

MORNING BRIEF

Tuesday, 17 March 2026

BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.2 (2/12)

sanjaya uvacha

*drishtva tu pandavanikam vyudham duryodhanastada
acharyamupasangamya raja vachanamabravat*

Sanjaya said: O King, after seeing the army of the Pandavas arrayed in military formation, King Duryodhana approached his teacher Dronacharya and spoke these words.

True confidence doesn't come from superior resources alone. Inner strength matters more than external advantages. Don't let fear drive you to seek constant validation.

LAW 38: THINK AS YOU LIKE BUT BEHAVE LIKE OTHERS (38/48)

If you make a show of going against the times, flaunting your unconventional ideas, people will think that you only want attention. They will find a way to punish you. It is safer to blend in and nurture the common touch.

PAUL GRAHAM — SIX PRINCIPLES FOR MAKING NEW THINGS (38/97)

Six principles distilled from experience: (1) Find something surprising — if it doesn't surprise you, it won't surprise anyone. (2) Ask what's missing — the best ideas are obvious in retrospect. (3) Work on your own problems — you understand them best. (4) Don't be afraid of gaps in your knowledge — sometimes outsiders see what insiders miss. (5) Commit to finishing — many people have good ideas but don't execute. (6) Show your work early — feedback is the fastest way to improve.

The best new things start with genuine surprise and personal necessity. Don't wait to feel qualified — outsider perspectives are valuable. And always ship early: a finished imperfect thing beats a perfect idea that stays in your head.

paulgraham.com/newthings.html

GIFT NIFTY 23,502.00 +116.50 (+0.50%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **+93 pts** (+0.40%)

INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	23,408.80	+257.70	+1.11%
Sensex	75,502.85	+938.93	+1.26%
Bank NIFTY	54,413.40	+655.55	+1.22%
India VIX	21.60	-1.05	-4.62%

FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	-9,366
DII	+12,593

India Market Mood: **23** (Fear)

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	6,699.38	+67.19	+1.01%
Nasdaq	22,374.18	+268.82	+1.22%
Dow Jones	46,946.41	+387.94	+0.83%
S&P Futures	6,738.25	+102.25	+1.54%
Nikkei 225	53,928.88	+109.27	+0.20%
Hang Seng	25,465.60	-251.16	-0.98%

US Fear & Greed: **23** (extreme fear)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.22	-0.06	-1.52%
Gold	5,012.70	-39.80	-0.79%
Silver	80.80	-0.11	-0.14%
Crude Oil	96.11	-2.60	-2.63%
USD/INR	92.27	-0.12	-0.13%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 93 pts (+0.40%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY rallied +1.11% — strong bullish session.
- India VIX at 21.6 — elevated volatility, be cautious with position sizing.
- FII sold 9,366 Cr, DII bought 12,593 Cr — domestic absorbing foreign outflows.
- Wall Street closed strong (S&P +1.01%) — positive cue for Asian markets.
- S&P futures pointing higher (+1.54%).
- Gold down -0.79% at \$5,013.
- Crude oil dropped -2.63% — watch energy stocks.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$75,918.00	+4.49%

Fear & Greed Index: **28** (Fear)

- BTC surging +4.5% — strong momentum, watch for overextension.
- Fear & Greed at 28 (Fear) — sentiment cautious.

HACKER NEWS

1. Polymarket gamblers threaten to kill me over Iran missile story

1326 pts · 876 comments

2. Palestinian boy, 12, describes how Israeli forces killed his family in car

'My mother cried out one last time': Palestinian boy, 12, describes how Israeli forces killed his family in car Warning - this article contains a graphic description of a shooting.

935 pts · 276 comments

3. Corruption erodes social trust more in democracies than in autocracies

Abstract Introduction: While corruption exists in both democracies and autocracies, its social consequences may differ fundamentally across regime types.

652 pts · 345 comments

4. MoD sources warn Palantir role at heart of government is threat to UK security

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Louis Mosley, head of Palantir Technologies UK.

