

MORNING BRIEF

Monday, 23 March 2026

BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.8 (8/12)

*bhavanbhishmashcha karnashcha kripashcha samitinjayah
ashvatthama vikarnashcha saumadattirjayadrathah*

Yourself (Drona), Bhishma, Karna, Kripa who is ever victorious in battle, Ashvatthama, Vikarna, and Jayadratha, the son of Somadatta.

Having talented people on your side doesn't guarantee success if the cause is unjust. Talent must serve righteous purpose.

LAW 44: DISARM AND INFURIATE WITH THE MIRROR EFFECT (44/48)

The mirror reflects reality, but it is also the perfect tool for deception. When you mirror your enemies, doing exactly as they do, they cannot figure out your strategy. The mirror effect mocks and humiliates them.

PAUL GRAHAM — THE HARDEST LESSONS FOR STARTUPS TO LEARN (44/97)

The hardest lessons: (1) Release early — your first version will embarrass you, ship it anyway. (2) Keep pumping out features — startups that succeed iterate fastest. (3) Make users happy — not in theory, by actually talking to them. (4) Fear the right things — not competitors, but your own inertia. (5) Commitment is a self-fulfilling prophecy — the startups that succeed are the ones that simply refuse to die.

The startups that win aren't the ones with the best first idea — they're the ones that iterate fastest and refuse to quit. Ship embarrassingly early, talk to users obsessively, and keep pushing features. Momentum beats perfection.

paulgraham.com/startuplessons.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	6,544.25	-50.38	-0.76%
Nikkei 225	51,217.05	-2,155.48	-4.04%
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	4,430.00	-140.40	-3.07%
Silver	67.68	-1.68	-2.41%
Crude Oil	98.26	-0.06	-0.06%
USD/INR	93.65	+0.57	+0.61%

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 (-0.76%).
- Gold down -3.07% at \$4,430.
- Rupee weakened to 93.65 — watch IT exporters.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$68,078.00	-1.34%

Fear & Greed Index: **8** (Extreme Fear)

- BTC dipping -1.3% — mild correction territory.
- Fear & Greed at 8 (Extreme Fear) — historically a good accumulation zone.

HACKER NEWS

1. The future of version control

Manyana A Coherent Vision for the Future of Version Control I'm releasing Manyana, a project which I believe presents a coherent vision for the future of version control — and a compelling case for building it.

404 pts · 233 comments

2. **Project Nomad – Knowledge That Never Goes Offline**

Knowledge That Never Goes Offline Wikipedia, AI, maps, and education tools running on your own hardware — completely free. No internet required. What is Project N.O.M.A.D.?

360 pts · 109 comments

3. **Windows native app development is a mess**

I'm a Windows guy; I always have been. One of my first programming books was Beginning Visual C++ 6, which crucially came with a trial version of Visual C++ that my ten-year-old self could install on my parents' computer.

326 pts · 337 comments

4. **PC Gamer recommends RSS readers in a 37mb article that just keeps downloading**

PC Gamer Recommends RSS Readers in a 37MB Article That Just Keeps Downloading There's not much worth quoting in this PC Gamer article but I do want to draw your attention to three things.

312 pts · 145 comments

5. **Flash-MoE: Running a 397B Parameter Model on a Laptop**

Read the paper — Full technical details, 90+ experiments, and the story of how an AI and a human built this in 24 hours.

302 pts · 105 comments

MARKET NEWS

Stocks in news: Vedanta, Tata Capital, Tata Motors PV, Godrej Properties, Dr Reddy's

In today's trade, shares of Vedanta, Tata Capital, Tata Motors PV, Godrej Properties, Dr Reddy's among others will be in focus due to various news developments.

No let up in war & rhetoric, a break of 22,900 can take Nifty to 22,500

TANMAY SHAH RESEARCH HEAD, SIHL Where is Nifty headed this week? The market is at an inflection point. Technically, the index found strong support near the 22,930 mark last week, where it filled an unaddressed gap from the previous year.

Gold braces for worst week in 4 decades

Bullion's decline deepened as the dollar and bond yields rallied after CBS reported that the US is preparing to potentially deploy ground forces into Iran.

Kotak Bank set to acquire Deutsche's retail business in Rs 4,500-crore deal

A deal is expected to be signed and announced as early as next week, they said, requesting anonymity as the discussions are private. The proposed acquisition comprises a retail loan and deposit book of about Rs 27,000 crore.

Rupee may test 94–95 zone soon as geopolitical risks mount: Analysts

The rupee ended at a record low of 93.71/\$ Friday, and traders said the currency's trajectory would hinge on crude oil prices and shipping activity through the key West Asia chokepoint.

CRYPTO NEWS

If one trader can force the outcome of a prediction market, it shouldn't be tradable

If one trader can force the outcome of a prediction market, it shouldn't be tradable By hosting manipulable contracts, prediction markets swap their long-term credibility for short-term engagement.

The SEC explains how it's viewing a crypto security: State of Crypto

The SEC explains how it's viewing a crypto security: State of Crypto Joint SEC-CFTC interpretive guidance outlines how the agencies will determine whether a cryptocurrency is a security. The U.S.

Ethereum faces make-or-break moment in high-stakes balancing act as scaling, quantum and AI pressures mount

Ethereum faces make-or-break moment in high-stakes balancing act as scaling, quantum and AI pressures mount While upgrades have improved efficiency and lowered costs, the ecosystem faces deeper structural questions around fragmentation, security...

The genius and the danger of STRC: How Strategy's new funding model bends so it doesn't break

The genius and the danger of STRC: How Strategy's new funding model bends so it doesn't break Strategy's STRC has bitcoin a major bitcoin accumulation tool, but analysts warn the risks aren't as clear as the marketing makes them out to be.

Gold falters as macro pressures build, bitcoin holds liquidity trend

Gold falters as macro pressures build, bitcoin holds liquidity trend Rising real rates and inflation risks weigh on gold, while bitcoin continues to consolidate.

TECH & STARTUPS

The SEC drops its four-year-old investigation into EV startup Faraday Future

The Securities and Exchange Commission has closed its investigation into electric vehicle startup Faraday Future, despite SEC staff on the case recommending an enforcement action last year, TechCrunch has learned.

Do you want to build a robot snowman?

Nvidia's GTC conference had everything: trillion dollar sales projections, graphics technology that can yassify video games, grand declarations that every company needs an OpenClaw strategy, and even a robot version of the beloved snowman Olaf from...

Cursor admits its new coding model was built on top of Moonshot AI's Kimi

AI coding company Cursor launched a new model this week called Composer 2, which it promoted as offering "frontier-level coding intelligence." However, an X user posting under the name Fynn soon claimed that Composer 2 was "just Kimi 2.5" with...

Elon Musk unveils chip manufacturing plans for SpaceX and Tesla

Elon Musk recently outlined ambitious plans for a chip-building collaboration between his companies Tesla and SpaceX.

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