

MORNING BRIEF

Saturday, 21 March 2026

BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.6 (6/12)

*yudhamanyushcha vikranta uttamaujashcha viryavan
saubhadro draupadeyashcha sarva eva maharathah*

The courageous Yudhamanyu, the valiant Uttamaujas, the son of Subhadra (Abhimanyu), and the sons of Draupadi — all are mighty warriors.

Where attention goes, energy flows. In any challenge, acknowledge obstacles but invest your mental energy in your own strategy and strengths.

LAW 42: STRIKE THE SHEPHERD AND THE SHEEP WILL SCATTER (42/48)

Trouble can often be traced to a single strong individual—the stirrer, the arrogant underling, the poisoner of goodwill. Neutralize their influence by isolating or banishing them.

PAUL GRAHAM — IS THERE SUCH A THING AS GOOD TASTE? (42/97)

Yes, good taste exists and it's not purely subjective. The proof: people who develop deep expertise in any field converge on similar judgments about quality. Novice wine tasters disagree wildly; experts agree much more. The same pattern holds in art, music, code, and writing. Taste is a real signal that can be developed through exposure and practice, not an arbitrary social construct.

Taste is trainable, not innate. Expose yourself to the best work in your field — the acknowledged masterpieces — and study why they work. Over time, your ability to distinguish good from great will sharpen. Trust that process even when your current taste feels unsophisticated.

paulgraham.com/goodtaste.html

GIFT NIFTY 22,845.50 -291.00 (-1.26%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **-269 pts** (-1.16%)

INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	23,114.50	+112.35	+0.49%
Sensex	74,532.96	+325.72	+0.44%
Bank NIFTY	53,427.05	-23.95	-0.04%
India VIX	22.81	+0.01	+0.05%

FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	-5,518
DII	+5,706

India Market Mood: **26** (Fear)

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	6,506.48	-100.01	-1.51%
Nasdaq	21,647.61	-443.08	-2.01%
Dow Jones	45,577.47	-443.96	-0.96%
S&P Futures	6,588.50	-20.75	-0.31%
Nikkei 225	53,372.53	-1,866.87	-3.38%
Hang Seng	25,277.32	-223.26	-0.88%

US Fear & Greed: **15** (extreme fear)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.39	+0.11	+2.57%
Gold	4,492.00	-108.70	-2.36%
Silver	67.81	-3.09	-4.36%
Crude Oil	98.09	+1.95	+2.03%
USD/INR	93.65	+0.41	+0.43%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading below prev NIFTY close by 269 pts (-1.16%) — signals a gap-down open.
- NIFTY closed mildly positive at +0.49%.
- India VIX at 22.8 — elevated volatility, be cautious with position sizing.
- FII sold 5,518 Cr, DII bought 5,706 Cr — domestic absorbing foreign outflows.
- Wall Street fell (S&P -1.51%) — could weigh on sentiment today.
- S&P futures pointing lower (-0.31%).
- Gold down -2.36% at \$4,492.
- Crude oil surged +2.03% — watch energy stocks.
- Rupee weakened to 93.65 — watch IT exporters.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$70,618.00	+0.32%

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

- BTC consolidating around \$70,618.
- Fear & Greed at 12 (Extreme Fear) — historically a good accumulation zone.

HACKER NEWS

1. [I'm OK being left behind, thanks](#)

Many years ago, someone tried to get me into cryptocurrencies. "They're the future of money!" they said. I replied saying that I'd rather wait until they were more useful, less volatile, easier to use, and utterly reliable.

802 pts · 663 comments

2. [ArXiv declares independence from Cornell](#)

716 pts · 248 comments

3. [Chuck Norris has died](#)

Chuck Norris, the martial arts champion who became an iconic action star and led the hit series "Walker, Texas Ranger," has died. He was 86.

691 pts · 418 comments

4. [France's aircraft carrier located in real time by Le Monde through fitness app](#)

On March 13, at 10:35 am, amid the Mediterranean's rolling waves, Arthur, a young French Navy officer whose first name has been changed, went for a run around the deck of the ship on which he serves.

