

# MORNING BRIEF

Monday, 16 February 2026

## BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.9 (9/12)

*anye cha bahavah shura madarthe tyaktajivita  
nanashastrapraharanah sarve yuddhavisharadah*

And many other heroes are prepared to lay down their lives for my sake. They are armed with various weapons and are all skilled in warfare.

Loyalty built on obligation or fear is fragile. Inspire genuine commitment through character, not coercion.

## LAW 9: WIN THROUGH YOUR ACTIONS, NEVER THROUGH ARGUMENT (9/48)

Any momentary triumph you think you have gained through argument is really a Pyrrhic victory. The resentment and ill will you stir up is stronger and lasts longer than any momentary change of opinion. Demonstrate, do not explicate.

GIFT NIFTY **25,462.50** +9.00 (+0.04%)

Gap from NIFTY close: -9 pts (-0.03%)

## INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	25,471.10	-336.10	-1.30%
Sensex	82,626.76	-1,048.16	-1.25%
Bank NIFTY	60,186.65	-553.10	-0.91%
India VIX	13.29	+1.56	+13.30%

## FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	-7,395
DII	+5,554

India Market Sentiment: **89** (Extreme Greed) — VIX at 13.3

## US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	6,836.17	+3.41	+0.05%
Nasdaq	22,546.67	-50.48	-0.22%
Dow Jones	49,500.93	+48.95	+0.10%
S&P Futures	6,863.00	+12.50	+0.18%
Nikkei 225	56,926.51	-15.46	-0.03%
Hang Seng	26,567.12	-465.42	-1.72%

## COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield		4.06	-0.05 -1.17%
Gold	5,049.80	+27.80	+0.55%
Silver	77.15	-0.70	-0.89%
Crude Oil	62.90	+0.01	+0.02%
USD/INR	90.50	-0.06	-0.07%

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading below prev NIFTY close by 9 pts (-0.03%) — signals a gap-down open.
- NIFTY dropped -1.30% — heavy selling.
- India VIX at 13.3 — low fear, complacency territory.
- FII sold 7,395 Cr, DII bought 5,554 Cr — domestic absorbing foreign outflows.
- Gold up +0.55% at \$5,050.

## CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC		\$68,662.00 -1.26%
ZEC		\$293.98 -8.84%

Fear & Greed Index: **12** (Extreme Fear)

- BTC dipping -1.3% — mild correction territory.
- Fear & Greed at 12 (Extreme Fear) — historically a good accumulation zone.

## HACKER NEWS

### 1. EU bans the destruction of unsold apparel, clothing, accessories and footwear

The European Commission today (Feb 9) adopted new measures under the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR) to prevent the destruction of unsold apparel, clothing, accessories and footwear.

761 pts · 517 comments

### 2. Amazon's Ring and Google's Nest reveal the severity of U.S. surveillance state

675 pts · 505 comments

### 3. I fixed Windows native development

Imagine you're maintaining a native project. You use Visual Studio for building on Windows, so you do the responsible thing and list it as a dependency Build Requirements: Install Visual Studio If you're lucky enough not to know this yet, I envy you.

658 pts · 324 comments

### 4. I'm joining OpenAI

tl;dr: I'm joining OpenAI to work on bringing agents to everyone. OpenClaw will move to a foundation and stay open and independent. The last month was a whirlwind, never would I have expected that my playground project would create such waves.

490 pts · 359 comments

## 5. **Oat – Ultra-lightweight, zero dependency, semantic HTML, CSS, JS UI library**

Light like an oat flake 6KB CSS, 2.2KB JS, minified + gzipped. That's it. Oat is an ultra-lightweight HTML + CSS, semantic UI component library with zero dependencies.

463 pts · 122 comments

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## 6. **Hideki Sato, designer of all Sega's consoles, has died**

Beep21 had extensively interviewed Sato about his work at Sega, including as part of this in-depth roundtable series that debuted just a few months ago <https://note.com/beep21/m/m15e6fd503a96>  most of their stuff's paywalled, but this long...

331 pts · 32 comments

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## 7. **Flashpoint Archive – Over 200k web games and animations preserved**

Flashpoint Archive is a community effort to preserve games and animations from the web. Internet history and culture is important, and the web is evolving at such a rapid pace that what might be commonplace today could be obsolete tomorrow.

321 pts · 78 comments

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## 8. **LT6502: A 6502-based homebrew laptop**

A 6502 based laptop design Yes, I know I'm crazy, but I figured why not. I'm enjoying working the PC6502 project but having a little tower of PCBs on the sofa isn't the best.

