

MORNING BRIEF

Monday, 16 March 2026

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 37: CREATE COMPELLING SPECTACLES (37/48)

Striking imagery and grand symbolic gestures create the aura of power—everyone responds to them. Stage spectacles for those around you, full of arresting visuals and radiant symbols.

PAUL GRAHAM — MIND THE GAP (37/97)

Income inequality has two sources: variation in productivity (some people genuinely create more value) and theft (rent-seeking, corruption, inherited privilege). The instinct to reduce inequality by limiting high incomes is misguided when the high incomes reflect genuine value creation. A society that prevents people from getting rich through productivity will be poorer overall. The real problem isn't variation — it's poverty.

Distinguish between wealth from value creation and wealth from extraction. Attacking variation itself is counterproductive — focus on eliminating the poverty floor rather than capping the wealth ceiling. The goal should be raising the bottom, not lowering the top.

paulgraham.com/gap.html

GIFT NIFTY 23,369.50 +166.50 (+0.72%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **+218 pts** (+0.94%)

INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	23,151.10	-488.05	-2.06%
Sensex	74,563.92	-1,470.50	-1.93%
Bank NIFTY	53,757.85	-1,343.10	-2.44%
India VIX	22.65	+1.12	+5.23%

FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	-10,717
DII	+9,977

India Market Mood: **24** (Fear)

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	6,632.19	-40.43	-0.61%
Nasdaq	22,105.36	-206.62	-0.93%
Dow Jones	46,558.47	-119.38	-0.26%
S&P Futures	6,666.00	+30.00	+0.45%
Nikkei 225	53,655.43	-164.18	-0.31%
Hang Seng	25,465.60	-251.16	-0.98%

US Fear & Greed: **20** (extreme fear)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.28	+0.01	+0.28%
Gold	5,008.30	-44.20	-0.87%
Silver	79.43	-1.48	-1.83%
Crude Oil	97.86	-0.85	-0.86%
USD/INR	92.49	+0.10	+0.11%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 218 pts (+0.94%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY dropped -2.06% — heavy selling.
- India VIX at 22.6 — elevated volatility, be cautious with position sizing.
- FII sold 10,717 Cr, DII bought 9,977 Cr — domestic absorbing foreign outflows.
- Wall Street fell (S&P -0.61%) — could weigh on sentiment today.
- S&P futures pointing higher (+0.45%).
- Gold down -0.87% at \$5,008.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$72,658.00	+2.42%

Fear & Greed Index: **23** (Extreme Fear)

- BTC grinding up +2.4% — healthy trend continuation.
- Fear & Greed at 23 (Fear) — sentiment cautious.

HACKER NEWS

1. [\\$96 3D-printed rocket that recalculates its mid-air trajectory using a \\$5 sensor](#)

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17zpk6_R59H0iXJaGkTrtp1SzIFFAQYtY?usp=drive_link The Google Drive archive contains additional development media and documentation, including: - Mechanical design and assembly - System electronics and firmware...

379 pts · 342 comments

2. Rack-mount hydroponics

early 2026 i started growing lettuce in a spare server cabinet. this is, for many reasons, a terrible idea. here's how i did it.
330 pts · 95 comments

3. Chrome DevTools MCP

Published: December 11, 2025 We shipped an enhancement to the Chrome DevTools MCP server that many of our users have been asking for: the ability for coding agents to directly connect to active browser sessions.
319 pts · 141 comments

4. A Visual Introduction to Machine Learning (2015)

A Visual Introduction to Machine Learning : In machine learning, computers apply statistical learning techniques to automatically identify patterns in data. These techniques can be used to make highly accurate predictions. Keep scrolling.
314 pts · 29 comments

5. Canada's bill C-22 mandates mass metadata surveillance of Canadians

The decades-long battle over lawful access entered a new phase yesterday with the introduction of Bill C-22, the Lawful Access Act.
287 pts · 76 comments

MARKET NEWS

Global Market Today | Asia shares wary, oil volatile as war drags on

In a possible hint of hope, the Wall Street Journal reported the Trump administration plans to announce as early as this week that multiple countries have agreed to form a coalition to escort ships through the Strait of Hormuz.

Oil slips as Trump presses other countries to help secure Strait of Hormuz

Brent crude futures fell 24 cents, or 0.23%, to \$102.90 a barrel by 0049 GMT after settling \$2.68 higher on Friday. U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude slipped \$1.07, or 1.08%, to \$97.64 a barrel, after gaining nearly \$3 in the previous session.

Trader's guide to navigating supply disruption by war

Chipmakers Qatar's closure of a major liquefied natural gas plant after an Iranian drone attack has taken about a third of global helium production offline, Bloomberg Economics estimates.

Barclays may restart ECM business in India soon

The bank is scouting for senior executives to start operations as it wants to take a larger wallet share of corpo rate clients for whom it does debt and mergers and acquisitions (M&A) advisory currently, the people said, adding that the new vertical...

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

Analysts say market volatility is expected to persist in the near term as geopolitical tensions in West Asia continue to disrupt the energy sector and push crude oil prices higher, while uncertainty around shipping routes through the Strait of...

CRYPTO NEWS

The SEC and CFTC join hands: State of Crypto

The SEC and CFTC join hands: State of Crypto The SEC and CFTC signed a memorandum of understanding to do a better job providing a combined regulatory approach to the digital asset sector.

Crypto's age of hype is over, making way for the real infrastructure to be built

Crypto's age of hype is over, making way for the real infrastructure to be built Nikolic challenges a recent CoinDesk op-ed, declaring "crypto's rock 'n' roll era is over," and argues that it's the best shift for the industry's builders.

Bitcoin set for best week since September 2025 as correlation with tech stocks weakens

Bitcoin set for best week since September 2025 as correlation with tech stocks weakens Bitcoin is outperforming equities and gold since the Middle East conflict began, as institutional inflows return while broader market sentiment remains cautious.

Here is why Nasdaq and owner of NYSE are putting the \$126 trillion equity market on blockchain

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Bitwise's Matt Hougan revisits \$1 million bitcoin — analysts agree but debate his timeline

Bitwise's Matt Hougan revisits \$1 million bitcoin — analysts agree but debate his timeline Hougan says bitcoin could reach that milestone if it captures a larger share of the global store-of-value market, though analysts say it would likely take...

TECH & STARTUPS

Google, Accel India accelerator chooses 5 startups and none are 'AI wrappers'

Many artificial intelligence startup ideas are still little more than superficial "wrappers" built on top of existing models. But as the AI model makers add more features, investors are wary of startups that could become so easily unnecessary.

ByteDance reportedly pauses global launch of its Seedance 2.0 video generator

ByteDance has paused plans to launch its new AI video model globally, according to a report in The Information. The Chinese company, best known as TikTok's parent organization (and now a minority shareholder in its U.S.

Lawyer behind AI psychosis cases warns of mass casualty risks

In the lead up to the Tumbler Ridge school shooting in Canada last month, 18-year-old Jesse Van Rootselaar spoke to ChatGPT about her feelings of isolation and an increasing obsession with violence, according to court filings.

Unacademy to be acquired by upGrad in share-swap deal as India's edtech sector consolidates

Unacademy, once a one of India's most valuable edtech startups, is set to be acquired by rival upGrad in an all-stock deal that would bring together two major online learning platforms in the country.

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