

MORNING BRIEF

Sunday, 01 March 2026

BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.10 (10/12)

*aparyaptam tadasmakam balam bhishmabhirakshitam
paryaptam tvidameteṣham balam bhimabhirakshitam*

Our army, protected by Bhishma, is unlimited, whereas the army of the Pandavas, protected by Bhima, is limited.

Numbers don't determine outcomes; conviction does. Quality of commitment trumps quantity of resources.

LAW 22: USE THE SURRENDER TACTIC: TRANSFORM WEAKNESS INTO POWER (22/48)

When you are weaker, never fight for honor's sake; choose surrender instead. Surrender gives you time to recover, time to torment and irritate your conqueror.

PAUL GRAHAM — HOW TO THINK FOR YOURSELF (22/97)

Independent-mindedness has three components: fastidiousness about truth (not accepting things that feel off), resistance to being told what to think, and curiosity (wanting to explore ideas for their own sake). These can be cultivated. Surround yourself with independent thinkers. Read widely, especially things from other eras. Practice questioning ideas that everyone takes for granted.

Cultivate independent thinking by caring more about truth than about what others believe. Surround yourself with people who think for themselves. Read across eras and disciplines to escape the gravitational pull of current fashions.

paulgraham.com/think.html

GIFT NIFTY 25,375.00 +90.00 (+0.36%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **+196 pts** (+0.78%)

INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	25,178.65	-317.90	-1.25%
Sensex	81,287.19	-961.42	-1.17%
Bank NIFTY	60,529.00	-658.70	-1.08%
India VIX	13.70	+0.64	+4.90%

FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	-7,536
DII	+12,293

India Market Mood: **57** (Neutral)

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	6,878.88	-29.98	-0.43%
Nasdaq	22,668.21	-210.17	-0.92%
Dow Jones	48,977.92	-521.28	-1.05%
S&P Futures	6,889.00	-31.00	-0.45%
Nikkei 225	58,850.27	+96.88	+0.16%
Hang Seng	26,630.54	+249.52	+0.95%

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

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	3.96	-0.06	-1.37%
Gold	5,230.50	+54.00	+1.04%
Silver	92.68	+5.68	+6.53%
Crude Oil	67.02	+1.81	+2.78%
USD/INR	91.03	+0.02	+0.02%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 196 pts (+0.78%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY dropped -1.25% — heavy selling.
- India VIX at 13.7 — low fear, complacency territory.
- FII sold 7,536 Cr, DII bought 12,293 Cr — domestic absorbing foreign outflows.
- S&P futures pointing lower (-0.45%).
- Gold up +1.04% at \$5,230.
- Crude oil surged +2.78% — watch energy stocks.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$66,361.00	+0.63%
ZEC	\$219.68	+0.47%

Fear & Greed Index: **14** (Extreme Fear)

- BTC consolidating around \$66,361.
- Fear & Greed at 14 (Extreme Fear) — historically a good accumulation zone.

HACKER NEWS

1. OpenAI agrees with Dept. of War to deploy models in their classified network

<https://xcancel.com/sama/status/2027578652477821175> <https://fortune.com/2026/02/27/openai-in-talks-with-pentagon...>

1337 pts · 616 comments

2. The United States and Israel have launched a major attack on Iran

The United States and Israel launched a major joint assault on Iran on Saturday that US President Donald Trump said would devastate the country's military, dismantle its missile program and ultimately pave the way for regime change, prompting an...

1033 pts · 2264 comments

3. The whole thing was a scam

582 pts · 161 comments

4. Croatia declared free of landmines after 31 years

Interior Minister Davor Božinović announced Friday that Croatia is officially free of landmines. Thirty-one years after the end of the Homeland War, all known minefields have been cleared — a major milestone for the country. 21:58 / 27.02.2026.

480 pts · 120 comments

5. Obsidian Sync now has a headless client

378 pts · 133 comments

6. Don't trust AI agents

Don't trust AI agents February 28, 2026 · Gavriel Cohen When you're building with AI agents, they should be treated as untrusted and potentially malicious.

304 pts · 173 comments

7. OpenAI fires an employee for prediction market insider trading

OpenAI has fired an employee following an investigation into their activity on prediction market platforms including Polymarket, WIRED has learned.

266 pts · 139 comments

8. Don't use passkeys for encrypting user data

Why am I writing this today? Because I am deeply concerned about users losing their most sacred data.

240 pts · 198 comments

9. MCP server that reduces Claude Code context consumption by 98%

Every MCP tool call in Claude Code dumps raw data into your 200K context window. A Playwright snapshot costs 56 KB. Twenty GitHub issues cost 59 KB.

