

# MORNING BRIEF

Monday, 23 February 2026

## BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.4 (4/12)

*atra shura maheshvasa bhimarjunasamayudhi  
yuyudhano viratashcha drupadashcha maharathah*

Here are heroes and mighty archers equal in battle to Bhima and Arjuna — Yuyudhana, Virata, and Drupada, all great warriors.

Focusing obsessively on competitors' strengths breeds anxiety. Acknowledge competition, but focus energy on your own excellence rather than others' abilities.

## LAW 16: USE ABSENCE TO INCREASE RESPECT AND HONOR (16/48)

Too much circulation makes the price go down. The more you are seen and heard from, the more common you appear. Temporary withdrawal will make you more talked about, even more admired.

## PAUL GRAHAM — BEFORE THE STARTUP (16/97)

Counterintuitive truths about startups: your instincts about people are reliable but your instincts about ideas aren't; it's more important to work with good people than to have a clever plan; startup ideas look like bad ideas at first (otherwise big companies would already do them); and the most important thing for young founders is not starting a startup — it's becoming the kind of person who has organic startup ideas.

Don't start a startup just to start one. Become someone who naturally encounters problems worth solving. The best preparation is working on hard, interesting problems at the frontier of whatever field excites you.

[paulgraham.com/before.html](http://paulgraham.com/before.html)

**GIFT NIFTY 25,750.00** +184.00 (+0.72%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **+179 pts** (+0.70%)

## INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	25,571.25	+116.90	+0.46%
Sensex	82,814.71	+316.57	+0.38%
Bank NIFTY	61,172.00	+432.45	+0.71%
India VIX	14.36	+0.90	+6.69%

## FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	-935
DII	+2,637

India Market Sentiment: **85** (Extreme Greed) — VIX at 14.4

## US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	6,909.51	+47.62	+0.69%
Nasdaq	22,886.07	+203.34	+0.90%
Dow Jones	49,625.97	+230.81	+0.47%
S&P Futures	6,883.00	-40.25	-0.58%
Nikkei 225	56,825.70	-642.13	-1.12%
Hang Seng	26,413.35	-292.59	-1.10%

US Fear & Greed: **43** (fear)

## COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.09	+0.01	+0.27%
Gold	5,175.00	+115.70	+2.29%
Silver	86.53	+4.25	+5.16%
Crude Oil	65.62	-0.77	-1.16%
USD/INR	90.75	-0.29	-0.32%

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 179 pts (+0.70%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY closed mildly positive at +0.46%.
- India VIX at 14.4 — low fear, complacency territory.
- FII sold 935 Cr, DII bought 2,637 Cr — domestic absorbing foreign outflows.
- Wall Street closed strong (S&P +0.69%) — positive cue for Asian markets.
- S&P futures pointing lower (-0.58%).
- Gold up +2.29% at \$5,175.
- Crude oil dropped -1.16% — watch energy stocks.
- Rupee strengthened to 90.75 — possible FII inflow signal.

## CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$65,124.00	-4.34%
ZEC	\$231.64	-11.00%

Fear & Greed Index: **5** (Extreme Fear)

- BTC down -4.3% — risk-off, check leveraged positions.
- Fear & Greed at 5 (Extreme Fear) — historically a good accumulation zone.

# HACKER NEWS

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## 1. I built Timeframe, our family e-paper dashboard

TL;DR: Over the past decade, I've worked to build the perfect family dashboard system for our home, called Timeframe. Combining calendar, weather, and smart home data, it's become an important part of our daily lives.

558 pts · 162 comments

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## 2. Attention Media ≠ Social Networks

Attention Media ≠ Social Networks When web-based social networks started flourishing nearly two decades ago, they were genuinely social networks. You would sign up for a popular service, follow people you knew or liked and read updates from them.

532 pts · 227 comments

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## 3. Loops is a federated, open-source TikTok

All the fun of short-form video, none of the corporate control. Loops is federated, open-source, and designed to give power back to creators and communities across the social web. Build your community on a platform that can't lock you in.

213 pts · 128 comments

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## 4. What is a database transaction?

Database Transactions By Ben Dicken | Transactions are fundamental to how SQL databases work. Trillions of transactions execute every single day, across the thousands of applications that rely on SQL databases. What is a database transaction?

