



SpaceX spending \$60 billion to buy Cursor

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SPACEX has agreed to acquire AI coding startup Cursor in a \$60 billion all-stock deal, marking one of the biggest acquisitions involving a venture-backed software company and signalling a wider push into artificial intelligence beyond rockets and satellites.

The deal comes days after SpaceX's stock market debut and will be completed later this year. Cursor, developed by startup Anysphere, provides AI tools that help programmers write and manage software. The company has become one of the fastest-growing software firms, with annualised revenue of about \$4 billion in 2026 and more than 50,000 customers.

Cursor was valued at \$29.3 billion during its funding round in November. By early 2026, investors were discussing a valuation of around \$50 billion as revenue continued to rise. The \$60 billion price therefore represents a premium, but one that reflects the speed at which the company has expanded and the growing demand for AI software tools. The acquisition also highlights a shift in the AI race. Rather than relying on outside products

such as OpenAI's Codex or Anthropic's Claude-based coding systems, SpaceX is buying ownership of a platform that can be developed internally. Analysts say this gives the company greater control over products, computing resources and future services.

A report by AI Business said the purchase would give SpaceX "a viable rival to Anthropic's Claude Code and OpenAI's Codex systems". Earlier agreements between the two companies included joint work on coding and knowledge-work AI tools. The transaction gives SpaceX control over a product that already has a large user base instead of building a competing service from scratch. According to Cursor's website, the company aims to help users "engineer anything".

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Telegram faces more scrutiny than WhatsApp

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WITH Telegram facing a temporary restriction in India ahead of the NEET (UG) re-examination scheduled for June 21, 2026, the messaging platform has once again come under scrutiny over its privacy features. The government cited the alleged misuse of Telegram channels and groups that promised students access to the NEET re-examination paper in exchange for money. According to reports, several channels openly advertised purported leaked question papers and charged candidates anywhere from a few thousand rupees to several lakhs.

Telegram founder and CEO Dhruv Palvo has sharply criticized the government's action, arguing that authorities are targeting the platform instead of addressing the root cause of examination malpractice. He also alleged that Reliance was blocking access to Telegram outside India. According to him, Meta has invested in Reliance and, since Meta owns WhatsApp, the move could be part of a larger competitive battle between messaging platforms.

AUTHORITIES ARE TARGETING THE PLATFORM INSTEAD OF ADDRESSING THE ROOT CAUSE OF EXAMINATION MALPRACTICE



The controversy raises a broader question: Why has Telegram come under the scanner of governments, and what features does it offer that make it different from rivals such as WhatsApp?

Telegram vs WhatsApp

Both Telegram and WhatsApp are free messaging apps, but they are designed for different kinds of users.

WhatsApp is mainly built for private conversations between friends, family members and small groups. Telegram, on the other hand, combines messaging with social media-like features such as large groups, public channels and cloud storage. One major difference is how messages are stored. WhatsApp uses end-to-end encryption by default for all chats and calls, meaning only the sender and receiver can read the messages. On Telegram, only "Secret Chats" have end-to-end encryption. Regular chats are stored on Telegram's cloud servers. Telegram's cloud-based system allows users to access their chats, photos and documents from multiple devices at the same time without depending on a single phone.

Anonymity: The main attraction

One of the biggest reasons for Telegram's popularity among students, businesses and large online communities is that it offers more anonymity than many other messaging apps

LARGE GROUPS

1 One of Telegram's biggest advantages is the size of its groups. While a WhatsApp group can have up to 1,024 members, a Telegram group can have as many as 2 lakh users. For example, a coaching institute, college alumni association or a large fan club can bring thousands of people together in a single group.

HIDE PHONE NUMBERS

2 On WhatsApp, your phone number is usually visible to people you interact with. Telegram allows users to create a username and chat without sharing their mobile number. For example, a student joining a public exam-preparation group can participate in discussions without revealing personal contact details.

ANONYMOUS MESSAGE FORWARDING

3 Telegram can hide the identity of the original sender when a message is forwarded. For instance, if a user shares a message in one group and someone forwards it to another group, other people may not be able to see who originally sent it.

ANONYMOUS ADMINS

4 Group administrators can choose to hide their identity while managing a group. Instead of showing their personal account name, messages can appear as if they were posted by the group

itself. This is useful for people managing very large communities.

EXTRA APP SECURITY

5 Telegram allows users to lock the app with a PIN, fingerprint or face unlock. This means that even if someone gets access to your phone, they may still not be able to open Telegram without the additional security check.

SELF-DESTRUCTING ACCOUNTS

6 Telegram can automatically delete an account if it remains inactive for a long period. For example, if a user does not log in for several months, the account and its stored data can be removed automatically.

LARGE FILE SHARING

7 Telegram is popular because it allows users to send large files, including videos, documents and presentations, directly through the app. For example, a teacher can share a full lecture video or study material with students without using another file-sharing service.

BOTS AND AUTOMATION

8 Telegram supports automated tools called bots. These bots can send news updates, answer questions, conduct polls, provide weather information or help manage large groups. For example, a news channel can use a bot to automatically send breaking news alerts to subscribers

SCALER REPORT

AI no longer just for engineers; salaries rise 147% after upskilling

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

ARTIFICIAL Intelligence (AI) is no longer limited to software engineers and technology teams, and is increasingly becoming a workforce-wide skill across industries, according to the India AI Workforce Report 2026 released by Scaler.

The report, based on insights from 11,444 professionals, found that AI is helping workers improve productivity, accelerate career growth and access new job opportunities across a wide range of sectors.

One of the key findings of the report is that AI is expanding beyond traditional engineering roles. Nearly 25% of AI learners now come from non-technical backgrounds, highlighting the growing relevance of AI in fields beyond software development. More than half of AI-enabled career outcomes are now found in areas such as leadership, consulting, human resources, marketing, finance, academia and operations.