464 pts · 388 comments

5. [OpenCode – The open source AI coding agent](#)

New Desktop app available in beta on macOS, Windows, and Linux. Download now Download the desktop beta now The open source AI coding agent Free models included or connect any model from any provider, including Claude, GPT, Gemini and more.

406 pts · 191 comments

MARKET NEWS

[Oil jumps to highest settlement since July 2022 as more Mideast supply disrupted](#)

Brent futures for May settled up \$3.54, or 3.26%, to \$112.19 a barrel, the highest since July 2022. U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures for April, which expired on Friday, settled up \$2.18, or 2.27%, at \$98.32.

[Goldman Sachs, ICICI Pru MF buy DLF shares worth Rs 231 crore via block deals](#)

The shares were bought at a price of Rs 531.7 apiece, down 2% from the Thursday closing price of Rs 542.45 on the NSE. Today the shares settled at Rs 540.70, down by Rs 1.75 or 0.32%.

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[Aelea Commodities bulk deal: Ashish Kacholia bets Rs 9.3 crore on a microcap that is down 36% in a year](#)

Suryavanshi's stake in the Mumbai-based company stood at 3.8% as of December 31, 2025, according to BSE shareholding data. Kacholia's stake purchase comes at a time when the stock has seen a significant erosion in its price.

[US stocks: Fed officials say Iran war obscuring economic, monetary policy outlook](#)

"We don't know where this is going to go, but we have to sort of think maybe caution is warranted" for the Fed, given what's happening with surging energy prices, Fed Governor Christopher Waller said in a CNBC interview.

CRYPTO NEWS

[Sam Bankman-Fried's past political cash gives AI PAC fuel for bashing NY candidate Bores](#)

Sam Bankman-Fried's past political cash gives AI PAC fuel for bashing NY candidate Bores A mailer from Think Big PAC told voters that the Democratic U.S. House candidate once got \$100,000 in support from the former head of failed global exchange FTX.

Senators say they've reached compromise on yield to advance crypto market bill

Senators say they've reached compromise on yield to advance crypto market bill One of the major sticking points on the crypto market structure bill may be resolved, at least enough to move toward a Senate hearing to advance the bill.

Kalshi gets temporary Nevada ban in dispute over sports betting

Kalshi gets temporary Nevada ban in dispute over sports betting A Nevada court issued a 14-day ban on a wide range of contracts from prediction market firm Kalshi as the firm continues battling with state regulators.

Nasdaq winning SEC approval to move stocks onchain shows how Wall Street is taking charge of crypto tech

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Bitcoin's latest fear unlocked as rate hike bets rise and bond markets crumble

Bitcoin's latest fear unlocked as rate hike bets rise and bond markets crumble For now, surging oil prices and persistent geopolitical tensions are driving inflation fears and weakening traditional safe-haven assets.

TECH & STARTUPS

Elon Musk misled Twitter investors while trying to get out of acquisition, jury says

A civil jury in California on Friday ruled that Elon Musk intentionally misled Twitter investors when he tried to back out of his \$44 billion acquisition of the platform in 2022.

Microsoft rolls back some of its Copilot AI bloat on Windows

Microsoft announced on Friday a series of changes focused on improving the quality of its Windows 11 operating system, which notably includes dialing back the number of entry points to its AI assistant, Copilot.

What happened at Nvidia GTC: NemoClaw, Robot Olaf, and a \$1 trillion bet

CEO Jensen Huang took the stage at Nvidia's GTC conference this week in his signature leather jacket to deliver a two-and-a-half-hour keynote, projecting \$1 trillion in AI chip sales through 2027, declaring that every company needs an "OpenClaw..."

Amid legal turmoil, Kalshi is temporarily banned in Nevada

Kalshi isn't having a very good week. On Tuesday, the attorney general of Arizona filed a 20-count criminal complaint against the online prediction market, accusing it of running an illegal gambling business.

Pinterest CEO calls on governments to ban social media for users under 16

Pinterest's CEO, Bill Ready, has called for governments to ban social media for users under 16 in a new Time op-ed.
