazon S3-like vector storage** for high-efficiency AI workloads and expanded Nova foundation models (Sonic, Act, Premier) with integrated SageMaker tuning support. **Pixel Drop July** brings Veo 3 video creation, Circle to Search in-game help, AI on Pixel Watch via WearOS, and a free year of Google AI Pro for Pixel 9 Pro owners. The latest **Gemini Apps suite** now boasts broader generative AI capabilities, improved access, agentic functionality, and deeper integration into Google services.

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“Latest developments at Amazon Web Services (AWS)”

AWS booked **US \$29.3 billion in cloud revenue** during Q1 2025—a 17% year-on-year rise—outpacing competitors despite slightly slower sequential growth. Operating income hit **US \$11.55 billion**, with margins approaching 40%—one of the highest levels reported by AWS in recent years. Amazon invested a staggering **US \$24 billion in capex** during Q1, largely funding AWS infrastructure expansion and development of AI chips. At AWS Summit New York, the company unveiled **Amazon Bedrock AgentCore**, a modular platform for developing and deploying agentic AI at scale. A new **AI Agents and Tools Marketplace** debuted, offering prebuilt agents via partnerships with Anthropic, IBM, Brave, Snowflake and more. AWS general availability launches include **TwelveLabs video understanding models** on Bedrock and **Amazon SageMaker Unified Studio** for easier data collaboration and visualization. U.S. employees impacted by the cuts are being offered at least **60 days of pay and benefits**, along with severance eligibility. AWS continues increasing partnerships and innovation—extending SaaS integrations with customers like Adobe, Uber, and Nasdaq, reinforcing its leadership in enterprise cloud services.

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“Cognizant's latest developments”

Cognizant's Q1 FY25 net profit surged a robust **21% year-on-year** to **US \$663 million**, while revenue rose **7.5% YoY** to **\$5.1 billion**. Its portfolio now includes approximately **1,400 active generative AI engagements**—adding nearly 200 new projects since the prior quarter. The percentage of **AI-generated code accepted by developers** crossed the **20% threshold**, marking a pivotal productivity milestone. Cognizant has created over **20 agentic AI solutions**, deployed in collaboration with Google and NVIDIA to address domains including healthcare and manufacturing. Cognizant CEO Ravi Kumar emphasized that **pricing for large deals is increasingly driven by GenAI deployment**, commanding premium value. Cognizant plans to **hire 20,000 freshers in 2025**, more than double last year's intake, to support AI-led delivery and reshape its talent pipeline. Its Health Sciences vertical achieved over **11% YoY revenue growth**, driving much of the top-line momentum. The firm plans a new campus in **Visakhapatnam, India**, with a ₹15.8 billion (~\$183M) investment to create **8,000 jobs** by March 2029. The U.S. SEC officially **dropped a civil bribery case** dating back to 2019, following DOJ action and policy shifts halting enforcement of the FCPA.

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“Accenture’s latest developments”

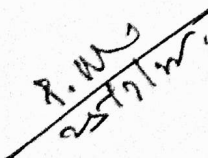
Accenture revamped its **growth model**, consolidating Strategy, Consulting, Technology, and Operations into a unified business unit—Reinvention Services—led by Manish Sharma as the new Chief Services Officer effective September 1, 2025. CEO Julie Sweet stated the restructuring will help deliver AI-enabled solutions faster and at scale, positioning Accenture as the premier reinvention partner to clients. In Q3 FY25, Accenture reported **US \$17.7 billion** in revenue, up 8% year-on-year, and raised its FY25 revenue guidance to **6–7% growth in local currency**. Accenture captured US \$1.4 billion in generative AI bookings in that quarter and generated about US \$600 million in GenAI revenue, spotlighting its accelerating AI trajectory. Accenture continues investing heavily in AI: boosting its Data & AI workforce from ~57,000 toward a target of **80,000 practitioners by FY26**, and training millions globally in GenAI skills. Accenture marked its **60th anniversary in Spain**, reaffirming its digital leadership with over 18,000 local professionals, strong presence among major Ibex-35 firms, and AI-driven transformation projects across sectors. David Droga, founder of Droga5 and current CEO of Accenture Song, is transitioning to Vice Chairman; he champions creativity and warns against overreliance on generative AI that may dull innovation.