206 pts · 53 comments

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## 5. We hid backdoors in ~40MB binaries and asked AI + Ghidra to find them

We hid backdoors in ~40MB binaries and asked AI + Ghidra to find them Claude can code, but can it check binary executables? Now on the front page of Hacker News — see the discussion.

205 pts · 92 comments

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## 6. Back to FreeBSD: Part 1

200 pts · 97 comments

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## 7. Man accidentally gains control of 7k robot vacuums

A software engineer's earnest effort to steer his new DJI robot vacuum with a video game controller inadvertently granted him a sneak peak into thousands of people's homes.

190 pts · 118 comments

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## 8. Google restricting Google AI Pro/Ultra subscribers for using OpenClaw

I'm seeking assistance regarding a sudden restriction on my Google AI Ultra account that has persisted for three days. I received no prior warnings or notifications regarding a potential violation.

184 pts · 147 comments

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## 9. Fix your tools

Fix your tools Last week I had to diagnose a bug in an open source library I maintain.

182 pts · 67 comments

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## 10. Xweather Live – Interactive global vector weather map

131 pts · 32 comments

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## 11. Global Intelligence Crisis

THE 2028 GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE CRISIS A Thought Exercise in Financial History, from the Future Preface What if our AI bullishness continues to be right...and what if that's actually bearish? What follows is a scenario, not a prediction.

126 pts · 118 comments

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## **12. Show HN: Local-First Linux MicroVMs for macOS**

Local-First Sandboxes for AI Agents on macOS. Lightweight Linux VMs powered by Apple Virtualization.framework. Ephemeral by default.

113 pts · 33 comments

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## **13. Git's Magic Files**

A follow-up to my post on extending git functionality. Git looks for several special files in your repository that control its behavior.

111 pts · 30 comments

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## **14. Spain has blocked access to freedom.gov**

104 pts · 96 comments

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## **15. NanoClaw moved from Apple Containers to Docker**

103 pts · 76 comments

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## **MARKET NEWS**

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### **Global Market Today: Asian shares hesitant, dollar slips amid tariff confusion**

Oil prices eased ahead of another round of talks between the United States and Iran due in Geneva on Thursday, with the risk of U.S. military strikes lingering if a deal is not done. Confusion loomed large after the U.S.

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### **Can Clean Max IPO deliver long-term growth for high risk investors?**

Business Clean Max Enviro Energy Solutions focusses on commercial and industrial (C and I) customers. The company builds, owns and operates solar and wind plants and supplies renewable power to its customers.

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

STATE OF THE MARKETS - Tech View: The immediate resistance is placed at the 100-DMA near 25,700 levels.

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### **RBI likely to infuse Rs 5 lakh crore into market in FY27**

With total issuances from the Centre, states and companies together estimated at a minimum of ₹40 lakh crore, these liquidity measures would be key to contain borrowing costs.

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### **Global Market | Global cash is fuelling LatAm stock rally**

Equity markets in Brazil, Colombia and Mexico have seen a surge in overseas buying, helping push the MSCI EM Latin America Index to an eleven-year high and jumping over 20% in 2026. That marks the strongest start to the year since 1991.

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### **Stocks in news: IDFC First Bank, Vedanta, Ola Electric, Bharti Airtel, Adani Power**

In today's trade, shares of IDFC First Bank, Vedanta, Ola Electric, Bharti Airtel, Adani Power among others will be in focus due to various news developments.

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### **Bulls may lose vigour near 26,000; support at 25,200: Analysts**

SAMEET CHAVAN HEAD – RESEARCH (TECHNICAL & DERIVATIVES), ANGEL ONE Where is Nifty headed? Nifty has managed to safeguard the psychological level of 25,000. The daily chart indicates a downward-sloping trendline around 25,850– 25,900 levels.

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### **Some short covering likely, but tariff flip-flop to weigh**

"The framework reached between India and the US earlier this month was already neutral, but now, since there is a question mark on those tariffs as well," said A Balasubramanian, MD & CEO, Aditya Birla Sun Life AMC.

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### **Bearish bets on local IT counters surge as AI fears spook investors**

While most IT stock futures are seeing their biggest position build-up in 2026, bearish wagers in Infosys, Coforge and Persistent Systems are at their highest levels on record, according to SBI Securities.

