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Making Malayalees AI-ready



Meta, SoftBank, and Baidu ended the year with moves that can change the AI world.
Meta bought an AI agent that can actually *do work*, not just chat.
SoftBank poured tens of billions into OpenAI, betting big on super-power AI.
And Baidu quietly showed ERNIE 5.0

a Chinese AI model that matches or beats top US models.

One thing is clear:
AI is no longer about talking smart.
It's about **agents that act** and **money that decides who wins**.
I'm Alex. Welcome to **L8R by Innov8**.

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In today's post:

- Meta Buys Manus (Agentic AI Is Here)
- SoftBank Invests \$41B in OpenAI
- ERNIE 5.0: China's Silent AI Bomb

🗨️ Meta Buys Manus (Agentic AI Is Here)



Meta bought an AI startup called Manus. This AI doesn't just chat — it **plans, clicks, writes code, and finishes tasks** by itself.

Bullet Points:

- Meta bought **Manus** for ~\$2–3 billion
- Manus is an **AI agent**, not a chatbot
- It can do research, coding, analysis, and reports
- Meta will plug this into WhatsApp, Instagram, and Meta AI

Why It Matters:

- Chatbots talk, agents **act**
- This is AI that works like a digital employee
- Shows Meta cares more about **AI systems**, not just models
- Big threat to Google, OpenAI, Microsoft

What's Next?

- Manus inside WhatsApp for businesses?
- AI that runs ads, replies to customers, makes reports
- Agent wars are just starting

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💰 SoftBank Invests \$41B in OpenAI



SoftBank just gave OpenAI one of the biggest investments in tech history. This money is for **super-power AI and massive data centers**.

🔍 Bullet Points:

- **SoftBank** invested \$41 billion
- They now own ~11% of **OpenAI**
- OpenAI valued around \$300–500 billion
- Money will be used for chips, data centers, and AGI

🔥 Why It Matters:

- AI is now a **money + power game**
- Only rich players can train top models
- OpenAI removed profit limits to raise money
- This could change OpenAI's original "for humanity" image

▶▶ What's Next?

- Giant AI data centers (called Stargate)
- Faster race toward AGI
- More pressure on OpenAI to make money fast

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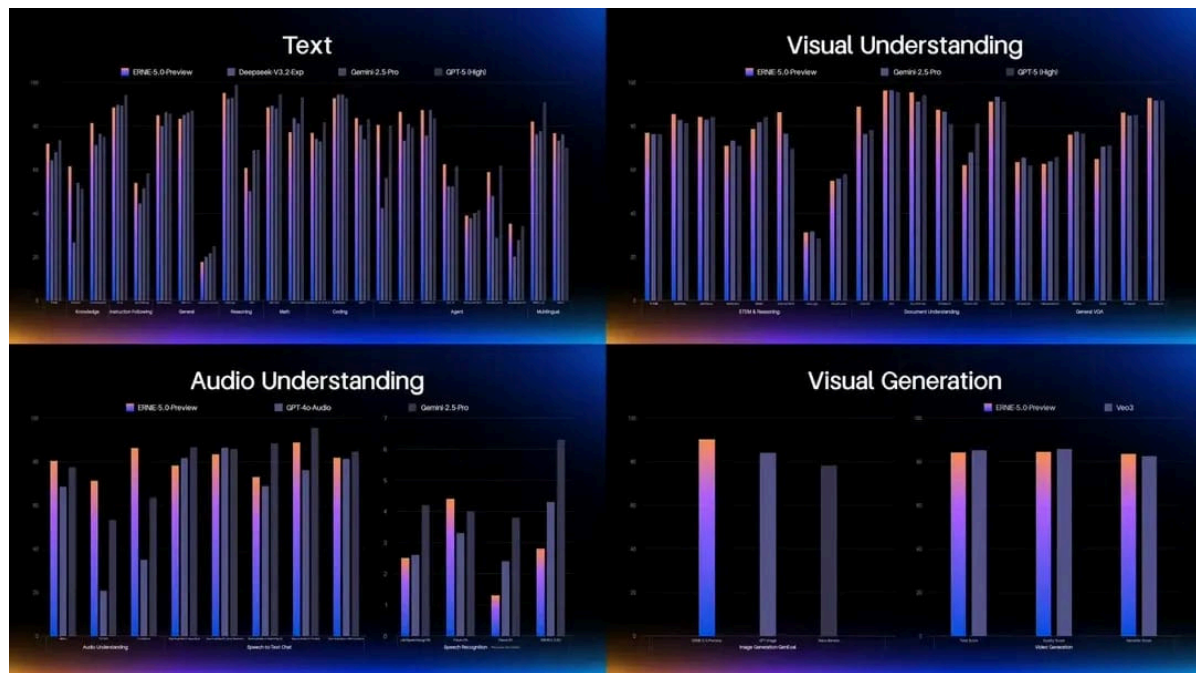
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ERNIE 5.0: China's Silent AI Bomb



Baidu released ERNIE 5.0 — a new AI that understands **text, images, audio, video** together. On some tests, it beats GPT and Gemini.



Bullet Points:

- Built by **Baidu**
- Model name: **ERNIE 5.0**
- Top scores in reading documents and charts
- Very good at **SVG, UI, and frontend generation**
- Cheaper than GPT and Claude



Why It Matters:

- China is catching up — fast
- ERNIE is trained on all media together (big advantage)
- AI design + code generation is improving quickly
- Western models may lose technical lead



What's Next?

- More global testing of ERNIE
- Bug fixes (SVG tool issue being fixed)

- China vs US AI competition will heat up



Quick L8R Summary

- **Meta buys a "Digital Employee":** Meta acquired **Manus** (an agentic AI startup) for ~\$3 Billion, meaning WhatsApp might soon have AI that plans and finishes tasks for you, not just chats.
- **OpenAI gets \$41 Billion:** SoftBank just made one of the biggest bets in history, investing **\$41B** into OpenAI to build massive super-computers and race toward AGI.
- **China's Silent Win:** Baidu quietly dropped **ERNIE 5.0**, a powerful new model that understands text, images, and video all at once—and it's already beating GPT in some key tests.

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