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“Latest developments at Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)”

TCS declared Q1 FY26 net profit of ₹12,760 crore—up 6% year-on-year—driven by strong operating margins and non-core income gains. Revenue from operations was ₹63,437 crore, marking modest growth of 1.3% YoY, but declined 3.1% in constant currency terms. Operating margins expanded to 24.5%, up 30 basis points from the previous quarter. Chairman N. Chandrasekaran announced TCS is adding AI agents to augment its human workforce with autonomous IT capabilities. TCS split its AI.Cloud business unit into two distinct verticals—AI and Cloud—to sharpen focus and accelerate growth in both areas. CEO K. Krithivasan noted that project decision delays intensified during the quarter, particularly amid continued global uncertainty and BSNL deal ramp-down. The first 35-day benching policy cycle, implemented from June 12, completed this quarter—creating anxiety among employees who remain unassigned beyond the threshold. The benching policy is intended to improve resource utilization and deployment speed, but employee unrest stems from strict timelines and perceived lack of clarity.

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“Latest developments about Infosys”

Infosys posted Q1 FY25 consolidated revenue of ₹39,315 crore, rising 3.6%(2.5% in constant currency) and beating market expectations. Net profit increased 7.1% to ₹6,368 crore, with operating margins improving to 21.1% due to better utilization and cost control. Infosys won a record 34 large deals with a total contract value of \$4.1 billion—57.6% of which were net-new clients. Active client count stood at 1,867; the number of \$100M+ clients remained at 40, while \$50M+ clients rose to 84. Employee strength fell for the sixth straight quarter to 3,15,332, as voluntary attrition declined to 12.7% from 17.3% a year earlier. Infosys reported strong cash flow growth: free cash reached ₹4,351 crore and DSO improved to 69 days. Infosys chair Nandan Nilekani emphasized firms will increasingly build their own smaller AI models, aligned with Infosys's AI-first strategy. Karnataka government launched a landmark upskilling initiative in partnership with Infosys to train district-level officers in public service delivery and skill development. The company laid off 195 trainees in April 2025 after internal assessments, its third such round this year; impacted cohorts are offered training or outplacement support.

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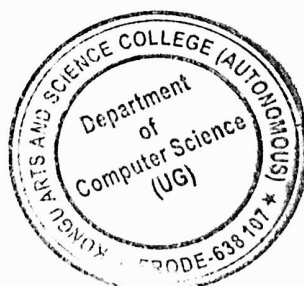
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“Wipro’s latest developments”

Wipro’s annual results for FY24-25 showed a slight dip in IT services revenue—down about 2.3% to \$10.5 billion—but net profit surged nearly 19%, reaching ₹13,140 crore with margins expanding to 17.1%. Chairman Rishad Premji emphasized at the AGM that global economic volatility and shifting client priorities have shaped a cautious outlook, but Wipro is doubling down on its AI-first strategy. The company won 63 major deals totaling \$5.4 billion in FY25, including two mega-deals where AI was embedded at the core of every engagement. CEO Srini Pallia revealed that nearly 87,000 employees underwent generative AI training, while partnerships with 63 colleges help align graduates with industry-ready AI skills. Diversity remains a focus: women now make up 37% of the workforce and 33% of the independent board. Wipro was named a DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion) Lighthouse by the World Economic Forum and introduced a robust employee well-being framework. The firm is transitioning to become a **consulting-led, AI-powered organization**, shifting focus from traditional IT services toward high-value strategic advisory and AI innovation. The company has built more than **2,000 AI proof-of-concept use cases** across industries, covering healthcare improvement, contact center efficiency, financial advisor productivity, and engineering workflows.

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“UK Government's partnership with Google Cloud”

The UK Government has announced a landmark partnership with **Google Cloud** aimed at phasing out outdated legacy systems across the public sector. Technology Secretary **Peter Kyle** called these ageing systems a "ball and chain" on government efficiency, with some departments—like the NHS and police—still running 70% of their operations on legacy tech. The collaboration is expected to deliver up to **£45 billion in efficiency savings** and modernize critical public services such as tax filing, NHS systems, and waste management. A key component of the deal includes **upskilling 100,000 civil servants** in AI and cloud technology by 2030. This supports the government's target of having **1 in 10 officials trained in digital roles**. Training and support will involve experts from both Google Cloud and DeepMind, enabling AI-focused learning for government staff. Additionally, a new **cybersecurity monitoring platform** will be introduced to improve national digital defense. The plan also includes exploring **quantum computing applications** and **AI-driven service delivery** in sectors like health and transport. Announced at the **Google Cloud Summit London**, the partnership bypassed standard procurement channels as no public funds were exchanged, drawing criticism from digital rights groups. Campaigners warn of risks to digital sovereignty and call for more transparency.

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