MORNING BRIEF

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BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.1 (1/12)

dhritarashtra uvacha
dharma-kshetre kuru-kshetre samaveta yuyutsavah
mamakah pandavashchaiva kimakurvata sanjaya

Dhritarashtra said: O Sanjaya, what did my sons and the sons of Pandu do after gathering on the holy field of Kurukshetra, desiring to fight?

> Our environment shapes our actions. Choose your environment wisely — surround yourself with influences that elevate your character, not diminish it.

LAW 1: NEVER OUTSHINE THE MASTER (1/48)

Always make those above you feel comfortably superior. In your desire to please and impress them, do not go too far in displaying your talents or you might inspire fear and insecurity. Make your masters appear more brilliant than they are.

GIFT NIFTY **25,873.50** +176.00 (+0.68%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **+180 pts** (+0.70%)

INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%	
NIFTY 50	25,693.70	+50.90	+0.20%	
Sensex	83,580.40	+266.47	+0.32%	
Bank NIFTY	60,120.55	+56.90	+0.09%	
India VIX	11.94	-0.23	-1.89%	

FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	+1,951
DII	-1,265

India Market Sentiment: **93** (Extreme Greed) — VIX at 11.9

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%	
S&P 500	6,932.30	+133.90	+1.97%	
Nasdaq	23,031.21	+490.62	+2.18%	
Dow Jones	50,115.67	+1,206.95	+2.47%	
S&P Futures	6,952.75	+132.00	+1.94%	

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
Nikkei 225	54,253.68	+435.64	+0.81%
Hang Seng	26,559.95	-325.29	-1.21%

US Fear & Greed: **45** (fear)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.21	-0.00	-0.10%
Gold	4,979.80	+118.40	+2.44%
Silver	76.89	+0.37	+0.48%
Crude Oil	63.55	+0.26	+0.41%
USD/INR	90.31	+0.19	+0.21%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

— GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 180 pts (+0.70%) — signals a gap-up open.

— NIFTY ended flat (+0.20%) — range-bound session.

— India VIX at 11.9 — low fear, complacency territory.

— FII bought 1,951 Cr, DII sold 1,265 Cr — foreign money in, domestic booking profits.

— Wall Street closed strong (S&P +1.97%) — positive cue for Asian markets.

— S&P futures pointing higher (+1.94%).

— Gold up +2.44% at $4,980.

— Rupee weakened to 90.31 — watch IT exporters.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H	
BTC		$70,291.00	+2.52%
ZEC		$242.31	+2.84%

Fear & Greed Index: **7** (Extreme Fear)

— BTC grinding up +2.5% — healthy trend continuation.

— Fear & Greed at 7 (Extreme Fear) — historically a good accumulation zone.

HACKER NEWS

1. **France's homegrown open source online office suite**

   We had blast: - 300 people - 15+ countries - Students, Researchers, Public Agents, Seasonned developpers and designers Big congrats to the winners : - 1st 🥇: VRC Team: Visio Room Connector - 2nd 🥈: OpenProject - Hacking Borders: Docs x OpenProject...

   734 pts · 306 comments

2. **The AI boom is causing shortages everywhere else**

   337 pts · 549 comments

3. Coding agents have replaced every framework I used

Software Engineering is back Coding agents have replaced every framework I used I don't post a lot. But when I do, it's because I think few people are saying out loud what I'm noticing. I've been building a product from the ground up.

333 pts · 528 comments

4. SectorC: A C Compiler in 512 bytes (2023)

SectorC: A C Compiler in 512 bytes SectorC (github) is a C compiler written in x86-16 assembly that fits within the 512 byte boot sector of an x86 machine. It supports a subset of C that is large enough to write real and interesting programs.

293 pts · 57 comments

5. Software factories and the agentic moment

Software Factories And The Agentic Moment We built a Software Factory: non-interactive development where specs + scenarios drive agents that write code, run harnesses, and converge without human review. The narrative form is included below.