296 pts · 125 comments

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## 9. **Palantir Gets Millions of Dollars from New York City's Public Hospitals**

New York City's public hospital system is paying millions to Palantir, the controversial ICE and military contractor, according to documents obtained by The Intercept.

247 pts · 93 comments

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## 10. **Modern CSS Code Snippets: Stop writing CSS like it's 2015**

Modern CSS code snippets, side by side with the old hacks they replace. Every technique you still Google has a clean, native replacement now. Get one old → modern comparison in your inbox every week.

203 pts · 77 comments

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## 11. **Palantir vs. the "Republik": US analytics firm takes magazine to court**

Palantir vs. the "Republik": US analytics firm takes magazine to court Data analysis provider Palantir wants to obtain a counterstatement in court – and triggers a wave of solidarity for a small Swiss magazine.

196 pts · 61 comments

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## 12. **Gwtar: A static efficient single-file HTML format**

Gwtar: a static efficient single-file HTML format Gwtar is a new polyglot HTML archival format which provides a single, self-contained, HTML file which still can be efficiently lazy-loaded by a web browser.

174 pts · 64 comments

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## 13. **Two different tricks for fast LLM inference**

Two different tricks for fast LLM inference Anthropic and OpenAI both recently announced "fast mode": a way to interact with their best coding model at significantly higher speeds. These two versions of fast mode are very different.

163 pts · 64 comments

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## 14. **Editor's Note: Retraction of article containing fabricated quotations**

On Friday afternoon, Ars Technica published an article containing fabricated quotations generated by an AI tool and attributed to a source who did not say them. That is a serious failure of our standards.

144 pts · 119 comments

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## 15. **Magnus Carlsen Wins the Freestyle (Chess960) World Championship**

Magnus Carlsen (Norway) is the 2026 FIDE Freestyle Chess World Champion. A draw in the fourth and final game against Fabiano Caruana (USA) was enough to seal a 2.5–1.5 match victory in Weissenhaus, Germany. The decisive moment came in game three.

108 pts · 38 comments

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## MARKET NEWS

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### **Global Market Today | Asian stocks tepid, Yen weakens after GDP data**

Listen to this article in summarized format Shares fluctuated in Japan, where gross domestic product eked out growth in the fourth quarter of 2025, reversing from a deep contraction in the previous period. The yen weakened 0.2% against the dollar.

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### **Fresh legal snag may delay NSE's long-awaited public debut**

The exchange has been trying to go public since 2016, but repeated regulatory scrutiny and past controversies have kept the plan on hold.

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### **Corporate revenues jump most in six quarters on GST push**

Buoyancy in these large-weighting sectors helped offset the one-time financial impact of India's revamped labour codes on the \$280-billion technology outsourcing and communications businesses that collectively have significant weights on the Nifty...

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### **Global Market | BOE on knife edge over rates awaits pivotal UK inflation data**

A packed week for UK economy watchers includes labor market figures and consumer price data, followed by public finance and retail sales reports.

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### **Short-term yields fall on surplus liquidity**

The steepening of yields at the longer end of the curve has prompted institutions to borrow and lock in long-term funds at current rates, while investors prefer shorter-tenor assets that can be repriced quickly when rates of these assets increase.

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### **EMs likely to outperform the US; gold, silver in long-term uptrend: Arvind Sachdeva**

2026 so far has been rough for the AI trade. Is the recent turmoil an unravelling of the trade or a temporary reversal? We fear that it's more of an unravelling.

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### **Traders stay guarded as Nifty turns range-bound, support at 25,100 zone**

RUCHIT JAIN VICE PRESIDENT, MOTILAL OSWAL FINANCIAL SERVICES Where is Nifty headed this week? The pullback move last week witnessed selling pressure around the psychological mark of 26,000, making it a key short-term resistance zone.

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### **Pre-market action: Here's the trade setup for today's session**

STATE OF THE MARKETS - Tech View: From a technical standpoint, the setup has turned relatively cautious, with the index slipping below its 20DMA for the first time in the past few sessions.

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### **Stocks in news: BSE, TCS, Ola Electric, Religare Enterprises, Manappuram Finance**

In today's trade, shares of BSE, TCS, Ola Electric, Religare Enterprises, Manappuram Finance among others will be in focus due to various news developments BSE BSE has received approval from capital markets regulator Sebi to launch derivative...

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### **Global Markets | China's stock bull run falters with earnings set to underwhelm**

Corporate profit pre-announcements have shown a "major deterioration" for the last quarter of 2025, a Morgan Stanley analysis shows.