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### **IDFC First points to connivance of staff and outsiders in branch fraud**

What went wrong, and how did these transactions occur?

### **Unity Small Finance Bank likely to foray into housing finance business next fiscal, says Jaspal Bindra, Executive Chairman, Centrum Group**

1. After the sale of Centrum's housing portfolio, it was expected that Unity would get into the housing finance business. Its bid for Aviom Housing was seen as a step in that direction.

### **US Supreme Court ruling on tariffs: Why Emkay sees India as beneficiary amid Trump's flip-flops**

The court's ruling was followed by a swift response from the Trump administration, which announced a blanket 15% global tariff under Section 122, a provision that allows temporary import restrictions for up to 150 days to address balance-of-payments...

### **Ahead of Market: 10 things that will decide D-Street action on Monday**

Meanwhile, the volatility gauge India VIX ended at 14.36, up 6.7% from the previous close.

### **Market trading guide: 2 stock ideas for Monday with up to 16% potential returns**

Nifty recovered from intraday lows to close on a firm footing amid broad-based buying across sectors, though IT stocks emerged as major drags in a volatile trading session on Friday.

### **Wall Street week ahead: Nvidia, software reports pose next tests for AI-sensitive stock market**

Besides that overhang on markets and Nvidia's results, Wall Street will focus on other tech-sector quarterly reports. These include key software companies that are under siege from concerns that AI will upend their businesses.

### **REITs, InvITs to play larger role in enhancing portfolio returns: Radhavi Deshpande**

In this chat, she shares her outlook for FY27 in terms of earnings growth, smallcaps, and sectoral opportunities.

### **US Market | Seth Klarman's top tips for navigating volatile markets**

His philosophy emphasizes capital preservation, patience, and buying assets only when they offer a meaningful margin of safety, ideas that resonate strongly when markets swing between optimism and caution.

### **How to trade Newgen and Netweb shares this week? Anand James shares his playbook**

"Notably, delivery volumes have surged 3x for Netweb and nearly 9x for Newgen relative to their respective monthly averages, suggesting strong hands accumulating on the up-move.

### **Sam Altman's ego is a turn-off: Why Aswath Damodaran would invest in Anthropic over OpenAI**

Damodaran, a professor at NYU's Stern School and a respected voice on valuation and risk, said he would back Anthropic over OpenAI "purely based on the ego of the people running the company." "With Sam Altman, he is smart and intelligent, but...

### **10% becomes 15%: How stock market may react to Trump's tariff shift on Monday**

The back-to-back moves have left investors assessing whether this is a short-term adjustment or the beginning of another phase of trade tensions.

### **M-cap of six of top 10 most valued firms climbs Rs 63,000 crore; L&T, SBI biggest gainers**

The 30-share BSE Sensex rose 187.95 points, or 0.22 per cent, over the past week.

### **IPO watch: 9 new issues set to open this week; GMPs hint at up to 36% returns**

Primary markets are set for one of the busiest weeks of 2026 with nine IPOs, spanning mainboard and SME platforms, opening for subscription.

### **Up to 205% surge: 10 penny stocks shine in FY26, 4 become multibaggers**

In FY26, 10 penny stocks have posted sharp gains, delivering returns ranging from 50% to as high as 205%. Notably, four of them have emerged as multibaggers.

### **CleanMax Enviro IPO opens for subscription on Monday. Here's what GMP indicates**

The IPO is a book-built issue comprising a fresh issue of Rs 1,200 crore and an offer for sale of Rs 1,900 crore. The issue closes on February 25, with listing scheduled for March 2 on the BSE and NSE.

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### **Trump tariff twist, US-Iran tensions among 8 factors likely to steer D-Street this week**

The 50-stock index rose 117 points, or 0.46%, on Friday to close at 25,571. Rupak De, Senior Technical Analyst at LKP Securities, said the Nifty faces resistance at the 21-EMA on the daily chart despite Friday's positive close.

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## **CRYPTO NEWS**

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### **How decentralized AI is leveling the playing field**

How decentralized AI is leveling the playing field Forget OpenAI and Google. New decentralized networks are putting an end to Big Tech's monopoly.

