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Key moves today span open-source local AI (ggml/llama.cpp joining Hugging Face), a major open robotics world-model release (NVIDIA’s DreamDojo), and fresh signals from India on both usage growth and “sovereign” model building. Also: new agent-layer tooling, updated task-horizon evals for Claude Opus 4.6, and escalating policy/IP tensions around military use, safety reporting, and generative video.

ggml (llama.cpp) joins Hugging Face, doubling down on local AI

ggml.ai + Hugging Face: make local inference easier to use

The ggml.ai team (behind **llama.cpp**) is joining **Hugging Face**, with a stated plan to keep building ggml, make llama.cpp “more accessible,” and “empower the open-source community” around **local AI on personal hardware**¹².

“Our joint mission is to make local AI easy and efficient to use by everyone on their own hardware.”³

More detail was shared via Hugging Face’s post: <https://huggingface.co/blog/ggml-joins-hf>⁴.

¹ post by @gggerganov

² post by @Thom_Wolf

³ post by @gggerganov

⁴ post by @Thom_Wolf

Robotics: NVIDIA open-sources an interactive world model (DreamDojo)

DreamDojo: “Simulation 2.0” from videos → robot-readable actions

NVIDIA’s Jim Fan announced **DreamDojo**, an **open-source, interactive robot world model** that takes robot motor controls and generates future frames “in pixels,” explicitly positioning it as a shift away from traditional simulators with engines/meshes/hand-authored dynamics ⁵.

The system is pretrained on **44K hours of human egocentric video** and uses **latent actions** inferred from video to make the data “robot-readable” across different hardware, with a claim of **zero-shot generalization** to unseen objects/environments ^{6,7}. It also includes **post-training** to adapt to a specific robot’s actuation mechanics via gradient descent ⁸.

Real-time interaction + reported task gains

DreamDojo includes a real-time distilled version reported to run at **10 FPS**, enabling live teleoperation, policy evaluation, and model-based planning “inside a dream” ^{9,10}. In one example, model-based planning is described as improving real-world success by **+17%** out of the box on a fruit-packing task ¹¹.

Links: project <https://dreamdojo-world.github.io/> ¹² • paper <https://arxiv.org/abs/2602.06949> ¹³ • code <https://github.com/NVIDIA/DreamDojo> ¹⁴.

India signals: demand + “sovereign” model building

OpenAI: Codex usage in India spikes

Sam Altman said he met with India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi “to talk about the incredible energy around AI in India” ¹⁵. He also said India is OpenAI’s **fastest-growing market for Codex**, with weekly users **up 4× in the past two weeks** ¹⁶.

Altman separately warned against slow enterprise AI timelines, describing a company planning to spend 2026–2028 “strategizing” and saying that approach “will be a catastrophic mistake” for AI adoption ¹⁷.

⁵ post by @DrJimFan

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¹² post by @DrJimFan

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¹⁴ post by @DrJimFan

¹⁵ post by @sama

¹⁶ post by @sama

¹⁷Rapid Fire With Sam Altman: His Take on AGI, Musk & the Future of AI | Express Adda



Rapid Fire With Sam Altman: His Take on AGI, Musk & the Future of AI / Express Adda (22:09)

Sarvam AI: training 30B + 105B “from scratch in India” with a small team

A Sarvam AI post described training **30B** and **105B** models “from scratch in India” with a team of **15**, with benchmarks and Hugging Face links said to be forthcoming ¹⁸. Vinod Khosla also highlighted SarvamAI as “outdistancing” others in an “India sovereign AI model race” based on presence at an India AI summit event ¹⁹.

Yann LeCun: coalition-built open frontier models as a sovereignty path

In a Delhi interview, Yann LeCun argued that countries could collaborate to build **open-source frontier models** using regional data “not accessible” to proprietary models, and that this could allow open models to “become better” than closed proprietary ones ²⁰. He also argued for more investment in research and PhD training in India to build local expertise ²¹.

¹⁸ post by @pratykumar

¹⁹ post by @vkhosla

²⁰India should invest more in research and PhDs: AI Pioneer Yann LeCun in Delhi

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Agents & developer tooling: orchestration layers proliferate

“Claws” emerge as a new layer on top of LLM agents (with security caveats)

Andrej Karpathy described “Claws” as a new layer on top of LLM agents—pushing orchestration, scheduling, context, tool calls, and persistence forward²². He expressed concern about running **OpenClaw** given its scale (“400K lines”), reports of exposed instances, RCE vulnerabilities, supply chain poisoning, and malicious/compromised “skills,” calling it a “wild west” and “security nightmare” even while endorsing the concept²³.

He highlighted **NanoClaw** as a smaller core (~4000 lines) with containerized defaults and a “skills”-driven configurability approach (e.g., `/add-telegram` instructing an agent to modify code to integrate Telegram)²⁴. Separately, swyx said NanoClaw addresses OpenClaw complaints as a minimal hackable reproduction (~700 LOC) that uses **Apple Containers** for sandboxing/security²⁵.