The report also points to a growing and more diverse AI talent pool in India. Women are increasingly entering AI-enabled careers across functions such as HR, academia and marketing. On average, women reported a 145% increase in salary after transitioning into AI-related roles, while female quality assurance engineers recorded the highest gains, with salaries rising by 574%.

Bengaluru continues to be India's largest AI talent hub, accounting for 19% of AI learners. It is followed by Pune, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Chennai. At the same time, nearly one in five AI learners now comes from Tier-II cities including Lucknow, Jaipur, Patna, Indore, Coimbatore and Nagpur, indicating that AI education and opportunities are spreading beyond major metropolitan centres. According to the report, AI upskilling has delivered significant career benefits. Professionals reported an average salary increase of 147% after acquiring AI skills, while early-career professionals saw salary growth of 155%. Software Engineer emerged as the most common AI-related career outcome, accounting for 34.77% of learners, followed by Engineering Leadership roles at 17.51%.



TECHNOLOGY BUZZ

Data privacy tops smartphone resale concerns among Indians

Nearly 74% of Indians are worried about the misuse of their personal data after selling or exchanging their smartphones, according to a survey by Cashify. The survey, which covered 8,000 respondents, found that smartphone resale has become common, with 56.6% of people saying they have sold or exchanged a device. However, concerns over data security remain high.

Push for more Wi-Fi spectrum to improve connectivity

Industry leaders and government officials on Thursday called for greater support for public Wi-Fi networks and further delicensing of the 6 GHz spectrum band to improve broadband connectivity across India. The demand was raised at a conference organised by the Broadband India Forum (BIF) on World Wi-Fi Day 2026. The event focused on the role of next-generation Wi-Fi technologies, including Wi-Fi 6E and Wi-Fi 7.

JBL unveils new over-ear and on-ear wireless headphones

JBL on Thursday launched its new Live 780NC over-ear and Live 680NC on-ear wireless headphones in India, featuring adaptive noise cancellation, personalised audio and long battery life. The JBL Live 780NC will be available for pre-booking from June 18 on JBL's website and Amazon India. The new headphones come with 40mm dynamic drivers, JBL Spatial Sound and True Adaptive Noise Cancelling 2.0.

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3. Export Facility Center, Mohadi, Taluka Dindori, District Nashik

MSAMB invites separate proposals from competent agencies for the Operation, Maintenance and Management of the above-mentioned facilities. The detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) documents and guidelines are available on the e-tendering portal at <http://mahatenders.gov.in>. The last date for submission of proposals is 10th July 2026. Any corrigendum, amendment, modification, or extension of the submission date, if any, shall be uploaded only on <http://mahatenders.gov.in>. Applicants are advised to visit the website regularly for updates.

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Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Description of Secured Asset to be enforced	Date of Notice sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
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These steps are being taken for substituted service of Notice. The above borrower/s and/or guarantor/s (as applicable) before advised to make the outstanding payment within 60 days from the date of publishing this Notice. Else, further steps will be taken as per the provisions of the Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date: June 19, 2026
Place: Salem

Sincerely Authorised Officer
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

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"APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

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NAME & ADDRESS OF BORROWER (S) / GUARANTOR (S) / MORTGAGOR (S)	DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY	Total Dues	Date of e-Auction and Time of E-auction Start Time 02.00 pm to End Time 06.00 pm	1. Reserve Price, 2. EMD Amount, 3. Bid Increase Amount.	Status of Possession (Constructive / Physical)	Property Inspection date & Time
1. Mr.Mohan.G, S/o.Govindaraj, 2. Late Mrs.Rani, W/o.Mohan.G, D.No.28, Ramamoorthi Nagar, Muthu Samy Street, Mettur Dam RS, Salem Dt - 636 402. Guarantor : Mr.Murugan, S/o.Pazhani, D.No.9/64C, Thippampatti Kattu Valavu, Gonur Post, Mettur Tk, Salem Dt - 636 404. Mortgagor : Mr.Mohan.G, S/o.Govindaraj, D.No.28, Ramamoorthi Nagar, Muthu Samy Street, Mettur Dam RS, Salem Dt - 636 402.	ITEM - I : All that Part and Parcel of the property located at Salem District, Salem West Registration District, Mettur Sub Registration, Mettur Taluk, P N Patty Village, Old Survey No.587, New Survey No.310 to and extent of 0.0063.0 sq.meter or 678 sq.ft land. Boundary : East of : Rajammal land, West of : North South Road, North of : Mathesan and Gopal land, South of : Loganathan land. ITEM - II : All that Part and Parcel of the property located at Salem District, Salem West Registration District, Mettur Sub Registration, Mettur Taluk, P N Patty Village, Old Survey No.587/PA, New Survey No.1122/17 and extent of 0.0034.84 sq.meter or 375 sq.feet land. Boundary : East of : Rajammal remaining land, West of : Mohan land, North of : Murugan House, South of : Loganathan land. A residential house building has situated on above lands to the extent of Ground Floor 1053.00 sq.ft. This Property is situated at P N Patty Town Panchayat. Mortgagor : Mr.Mohan.G, S/o.Govindaraj, D.No.28, Ramamoorthi Nagar, Muthu Samy Street, Mettur Dam RS, Salem Dt - 636 402.	Rs 11,13,852.99 + unapplied interest + unserviced interest from 15.06.2026 + legal expenses.	07.07.2026 14.00 hrs (02.00 PM) to 18.00 hrs (06.00 PM)	1.Rs.13,75,000/- 2.Rs.1,37,500/- 3. Rs.25,000/-	Physical Possession	06.07.2026 10.00 hrs (10.00 AM) to 16.00 hrs (04.00 PM)

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