

MORNING BRIEF

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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 28: ENTER ACTION WITH BOLDNESS (28/48)

If you are unsure of a course of action, do not attempt it. Your doubts and hesitations will infect your execution. Timidity is dangerous: better to enter with boldness. Any mistakes you commit through audacity are easily corrected with more audacity.

PAUL GRAHAM — STARTUP = GROWTH (28/97)

A startup is a company designed to grow fast. That's the only essential difference between a startup and a barbershop. Growth rate is the compass: a good growth rate for YC startups is 5-7% per week. If you're growing that fast, everything else tends to fall into place. If you're not, nothing else will save you. The focus on growth also explains why startups must address large markets — you can't grow fast in a tiny pond.

Growth rate is the single metric that matters most for a startup. If you can sustain 5-7% weekly growth, you're on a path that compounds into something massive. Optimize ruthlessly for this number and let it guide every decision.

paulgraham.com/growth.html

GIFT NIFTY 24,300.00 -274.00 (-1.11%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **-150 pts** (-0.62%)

INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	24,450.45	-315.45	-1.27%
Sensex	78,918.90	-1,097.00	-1.37%
Bank NIFTY	57,783.25	-1,272.60	-2.15%
India VIX	19.88	+2.02	+11.31%

FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	-6,030
DII	+6,972

India Market Mood: **28** (Fear)

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	6,740.02	-90.69	-1.33%
Nasdaq	22,387.68	-361.31	-1.59%
Dow Jones	47,501.55	-453.19	-0.95%
S&P Futures	6,740.00	-95.25	-1.39%
Nikkei 225	55,620.84	+342.78	+0.62%
Hang Seng	25,757.29	+435.95	+1.72%

US Fear & Greed: **27** (fear)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.13	-0.01	-0.31%
Gold	5,181.30	+116.00	+2.29%
Silver	84.69	+3.01	+3.68%
Crude Oil	91.27	+10.26	+12.67%
USD/INR	91.79	-0.34	-0.36%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading below prev NIFTY close by 150 pts (-0.62%) — signals a gap-down open.
- NIFTY dropped -1.27% — heavy selling.
- India VIX at 19.9 — moderate zone.
- FII sold 6,030 Cr, DII bought 6,972 Cr — domestic absorbing foreign outflows.
- Wall Street fell (S&P -1.33%) — could weigh on sentiment today.
- S&P futures pointing lower (-1.39%).
- Gold up +2.29% at \$5,181.
- Crude oil surged +12.67% — watch energy stocks.
- Rupee strengthened to 91.79 — possible FII inflow signal.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$68,208.00	-3.72%

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

- BTC down -3.7% — risk-off, check leveraged positions.
- Fear & Greed at 12 (Extreme Fear) — historically a good accumulation zone.

HACKER NEWS

1. **Global warming has accelerated significantly**

Recent record-hot years have caused a discussion whether global warming has accelerated, but previous analysis found that acceleration has not yet reached a 95% confidence level given the natural temperature variability.

956 pts · 947 comments

2. **System76 on Age Verification Laws**

System76 on Age Verification Laws Access is everything There were two things I yearned for in 1990. As a ten year old kid in the backseat, road trips from Colorado to Illinois meant hour after hour of staring at row after row of corn stalks.

806 pts · 572 comments

3. **Tech employment now significantly worse than the 2008 or 2020 recessions**

<https://xcancel.com/JosephPolitano/status/202991636466461124...> <https://bsky.app/profile/josephpolitano.bsky.social/post/3mg...>

710 pts · 481 comments

4. **Workers who love 'synergizing paradigms' might be bad at their jobs**

Workers who love 'synergizing paradigms' might be bad at their jobs By Kate Blackwood Employees who are impressed by vague corporate-speak like "synergistic leadership," or "growth-hacking paradigms" may struggle with practical decision-making, a...

505 pts · 288 comments

5. **Hardening Firefox with Anthropic's Red Team**

Partnering with Mozilla to improve Firefox's security AI models can now independently identify high-severity vulnerabilities in complex software.

472 pts · 136 comments

MARKET NEWS

Traders warn \$100 oil is imminent if Iran war keeps raging

Ship traffic through the Strait of Hormuz has all but halted — making reality what had long been considered a worst-case scenario for the energy markets.

US Stocks: US retail sales decline as consumer pullback deepens

Overall sales fell on a month-on-month basis to \$733.5 billion, but were up 3.2 percent from a year ago, US Commerce Department data showed. The month-on-month figure was a degradation from December's flat growth.

SAT gives partial relief to Kotak AMC in Sebi case on fixed maturity plan payouts

In an order passed on Friday, SAT set aside the disgorgement of management fees that had been directed by Sebi, but upheld the monetary penalties levied on the fund house, its trustee entity and certain officials.

US Stocks: Fed rate cut bets rise after weak jobs data

As oil prices pushed \$90 a barrel and U.S. gas prices jumped from \$3 to \$3.32 in a week, February hiring stalled, with U.S. employers cutting 92,000 jobs and gains in prior months revised lower.

US Stocks: US nonfarm payrolls decline in February; unemployment rate rises to 4.4%

Nonfarm payrolls decreased by 92,000 jobs last month after a downwardly revised 126,000 increase in January, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics said in its closely watched employment report on Friday.

CRYPTO NEWS

Why bitcoin couldn't hold \$70,000 despite its best week of Wall Street news in months

Why bitcoin couldn't hold \$70,000 despite its best week of Wall Street news in months Institutional interest continues to grow, but a stronger dollar and shifting interest rate expectations are keeping a lid on the latest rally.

Managing financial AI agents is the only skill you'll need to survive the AI layoffs

Managing financial AI agents is the only skill you'll need to survive the AI layoffs To stay in the game, rather than try to outlearn every new release, learn how to use AI to strengthen your finances and build a buffer against industry disruption...

BlackRock private credit fund is latest to crack, hitting crypto prices and DeFi markets

BlackRock private credit fund is latest to crack, hitting crypto prices and DeFi markets Stress in the \$3.5 trillion private credit market could ripple into digital assets through both macro contagion and tokenized credit markets, experts warn.

Bitcoin buyers are cashing out fast after short-lived jump to \$74,000

Bitcoin buyers are cashing out fast after short-lived jump to \$74,000 The sharp move higher triggered heavy profit-taking from short-term holders, data shows.

Binance tells Senate probe no accounts sent crypto directly to Iran

Binance tells Senate probe no accounts sent crypto directly to Iran Crypto exchange pushed back on \$1.7 billion Iran-linked flow allegations and called media reports behind the probe "defamatory." What to know: - Binance told a U.S.

TECH & STARTUPS

X is testing a new ad format that connects posts with products

X is testing a new ad format that inserts a recommendation directly underneath a post that references the company or its products.

Nintendo sues the US government for a refund on tariffs

Nintendo filed a lawsuit against the U.S. government on Friday over its extraction of tariffs from global businesses.

Life EV officially owns Rad Power Bikes now

Life Electric Vehicles Holdings, also known as Life EV, officially owns the intellectual property, inventory, and certain operating assets of Rad Power Bikes. Life EV acquired Rad Power for \$13.2 million.

OSHA probing fatality at Rivian warehouse

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration has opened an investigation into the death of a worker at a Rivian warehouse in Illinois this week, the federal agency told TechCrunch on Friday. The agency said the probe could take up to six months.

Microsoft, Google, Amazon say Anthropic Claude remains available to non-defense customers

Enterprises and startups that use Anthropic Claude through Microsoft and Google products need not fear that the model will be ripped from their reach, Microsoft and Google confirmed to TechCrunch.