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### **AI bubble fears are creating new derivatives**

That fear is breathing new life into the market for credit derivatives, where banks, investors and others can protect themselves against borrowers larding on too much debt and becoming less able to pay their obligations.

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### **FPIs trim bearish bets, but no rush to buy yet**

The Long-Short Ratio - number of traders betting on a rise in prices (long positions) to those betting on a fall (short)-of foreign portfolio investors' Nifty futures position stood at 19.4% on Friday, as against 7.5% seen exactly a month ago.

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### **KKR could deploy \$20 billion in India over the next decade, says cofounder Henry Kravis**

Started in 1976, KKR, with \$744 billion in AUM, has deployed more than \$13 billion in India in the last 20 years. Of this, about \$9 billion was committed in the last five years alone.

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### **Reserve Bank of India restores default loss guarantees for NBFCs**

Non-banking finance companies (NBFC) can now factor in DLGs when setting aside buffers for potential loan losses, provided the guarantee forms an integral part of the loan arrangement, the RBI said last week.

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### **RBI initiates talks to ease overseas investment norms**

Senior regulatory officials held a meeting with half a dozen top private and MNC banks a fortnight ago, sparking hopes that the government and the central bank would finally clear the fog on some of the rules and lower the compliance hurdles that...

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### **FPI inflows rebound to Rs 19,675 cr in first fortnight of Feb on US-India trade deal**

Listen to this article in summarized format The inflows follow three consecutive months of heavy selling, with FPIs pulling out Rs 35,962 crore in January, Rs 22,611 crore in December, and Rs 3,765 crore in November, according to data from...

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### **Competing on equal terms: How trade agreements can reshape India's growth model**

Listen to this article in summarized format Global trade today is intensely competitive. Countries that combine lower production costs with preferential tariff access capture supply chains quickly.

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### **Commodities enter a corrective phase: Will it last or is it just a pause?**

Listen to this article in summarized format Right now, the macro environment is mixed and sends signals in both directions.

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### **Ahead of Market: 10 key factors that will decide stock market action on Monday**

Listen to this article in summarized format The Nifty settled at 25,471.10, down 336 points or 1.30%, while the BSE Sensex tumbled 1,048.16 points, or 1.25%, to close at 82,626.76.

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### **Market Trading Guide: Bajaj Finance and a smallcap stock offer up to 5% upside in near term. Here's why**

Listen to this article in summarized format Commenting on the technical charts, Rupak De, Senior Technical Analyst at LKP Securities, said that the setup has turned relatively cautious, with the index slipping below its 20-DMA for the first time in...

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### **Mcap of 6 of top-10 valued firms erodes by Rs 3 lakh cr; TCS, Infosys biggest laggards**

Listen to this article in summarized format The BSE benchmark declined by 953.64 points, or 1.14 per cent, over the past week.

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### **Domestic healthcare demand underpins hospitals ETF thesis: Groww CEO**

Listen to this article in summarized format Edited excerpts from a chat: How does the Groww BSE Hospitals ETF differentiate itself from existing healthcare or pharma-focused passive products, and what specific gap in investor portfolios are you...

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### **Break below 20-DMA shifts risk-reward unfavourably for Nifty: Rupak De**

Listen to this article in summarized format Edited excerpts from a chat: Nifty ended the week lower as IT stocks dragged the index. How do you see the risk-reward changing for the week ahead?

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### **Reliance Industries, Tata Steel among 10 stocks that saw sharpest retail holding decline in Q3. Do you own any?**

Intro - Retail investor participation saw a notable shift over the last quarter, with several companies witnessing a sharp decrease in their individual shareholder base between September 30, 2025 and December 31, 2025.

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### **10 Nifty500 stocks with upside potential of up to 55%. Do you own any?**

Analyst forecasts go beyond mere numbers; they offer a strategic lens into future market potential. For investors on the lookout for the next breakout opportunity, certain Nifty500 stocks stand out as compelling picks.

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### **US Markets | In a frothy market, Brookfield's Bruce Flatt backs value over fashion for long-term gains**

Listen to this article in summarized format Speaking on Brookfield's investment approach a few years ago in a presentation made at the Talk @ Google, whose video is available on YouTube, Flatt consistently highlighted the importance of moving away...

## **RBI grants approval to Bain Capital for acquiring up to 41.7% stake in Manappuram Finance**

The RBI approval, communicated on February 13, 2026, is in connection with the definitive agreements executed on March 20, 2025, under which Bain Capital committed to invest approximately Rs 4,385 crore to acquire an 18 per cent stake on a fully...

## **13 penny stocks plunge up to 55% in a month — Are you affected?**

Over the past month, 13 penny stocks have recorded sharp declines, falling between 15% and 55%.