227 pts · 386 comments

6. Show HN: LocalGPT – A local-first AI assistant in Rust with persistent memory

A local device focused AI assistant built in Rust — persistent memory, autonomous tasks, ~27MB binary. Inspired by and compatible with OpenClaw.

204 pts · 85 comments

7. I write games in C (yes, C) (2016)

I am an unusual beast. All my solo project games I've been making recently have been written in 'vanilla' C. Nobody does this.

196 pts · 200 comments

8. Stories from 25 Years of Software Development

Stories From 25 Years of Software Development Last year, I completed 20 years in professional software development. I wanted to write a post to mark the occasion back then, but couldn't find the time.

195 pts · 19 comments

9. Hoot: Scheme on WebAssembly

Hoot: Scheme on WebAssembly Hoot is a Spritely project for running Scheme code on Wasm GC-capable web browsers, featuring a Scheme to Wasm compiler and a full-featured Wasm toolchain. Hoot is built on Guile and has no additional dependencies.

192 pts · 36 comments

10. Speed up responses with fast mode

Fast mode is in research preview. The feature, pricing, and availability may change based on feedback. /fast when you need speed for interactive work like rapid iteration or live debugging, and toggle it off when cost matters more than latency.

182 pts · 186 comments

11. Microsoft account bugs locked me out of Notepad – Are thin clients ruining PCs?

Windows 11 locked me out of Notepad via Microsoft Account bugs — is the 'Thin Client' era ruining my 27 blissful years of PCs? I don't want people to switch away from Windows; I want Microsoft to treat its premier operating system like it used to.

155 pts · 203 comments

12. First Proof

Computer Science > Artificial Intelligence [Submitted on 5 Feb 2026] Title:First Proof View PDF HTML (experimental)Abstract:To assess the ability of current AI systems to correctly answer research-level mathematics questions, we share a set of ten...

145 pts · 89 comments

13. **Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback**

    A short introduction to RLHF and post-training focused on language models. Reinforcement learning from human feedback (RLHF) has become an important technical and storytelling tool to deploy the latest machine learning systems.

    124 pts · 5 comments

14. **FDA intends to take action against non-FDA-approved GLP-1 drugs**

    123 pts · 252 comments

15. **Al Lowe on model trains, funny deaths and working with Disney**

    You know he did other things than Larry, right? We talked with Al Lowe about Leisure Suit Larry, but mostly other stuff. This was Roar's first interview and he ran out of time before he could dive into what Al is mostly known for.

    113 pts · 25 comments

MARKET NEWS

Cement majors post double-digit volume growth in Q3, expect price recovery ahead

The companies remain optimistic of further improvement in demand and prices in the coming months, aided by benign inflation, supportive tax rationalisation measures and healthy infrastructure-led growth.

11 penny stocks surged up to 300% in 3 months. Do you own any?

In the last three months, 11 penny stocks delivered impressive gains ranging from 10% to 308%.

US trade deal framework to boost investor confidence, strength capital flows, deepen markets: BSE chief

"The successful conclusion of the India-US interim trade agreement framework is another feather in the cap for the Government of India led by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, reflecting their ability to build strong, trusted global business...

FPIs turn net buyers in Feb; invest Rs 8,100 cr in a week on US trade deal

The inflows follow sustained withdrawals in recent months, with FPIs pulling out Rs 35,962 crore in January, Rs 22,611 crore in December, and Rs 3,765 crore in November, data with the depositories showed.

Mcap of 8 of top 10 valued firms surges by whopping Rs 4.55 lakh cr; Reliance biggest winner

Last week, the BSE benchmark surged by 2,857.46 points or 3.53 per cent.

10 largecap stocks with massive upside potential of up to 45%. Do you own any?

Analyst forecasts offer more than just numbers — they provide a strategic view of future market potential. For investors seeking the next big opportunity, a closer examination of BSE Large-Cap stocks highlights some promising contenders.