222 pts · 54 comments

10. Our Agreement with the Department of War

206 pts · 189 comments

11. Qwen3.5 122B and 35B models offer Sonnet 4.5 performance on local computers


200 pts · 127 comments

12. Addressing Antigravity Bans and Reinstating Access

Addressing Antigravity Bans & Reinstating Access #20632 - Beta Was this translation helpful? Give feedback. Replies: 15 comments 13 replies - Beta Was this translation helpful?

199 pts · 163 comments

13. Unsloth Dynamic 2.0 GGUFs

 Unsloth Dynamic 2.0 GGUFs A big new upgrade to our Dynamic Quants! We're excited to introduce Unsloth Dynamic v2.0 quantization - a major upgrade to our previous quants.

197 pts · 52 comments

14. We do not think Anthropic should be designated as a supply chain risk

195 pts · 69 comments

15. MinIO Is Dead, Long Live MinIO

MinIO's open-source repo has been officially archived. No more maintenance. End of an era — but open source doesn't die that easily.

192 pts · 67 comments

MARKET NEWS

FII pours Rs 22,615 crore into Indian equities in February. Can Iran-Israel conflict flip the trend?

Listen to this article in summarized format The conflict in the Middle East has triggered a risk-off situation in financial markets. It remains to be seen how the conflict will evolve and impact crude and currency markets, Dr.

Iran-Israel war: Up 20% in 2026, crude oil stares at \$80 a barrel

Listen to this article in summarized format Israel launched attacks on Iran's capital Tehran to remove what it called "an existential threat".

Nifty tests support zone amid corrective market phase; cautious week seen ahead

Listen to this article in summarized format The broader technical structure remains corrective within a larger uptrend.

Iran-Israel tensions likely to trigger choppy trade on Monday. What should investors do?

Listen to this article in summarized format President Donald Trump called it a "major combat operations in Iran" in a video release on social media after the strikes were launched near the offices of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Vanguard's India portfolio shines: 12 stocks rally up to 120% in FY26, 8 fresh Q3 picks

Vanguard Fund's portfolio is making a powerful statement in the Indian equity market — the numbers speak for themselves.

Q4 results may spark selective market rebound: Daljeet Kohli

Listen to this article in summarized format Talking to ETNow, Kohli noted that market dispersion has increased significantly, with companies being rewarded or punished purely on quarterly performance.

Iran-Israel conflict: Expect a gap-up opening in gold and silver. Here's how to trade bullion on Monday

Listen to this article in summarized format The strike is expected to further diminish hopes for a diplomatic solution to Tehran's long-running nuclear dispute with the West.

Bottom-up stock opportunities emerge as markets consolidate post-correction: Sudip Bandyopadhyay

Listen to this article in summarized format According to Bandyopadhyay, the sharp market correction seen over recent months is a natural adjustment after the late 2024 highs, and fundamentals are gradually catching up with valuations.

Bitcoin hovers near \$65,000 as risk-off sentiment wipes out midweek gains

Listen to this article in summarized format In the past 24 hours, Bitcoin and Ethereum were down 3.80% and 6.73% respectively. Among the major altcoins, XRP, BNB, Solana, tron, Dogecoin, Cardano, and Hyperliquid slipped upto 8%.

F&O Talk | Long-short ratio weakens as Nifty slips below key moving averages: Sudeep Shah on Tejas, UPL and 4 top weekly movers

Listen to this article in summarized format Global cues remain negative for Monday trade as US markets ended with sharp cuts on Friday amid AI-induced fears along with a sharp spike in January wholesale inflation to 2.9%, much higher than the...

Bharat Electronics announces record date for interim dividend of Rs 1.95 per share

The record date of a dividend is the cut-off date set by a company to determine which shareholders are eligible to receive the declared dividend. BEL dividend history / dividend yield The PSU company has declared 51 dividends since August 29, 2003.

Shipping Corporation fined: NSE, BSE impose Rs 5.42 lakh penalty each for Sebi norm violation

The Navratna PSU informed about the development via a filing to the exchanges on Saturday. It said that the action will not have any significant impact on the company's financial, operational, or other activities.

Concurrent Gainers: 11 stocks made gains for 5 days in a row

In the five trading sessions ending February 27, the Sensex declined by 1.84%, or 1,528 points, closing at 81,287 and posting losses in three of the five sessions.

Crypto trend-following trade finds relief after sharp selloff

Listen to this article in summarized format Digital-asset investment firm XBTO's trend fund rose 13.3% last month, its second-best since launching in February 2024, as Bitcoin fell more than 10% and Ether dropped 18%.

IPO Calendar: Primary market to see 1 new public offer, but 9 listings grab headlines next week

Listen to this article in summarized format At the upper end, the company commands a pre-IPO market cap of around Rs 5,971 crore. The minimum retail investment stands at Rs 14,872 for one lot of 11 shares.