Google open-sources an Agent Development Kit (ADK)

A LocalLLM post says Google has officially launched the **Agent Development Kit (ADK)** as **open source**²⁶²⁷.

antaris-suite 3.0: in-process agent memory/guard/router/context as Python packages

Antaris Analytics announced **antaris-suite 3.0**, described as six **zero-dependency** Python packages covering an agent turn’s infrastructure: memory, safety/guard, routing, context management, pipeline coordination, and shared contracts²⁸. It also describes an OpenClaw integration where memory recall and ingest hook into every agent turn automatically, including “compaction-aware session recovery” for long-running agents²⁹.

The release also notes it ran a “three-model gauntlet” (Claude, ChatGPT, Gemini) that found issues before shipping, and that those were resolved with **1,465 tests passing**³⁰. GitHub: <https://github.com/Antaris-Analytics/antaris-suite>³¹.

²² post by @karpathy

²³ post by @karpathy

²⁴ post by @karpathy

²⁵ post by @swyx

²⁶_r/LocalLLM post by u/Fun-Necessary1572

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Model capability measurement: longer task horizons (with big error bars)

METR: Claude Opus 4.6 time-horizon estimate on software tasks

METR Evals reported an estimate that **Claude Opus 4.6** has a “50%-time-horizon” of **~14.5 hours** on software tasks (95% CI: **6 to 98 hours**), while noting the measurement is “extremely noisy” because the task suite is “nearly saturated”³².

A separate Reddit discussion notes a METR update where Claude Opus 4.6 “hits 50%” on **multi-hour expert ML tasks** (example: “fix complex bug in ML research codebase”), with confidence bands described as wide but the trend “clear”³³³⁴.

Policy, safety, and IP friction

Pentagon vs. Anthropic: “legal use cases” vs. red lines

A segment summarized by Matt Wolfe describes tension where the Pentagon wants to use Anthropic models for “all legal use cases,” while Anthropic does not want its models used for **mass surveillance** or **fully autonomous weapons without a human in the loop**³⁵.

In a separate interview, Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei said Anthropic has deployed models for U.S. national security for “quite a while,” but reiterated concern about **fully autonomous weapons** (no human-in-the-loop) and **domestic mass surveillance of Americans**, framing these as important red lines for compatibility with democracy and the company’s culture³⁶.

Report: OpenAI flagged violence-related writings; leaders chose not to alert authorities

A post citing a WSJ Tech link says OpenAI internal systems flagged a “Canadian trans shooter” for writings about real-world violence including gun violence³⁷. It also says over a dozen OpenAI employees debated telling law enforcement, but OpenAI leaders decided not to inform authorities about a “potential mass murder”³⁸. Elon Musk responded: “Troubling”³⁹. WSJ Tech link (as shared): <https://x.com/wsjtech/status/2024960405915787751>⁴⁰.

³² post by @METR_Evals

³³_r/MachineLearning post by u/thefuturespace

³⁴_r/MachineLearning post by u/thefuturespace

³⁵AI News: 5 New Models Dropped This Week!

³⁶Not Trying To Replace Existing IT Industry: Anthropic CEO Dario Amodei | EXCLUSIVE

³⁷ post by @KatieMiller

³⁸ post by @KatieMiller

³⁹ post by @elonmusk

⁴⁰ post by @KatieMiller

Hollywood backlash over ByteDance’s Seed Dance 2.0; ByteDance says it will add safeguards

Matt Wolfe described statements from SAG-AFTRA, Disney, and the Motion Picture Association condemning ByteDance’s AI video model **Seed Dance 2.0** over alleged unauthorized use of voices/likeness and IP, and reported ByteDance saying it will add safeguards and strengthen protections against unauthorized IP/likeness use ⁴¹.

Inside companies: Amazon’s writing culture vs. AI-written six-pagers

A Big Technology report describes tension inside Amazon as leadership pushes internal AI tools (including “Cedric,” described as a ChatGPT-style tool) that promise “six-page narratives in seconds,” while employees characterize the tools as “comically inadequate,” citing hallucinations and a lack of clear training/measurement ⁴²⁴³⁴⁴⁴⁵.

Veterans in the report worry Amazon is losing sight of the idea that “writing is thinking,” describing a loop of “chatbots writing six-pagers to be summarized by other chatbots,” while newer employees describe pressure to increase output volume in part because AI can summarize longer docs ⁴⁶⁴⁷.

Research papers to skim (synthetic evals + end-to-end summarization)

- **LOLAMEME**: A synthetic evaluation framework comparing GPT-2 (Transformer), Hyena (convolution), and a hybrid architecture (THEX) on logic+memory tasks with features like global variables and mixed-language syntax; the authors report THEX outperforming Hyena and GPT-2 on several tasks and argue attention/convolution are complementary ⁴⁸⁴⁹⁵⁰⁵¹. Paper: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2406.02592> ⁵².
- **JADS**: An end-to-end model unifying multi-document topic discovery and summarization, described as outperforming a two-step pipeline (BERTopic + Longformer) by **8–9 ROUGE points** using self-supervised data cre-

⁴¹AI News: 5 New Models Dropped This Week!

⁴²Writing Crystalized Thinking At Amazon. Is AI Muddying It?

⁴³Writing Crystalized Thinking At Amazon. Is AI Muddying It?

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⁵⁰_r/MachineLearning post by u/djaym7

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53545556. Paper: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2405.18642> 57.

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