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### **To freeze or not to freeze: Satoshi and the \$440 billion in bitcoin threatened by quantum computing**

To freeze or not to freeze: Satoshi and the \$440 billion in bitcoin threatened by quantum computing As quantum computing inches closer to reality, nearly 7 million bitcoin, including Satoshi Nakamoto's 1 million coins, are potentially at risk.

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### **Bitcoin see-saws around \$68,000, DOGE, ETH slide as tariff uncertainty weighs on risk assets**

Bitcoin see-saws around \$68,000, DOGE, ETH slide as tariff uncertainty weighs on risk assets President Donald Trump raised the global tariff rate to 15% despite a Supreme Court ruling against earlier emergency trade measures, keeping pressure on...

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### **XRP falls 4% as network sees biggest realized loss spike since 2022**

XRP falls 4% as network sees biggest realized loss spike since 2022 Past capitulation waves have preceded sharp recoveries, but this time price is still fighting technical resistance even as ledger activity surges.

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### **ProShares' stablecoin-ready ETF sees \$17 billion debut, sparking speculation about Circle**

ProShares' stablecoin-ready ETF sees \$17 billion debut, sparking speculation about Circle Analysts speculated that a large issuer like Circle might be moving reserve assets en masse into the ETF, but data show otherwise.

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### **SportFi's next act: onchain markets built around match-day results**

SportFi's next act: onchain markets built around match-day results An area of blockchain-based finance focused on increasing fans' engagement with sports teams, SportFi uses tokens to grant access to privileges such as limited voting rights and...

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### **Mentioning 'bitcoin' or crypto on AI agent OpenClaw's Discord will get you banned**

Mentioning 'bitcoin' or crypto on AI agent OpenClaw's Discord will get you banned The project's creator nearly deleted the viral AI agent after crypto scammers hijacked his accounts, launched a fake token that hit \$16 million, and harassed him for...

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## **TECH & STARTUPS**

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### **Apple might take a new approach to announcing its next products**

Apple has invited the tech press to a "special Apple experience" on March 4, but it might unfold a bit differently than the company's standard press event.

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### **Can the creator economy stay afloat in a flood of AI slop?**

Online creators and their business models were on our mind this week after mega-popular YouTuber MrBeast announced that his company is buying fintech startup Step, followed by Hollywood studios sending a flurry of cease-and-desist letters to...

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### **Bill Gurley says that right now, the worst thing you can do for your career is play it safe**

For nearly three decades, Bill Gurley has been among of the most influential voices in Silicon Valley — a general partner at Benchmark whose early bets on companies like Uber, Zillow, and Stitch Fix helped define what modern venture capital looks...

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### **Quantonation's double-sized second fund shows quantum still has believers**

Quantum computing will not be replacing supercomputers in 2026, let alone reaching industrial scale. And yet, investor appetite for companies pursuing the elusive quantum advantage hasn't dwindled — it has increased.

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### **Trump says Netflix will face 'consequences' if it doesn't fire board member Susan Rice**

President Donald Trump said in a social media post Saturday that Netflix will “pay the consequences” if it doesn't fire Susan Rice, who has served on the company's board of directors since 2018.

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### **TechCrunch Mobility: Waymo makes its defense**

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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### **China's brain-computer interface industry is racing ahead**

While Elon Musk's Neuralink likes to say it's “pioneering” brain-computer interfaces (BCIs), China's BCI industry is already quietly moving from research to scale.

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### **6 days left to lock in the lowest TechCrunch Disrupt 2026 rates**

Super Early Bird pricing for TechCrunch Disrupt 2026 ends February 27 at 11:59 p.m. PT. That means you have just 6 days left to secure the lowest ticket prices of the year.

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### **The 9,000-pound monster I don't want to give back**

Before heading on a trip to Tahoe last weekend, GM offered me the use of the company's 9,000-pound monument to excess — the new 2026 electric Escalade IQ (starting at \$130,405) — for a week to test-drive.

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### **Move over, Apple: Meet the alternative app stores available in the EU and elsewhere**

People in the European Union are now allowed to access alternative app stores thanks to the Digital Markets Act (DMA), a regulation designed to foster increased competition in the app ecosystem.

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