## **Can Sensex, Nifty snap 2-day fall on Monday? 7 factors that could decide market mood this week**

Listen to this article in summarized format Here are 7 factors that could decide market action in the coming week: 1.) Infosys, Wipro ADRs rebound - After a brutal two-day selloff that saw Infosys and Wipro ADRs plunge as much as 14.5%, Friday's...

## **CRYPTO NEWS**

### **Wall Street giant Apollo deepens crypto push with Morpho token deal**

Wall Street giant Apollo deepens crypto push with Morpho token deal The asset manager overseeing more than \$900 billion assets may buy up to 90 million MORPHO tokens as part of a partnership to support DeFi credit market, it said.

### **Hong Kong is trying to build up its crypto regulations: State of Crypto**

Hong Kong is trying to build up its crypto regulations: State of Crypto Several leaders in Hong Kong announced efforts to advance the region's regulatory environment.

### **Prediction markets vs. insider trading: Founders admit blockchain transparency is the only defense**

Prediction markets vs.

### **BlackRock's digital assets head: Leverage-driven volatility threatens bitcoin's narrative**

BlackRock's digital assets head: Leverage-driven volatility threatens bitcoin's narrative Rampant speculation on crypto derivatives platforms is fueling volatility and risking bitcoin's image as a stable hedge, says BlackRock's digital assets chief.

### **XRP outruns bitcoin, ether after investors piled into the recent crash**

XRP outruns bitcoin, ether after investors piled into the recent crash XRP is outperforming bitcoin and ether following signs of dip buying during recent crash. What to know: - XRP's price has risen 38% since lows reached during the Feb. 6 crash.

### **Wall Street remains bullish on bitcoin while offshore traders retreat**

Wall Street remains bullish on bitcoin while offshore traders retreat The difference in futures basis between CME and Deribit reflects varying risk appetite across regions. What to know: - U.S.

## **TECH & STARTUPS**

### **As AI data centers hit power limits, Peak XV backs Indian startup C2i to fix the bottleneck**

Power, rather than compute, is fast becoming the limiting factor in scaling AI data centers.

### **Blackstone backs Neysa in up to \$1.2B financing as India pushes to build domestic AI infrastructure**

Neysa, an Indian AI infrastructure startup, has secured backing from U.S. private equity firm Blackstone as it scales domestic compute capacity amid India's push to build homegrown AI capabilities.

### **OpenClaw creator Peter Steinberger joins OpenAI**

Peter Steinberger, who created the AI personal assistant now known as OpenClaw, has joined OpenAI.

### **Longtime NPR host David Greene sues Google over NotebookLM voice**

David Greene, the longtime host of NPR's "Morning Edition," is suing Google, alleging that the male podcast voice in the company's NotebookLM tool is based on Greene, according to The Washington Post.

### **Anthropic and the Pentagon are reportedly arguing over Claude usage**

The Pentagon is pushing AI companies to allow the U.S. military to use their technology for “all lawful purposes,” but Anthropic is pushing back, according to a new report in Axios.

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### **India has 100M weekly active ChatGPT users, Sam Altman says**

India has 100 million weekly active ChatGPT users, making the country one of OpenAI’s largest markets globally, CEO Sam Altman said ahead of a government-hosted AI summit.

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### **The enterprise AI land grab is on. Glean is building the layer beneath the interface.**

The battle for enterprise AI is heating up. Microsoft is bundling Copilot into Office. Google is pushing Gemini into Workspace.

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### **TechCrunch Mobility: Rivian’s savior**

Welcome back to TechCrunch Mobility — your central hub for news and insights on the future of transportation. To get this in your inbox, sign up here for free — just click TechCrunch Mobility!

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### **What the Epstein files reveal about EV startups and Silicon Valley**

After the Justice Department released a trove of new documents tied to infamous sex offender Jeffrey Epstein, journalists digging through them have found extensive connections to Silicon Valley.

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### **How to get into a16z’s super-competitive Speedrun startup accelerator program**

Without a doubt, one of the hottest new startup accelerators in tech right now is Andreessen Horowitz’s Speedrun program. Launched in 2023, the accelerator has an acceptance rate of less than 1%.

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### **Hollywood isn’t happy about the new Seedance 2.0 video generator**

Hollywood organizations are pushing back against a new AI video model called Seedance 2.0, which they say has quickly become a tool for “blatant” copyright infringement.

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### **The great computer science exodus (and where students are going instead)**

Something strange happened at University of California campuses this fall. For the first time since the dot-com crash, computer science enrollment dropped.

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