Opportunities in smallcap and midcap stocks increasing: WhiteOak's Trupti Agrawal

Listen to this article in summarized format Edited excerpts from a chat with the senior fund manager: The market has been stuck in a consolidation phase for the last 1.5 years.

New era of trade volatility: What the court's decision and Trump's tariff pivot mean for commodities

Listen to this article in summarized format However, within a day of the verdict, Trump signalled that he would continue pursuing new tariffs.

Titan Company shines, Britannia Industries steadies: consumer stocks back in play

Consumption trends strengthened sequentially through the quarter after temporary disruptions in October due to GST-related channel adjustments.

US dollar heads for first monthly gain since October

The U.S. currency got a boost after data showed the Producer Price Index for final demand rose 0.5% last month. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast the PPI gaining 0.3% after a previously reported 0.5% increase in December.

Oil prices rise more than 2% as US and Iran extend talks

The two sides agreed to extend indirect negotiations into next week but traders grew skeptical that an agreement between U.S. President Donald Trump's administration and Iran was possible.

Gold nears one-month high, set for seventh straight monthly rise

Spot gold was up 1% at \$5,238.75 an ounce by 11:31 a.m. ET (1631 GMT), hitting its highest level since January 30. Prices climbed 7.6% so far in February.

US Stocks: Trump Media considers spinning off Truth Social into public company, reports wider annual loss

Listen to this article in summarized format The company is in discussions with TAE Technologies and Texas Ventures Acquisition III about the proposed transaction, the company said on Friday.

European shares close eighth month of gains on earnings lift; credit fears hit banks

The pan-European STOXX 600 ended 0.1% higher, taking its weekly gains to 0.5%. It is now on its longest monthly winning streak since 2012-2013. But banks dropped 1.7% on Friday in their steepest one-day decline in two weeks.

Anthropic hack puts IT stock pack on slide row in February; Nifty IT's 19% fall worst since 2008 crisis

Listen to this article in summarized format The index declined in 12 out of 21 trading sessions, wiping out nearly Rs 5.7 lakh crore in market capitalisation during the month, according to data from the ET Intelligence Group.

Global stocks: Global stocks fall as investors mull AI disruptions, oil prices rise

Market sentiment has weakened as investors worry about the broader impact of artificial intelligence on technology companies, even after AI chipmaker Nvidia posted better-than-expected results.

US stocks: US stocks notch monthly declines on combined AI, tariff, geopolitical uncertainty

All three major indexes ended decisively lower and posted steep weekly declines, with the blue-chip Dow logging its biggest weekly drop since November.

Gold the fastest moving loan product for banks in January

Loans to the renewable energy sector, classified as mandatory lending for banks by the central bank, were the second-fastest-growing, recording a 62% year-on-year growth, up from 40% seen a year earlier.

Average lending rates on new loans firm up

Listen to this article in summarized format One basis point is a hundredth of a percentage point.

Can AI beat a great investor? Here's what billionaire Howard Marks says

Listen to this article in summarized format In his latest memo to clients, the co-founder and co-chairman of Oaktree Capital Management said that he receives a lot of questions on whether AI puts his job at risk.

Bad Memories of Another Day for Lenders as Bihar Moves to Regulate Microloans

Listen to this article in summarized format The state's legislative assembly adopted the Bihar Micro Finance Institutions (Regulations of Money Lending and Prevention of Coercive Actions) Bill, 2026, on Thursday, creating a sense of déjà vu.

IIFL Home Finance inks \$300 million loan pact with ADB

Listen to this article in summarized format The loan marks the mortgage lender's first syndicated external commercial borrowing, the company said Friday.

Sensex, Nifty singed at the end of a fiery February

Listen to this article in summarized format The Sensex and Nifty ended the month down as much as 1.2%, but the headline decline masked deeper unease as a sell-off in heavyweight IT stocks - the steepest monthly drop in 17 years - rocked the market...

Wall Street Week Ahead: AI disruption hangs over US markets as investors wary of risks

Listen to this article in summarized format The disruptive potential of AI has consumed investors in recent weeks, with shares in industries such as software, wealth management and real estate services pummeled by concerns about business upheaval.

CRYPTO NEWS

Here's how bitcoin's price rise could be fueled by job-stealing AI software

Here's how bitcoin's price rise could be fueled by job-stealing AI software Bitcoin's future hinges less on technological factors and more on how AI affects growth, employment, real interest rates, and central bank liquidity, NYDIG Research argues.

Bitcoin is stuck in a rut but JPMorgan says new legislation could be the ultimate spark

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Iran crisis puts the regime's \$7.8 billion crypto shadow economy in spotlight

Iran crisis puts the regime's \$7.8 billion crypto shadow economy in spotlight The government relies on this crypto infrastructure for international trade, while ordinary Iranians use it as a financial lifeline during protests and economic crises.