587 pts · 241 comments

5. US Job Market Visualizer

This is a research tool that visualizes 342 occupations from the Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook, covering 143M jobs across the US economy. Each rectangle's area is proportional to total employment.

409 pts · 313 comments

MARKET NEWS

Oil gains over 2% to \$102.69 a barrel as market weighs Iran war supply risks

Brent futures jumped \$2.48, or 2.5%, to \$102.69 a barrel by 0058 GMT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude gained \$2.42, or 2.6%, to \$95.92. In the previous session, Brent futures settled 2.8% lower while U.S.

Global Market Today: Asian stocks follow Wall Street higher, oil gains

Shares opened higher in Japan, South Korea and Australia, lifting the broader MSCI Asia Pacific Index by 0.8%.

Cement stocks rally on hopes cos will pass on rise in costs

UltraTech Cement jumped 4.6% and emerged as the top gainer on the benchmark Nifty. Shree Cement and JK Cement gained 1.5% and 1.2%, respectively. Ambuja Cement rose 0.9%.

Buy the dip or stay cautious? War and valuations cloud market outlook

Markets rarely reward philosophical reflection. Yet bear markets have a peculiar way of forcing it upon investors. A sea of red across portfolio screens tends to do that.

IDBI Bank down 35% from peak: Is it time to buy the dip?

The central government holds 45.5% stake while Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has a 49.2% stake in IDBI Bank. According to news reports, the government is looking to divest 30.5% stake whereas LIC will sell around 30% holding.

CRYPTO NEWS

AI-linked crypto tokens surge as Nvidia's Jensen Huang touts agentic future

AI-linked crypto tokens surge as Nvidia's Jensen Huang touts agentic future CEO Jensen Huang predicted \$1 trillion in chip demand through 2027 and praised OpenClaw and the rapid rise of agentic AI systems.

Man accuses wife of using CCTV cameras to steal \$172 million bitcoin from his hardware wallet

Man accuses wife of using CCTV cameras to steal \$172 million bitcoin from his hardware wallet The alleged theft of 2,323 bitcoin has triggered a High Court dispute testing how English property law applies to digital assets. What to know: - A U.K.

OpenSea delays highly anticipated token launch, citing challenging crypto market conditions

OpenSea delays highly anticipated token launch, citing challenging crypto market conditions The platform will end its rewards waves, offer optional fee refunds for certain traders and introduce 0% token trading fees for 60 days starting March 31 as...

T. Rowe Price is ready to put dogecoin, shiba inu among tokens in its new crypto ETF

T. Rowe Price is ready to put dogecoin, shiba inu among tokens in its new crypto ETF The amended SEC filing details the assets, custody arrangements and potential staking plans for the actively managed crypto fund. What to know: - T.

Ether surges 10%, leading crypto rebound as ETF demand, Bitmine buying pick up

Ether surges 10%, leading crypto rebound as ETF demand, Bitmine buying pick up Fresh ETF inflows, digital asset treasury buying and a shift away from bitcoin to altcoins are helping lift the second-largest cryptocurrency.

TECH & STARTUPS

SEC eyes shift to twice-yearly earnings reports

The SEC is working on a proposal to allow public companies to release earnings reports twice a year instead of quarterly, per the WSJ.

Nvidia's version of OpenClaw could solve its biggest problem: security

Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang thinks every company should have an OpenClaw strategy. And Nvidia is here to provide it. Nvidia has developed NemoClaw, an enterprise-grade AI agent platform, Huang announced during his GTC keynote on Monday.

Jensen Huang just put Nvidia's Blackwell and Vera Rubin sales projections into the \$1 trillion stratosphere

Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang threw out a lot of numbers — mostly of the technical variety — during his keynote Monday to kick off the company's annual GTC Conference in San Jose, California.

Warren presses Pentagon over decision to grant xAI access to classified networks

Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) sent a letter to Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth on Monday expressing concern over the Pentagon's decision to give Elon Musk's company xAI access to classified networks.

Memories AI is building the visual memory layer for wearables and robotics

Shawn Shen believes that AI will need to remember what it sees in order to succeed in the physical world.