India's textile sector at an inflection point as global tariff barriers ease; Arvind Fashion, Raymond Lifestyle top buys

The immediate reduction in US tariffs on Indian textile goods from 50% to 18% has brought long-awaited relief to an industry that had been grappling with margin compression, regulatory costs, and weakening demand—particularly in home textiles, where...

From 1929 to today: what history tells us about America's speculative culture and India's prudence

The American financial system is structurally designed to accommodate, and often actively encourage, speculative behaviour. Indian markets, by contrast, are deliberately constructed to restrain it.

High valuations, narrow AI rally cap upside for US equities in the medium term: Anand Rathi

Anand Rathi, Founder and Chairman of the Anand Rathi Group, believes that while the structural case for US markets remains intact, the scope for broad-based upside in the medium term is limited.

Break below 35,400 on Nifty IT could unleash downside risk for IT stocks: Rupak De

Edited excerpts from a chat: FII shorts in Nifty futures have been a worrying trend. How has the data changed after the Budget?

Silver ETFs crash 38% in 7 days. Time to buy for those who missed the rally?

The sharp reversal comes after spot silver plummeted below $65 an ounce before staging a dramatic 8.6% recovery to $77.33 on Friday in international markets—a whipsaw that underscores the metal's heightened volatility and the delicate positioning in...

Nifty holds uptrend after volatile week but faces consolidation near highs

Listen to this article in summarized format As a result, the index oscillated in a wide intra-week range of 1661.80 points before settling higher.

CRYPTO NEWS

Broad-based bitcoin accumulation emerges after sharp capitulation

Broad-based bitcoin accumulation emerges after sharp capitulation Glassnode data is showing buying across all cohorts of bitcoin holders. What to know: - Bitcoin accumulation has broadened across cohorts for the first time since late November.

Why machine-to-machine payments are the new electricity for the digital age

Why machine-to-machine payments are the new electricity for the digital age If continuous M2M payments are the new electricity, then blockchains must be seen as the new power grid, Huang contends.

SOL-focused Forward Industries has had a tough run, but CIO says it's positioned for success

SOL-focused Forward Industries has had a tough run, but CIO says it's positioned for success With no debt and the largest public solana treasury, Forward Industries' CIO says it can play offense and consolidate rivals as the sector strains.

Cardano's Charles Hoskinson reveals $3 billion unrealized loss in crypto rout

Cardano's Charles Hoskinson reveals $3 billion unrealized loss in crypto rout He stressed long-term commitment, prioritizing the development of decentralized systems over short-term price fluctuations.

Bitcoin's 50% plunge isn't a crisis, says hedge fund veteran Gary Bode

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Bitcoin slips below $70,000 after erasing post-election gains during 'sell at any price' rout

Bitcoin slips below $70,000 after erasing post-election gains during 'sell at any price' rout Crypto sentiment was hit as Gemini plans to close operations in several regions and cut staff, while spot bitcoin ETF flows turned negative.

Forget the bank account: EY warns firms they must own the wallet to keep their customers

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TECH & STARTUPS

India has changed its startup rules for deep tech

Deep tech startups in sectors such as space, semiconductors, and biotech take far longer to mature than conventional ventures.

The kids 'picked last in gym class' gear up for Super Bowl

The Super Bowl is happening in Silicon Valley this Sunday, and the Patriots-Seahawks game at Levi's Stadium is going to be packed with tech money. YouTube CEO Neal Mohan is expected to be there. Apple's Tim Cook, too.

NBA star Giannis Antetokounmpo joins Kalshi as an investor

Giannis Antetokounmpo of the Milwaukee Bucks announced Friday that he has joined prediction market Kalshi as a shareholder, making him the first NBA player to invest directly in the company. "The internet is full of opinions.

New York lawmakers propose a three-year pause on new data centers

New Yorker state lawmakers have introduced a bill that would impose a moratorium of at least three years on permits tied to the construction and operation of new data centers.