The 'stablecoin sandwich' is dead: Why the next phase of crypto payments is all about the user relationship

The 'stablecoin sandwich' is dead: Why the next phase of crypto payments is all about the user relationship The real competitive advantage in stablecoins, the moat that holds competitors at bay, now lies in the distribution held by incumbents...

Crypto community fear of Iran choking oil supply and crashing markets may be overblown

Crypto community fear of Iran choking oil supply and crashing markets may be overblown A full closure of the strait is unlikely or impractical, some experts argue.

Former Mt. Gox CEO proposed a rewrite of bitcoin's code to recover \$5 billion in stolen funds. Gets quickly shutdown

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Suspected insiders make over \$1.2 million on Polymarket by betting on U.S.'s Iran strike

Suspected insiders make over \$1.2 million on Polymarket by betting on U.S.'s Iran strike The strikes caused bitcoin's price to fall and oil futures on Hyperliquid to rise over the regional conflict's consequences.

XRP tumbles 9% as break below \$1.36 wipes out relief rally

Share this article XRP tumbles 9% as break below \$1.36 wipes out relief rally Traders are watching \$1.30 as immediate support after heavy-volume selling confirmed a bearish shift. Feb 28, 2026, 1:30 p.m.

Bitcoin's five-month slide: why BTC is set for worst losing streak since 2018

Bitcoin's five-month slide: why BTC is set for worst losing streak since 2018 With BTC down nearly 50% from its peak, analysts are sparring over whether the slump marks early repricing or signals more pain to come.

Bitcoin sets up potential short squeeze as 'funding rate' plunges to three month low

Bitcoin sets up potential short squeeze as 'funding rate' plunges to three month low Negative funding rates, rising open interest and liquidations point to crowded positioning and heightened derivatives activity.

Bitcoin could see further downside risks as Iran attacks U.S. bases across Middle East

Bitcoin could see further downside risks as Iran attacks U.S. bases across Middle East Tehran launched waves of missiles and drones targeting Israel, U.S. bases, and Gulf allies, with explosions reported in Dubai, Kuwait, and Bahrain.

Oil-linked futures on Hyperliquid surge 5% after U.S.-Israel strike on Iran

Oil-linked futures on Hyperliquid surge 5% after U.S.-Israel strike on Iran Oil-linked futures on Hyperliquid's HIP-3 surged after U.S. and Israeli strikes on Iran reignited fears of supply shocks.

Bitcoin nears \$63,000 as U.S. and Israel launch strikes on Iran

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Bitcoin slides to \$65,000 in weekend sell-off, with solana, XRP, dogecoin down 6% The pullback erased most of Wednesday's push toward \$70,000 as hot producer-price data and a post-earnings Nvidia decline dragged risk assets lower heading into the...

TECH & STARTUPS

The trap Anthropic built for itself

Friday afternoon, just as this interview was getting underway, a news alert flashed across my computer screen: the Trump administration was severing ties with Anthropic, the San Francisco AI company founded in 2021 by Dario Amodei.

Why did Netflix back down from its deal to acquire Warner Bros.?

Netflix stunned the entertainment world this week when it declined to raise its bid for Warner Bros. Discovery, setting the stage for Paramount Skydance to win ownership of the Hollywood studio.

What to know about the landmark Warner Bros. Discovery sale

The streaming and entertainment industry just witnessed one of its most high-stakes megadeals ever, stunning industry observers. Not only is it historic in its size, but it is also predicted to disrupt Hollywood and the media business as we know it.

Anthropic's Claude rises to No. 2 in the App Store following Pentagon dispute

Anthropic's chatbot Claude seems to have benefited from the attention around the company's fraught negotiations with the Pentagon.

The billion-dollar infrastructure deals powering the AI boom

It takes a lot of computing power to run an AI product — and as the tech industry races to tap the power of AI models, there's a parallel race underway to build the infrastructure that will power them.

OpenAI's Sam Altman announces Pentagon deal with 'technical safeguards'

OpenAI CEO Sam Altman announced late on Friday that his company has reached an agreement allowing the Department of Defense to use its AI models in the department's classified network.

Xiaomi launches 17 Ultra smartphone, an AirTag clone, and an ultra slim powerbank

Xiaomi today launched a slew of gadgets ahead of the Mobile World Congress (MWC) in Barcelona including a camera-focused flagship smartphone, an AirTag clone, Xiaomi Watch 5 smartwatch, and an ultra slim power bank.

Why China's humanoid robot industry is winning the early market

China's humanoid robots grabbed global attention with kung fu flips at the nation's televised Spring Festival Gala, while Chinese phone maker Honor is set to unveil its first humanoid robot at MWC in Spain.

India disrupts access to popular developer platform Supabase with blocking order

Supabase, a popular developer database platform, is facing disruptions in India — one of its key markets — has been blocked in India, TechCrunch has learned.

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