

MORNING BRIEF

Monday, 30 March 2026

BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.3 (3/12)

*pashyaitam panduputranamacharyamahatim chamum
vyudham drupadaputrena tava shishyena dhimata*

Behold, O Teacher, this mighty army of the sons of Pandu, arrayed by your wise disciple, the son of Drupada.

Manipulation through flattery and provocation is a weak leadership strategy. True leaders unite people through shared purpose, not by exploiting emotions.

LAW 3: CONCEAL YOUR INTENTIONS (3/48)

Keep people off-balance and in the dark by never revealing the purpose behind your actions. If they have no clue what you are up to, they cannot prepare a defense.

PAUL GRAHAM — HOW TO WORK HARD (51/97)

Hard work has three components: how many hours you put in, how focused those hours are, and working on the right thing. Most people fail at the third. You can work 80-hour weeks on the wrong problem and accomplish nothing. The way to find the right thing is through interest — the people who accomplish the most are drawn to their work. Forced hard work produces mediocre results; obsessive interest produces breakthroughs.

Hours and intensity matter, but direction matters more. Hard work on the wrong thing is wasted. Find work that pulls you in naturally — where the hours don't feel like sacrifice — and then push yourself to do even more of it.

paulgraham.com/hwh.html

GIFT NIFTY 22,530.50 -296.50 (-1.30%)

Gap from NIFTY close: -289 pts (-1.27%)

INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	22,819.60	-486.85	-2.09%
Sensex	73,583.22	-1,690.23	-2.25%
Bank NIFTY	52,274.60	-1,433.50	-2.67%
India VIX	26.80	+2.16	+8.77%

FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	-4,367
DII	+3,566

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

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	6,368.85	-108.31	-1.67%
Nasdaq	20,948.36	-459.72	-2.15%
Dow Jones	45,166.64	-793.47	-1.73%
S&P Futures	6,372.25	-40.00	-0.62%
Nikkei 225	50,924.74	-2,448.33	-4.59%
Hang Seng	24,951.88	+95.45	+0.38%

US Fear & Greed: **10** (extreme fear)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.44	+0.02	+0.54%
Gold	4,485.10	-6.90	-0.15%
Silver	68.72	-0.82	-1.19%
Crude Oil	102.79	+3.15	+3.16%
USD/INR	94.76	+0.45	+0.47%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading below prev NIFTY close by 289 pts (-1.27%) — signals a gap-down open.
- NIFTY dropped -2.09% — heavy selling.
- India VIX at 26.8 — elevated volatility, be cautious with position sizing.
- FII sold 4,367 Cr, DII bought 3,566 Cr — domestic absorbing foreign outflows.
- Wall Street fell (S&P -1.67%) — could weigh on sentiment today.
- S&P futures pointing lower (-0.62%).
- Crude oil surged +3.16% — watch energy stocks.
- Rupee weakened to 94.76 — watch IT exporters.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$66,509.00	+0.02%

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

- BTC consolidating around \$66,509.
- Fear & Greed at 8 (Extreme Fear) — historically a good accumulation zone.

HACKER NEWS

1. **LinkedIn uses 2.4 GB RAM across two tabs**

<https://ibb.co/fYQVfMWp> <https://ibb.co/MyTNnrGQ>

605 pts · 354 comments

2. Nitrile and latex gloves may cause overestimation of microplastics

504 pts · 227 comments

3. Voyager 1 runs on 69 KB of memory and an 8-track tape recorder

388 pts · 155 comments

4. Police used AI facial recognition to wrongly arrest TN woman for crimes in ND

A Tennessee grandmother spent more than five months in jail after police used an AI facial recognition tool to link her to crimes committed in North Dakota – a state she says she'd never been to before.

344 pts · 144 comments

5. ChatGPT won't let you type until Cloudflare reads your React state

ChatGPT Won't Let You Type Until Cloudflare Reads Your React State. I Decrypted the Program That Does It. Every ChatGPT message triggers a Cloudflare Turnstile program that runs silently in your browser.

323 pts · 243 comments

MARKET NEWS

Global Market Today | Stocks dive in Asia, Brent crude heads for record monthly rise

The Financial Times on Sunday quoted President Donald Trump saying the U.S. could seize Kharg Island in the Persian Gulf, from where Iran exports much of its oil, but also that a ceasefire could come quickly.

India unleashes curbs on rupee bets as intervention costs swell

Late Friday, the Reserve Bank of India announced new rules capping the open positions banks can hold in the onshore currency market at \$100 million at the end of each trading day.

Global Market | Vital oil benchmarks say a different story

The Middle East's key benchmarks have become increasingly erratic as the war creates a shortage of the barrels used to assess prices for the region, while a buying spree by France's TotalEnergies SE has added to the turmoil.

Stocks in news: TVS Motor Company, Info Edge, NTPC, NHPC, Coal India, Sammaan Capital, Som Distilleries & Breweries

When markets resume trading today, TVS Motor Company, Info Edge, NTPC, NHPC, Coal India, Sammaan Capital, Som Distilleries & Breweries will be in focus due to various related developments.

Rupee seen bouncing up as RBI extends safety net below

Traders said the rupee could rise to the 93.50-94.50 per dollar range, implying gains of 70-100 paise from current levels. The rupee closed at an all-time low of 94.81 per dollar on Friday.

CRYPTO NEWS

Stablecoin payments go 'invisible' in Southeast Asia as crypto card business surges

Stablecoin payments go 'invisible' in Southeast Asia as crypto card business surges StraitsX, a Singapore-based company, has seen rapid growth in its stablecoin card program, with a 40x surge in transaction volume and an 83x increase in card...

Strategy may have paused bitcoin accumulation last week, ending a thirteen week buying streak

Strategy may have paused bitcoin accumulation last week, ending a thirteen week buying streak The company seemed to have skipped its weekly bitcoin purchase announcement for the first time since late December.

No one is 100% happy with the stablecoin yield agreement: State of Crypto

No one is 100% happy with the stablecoin yield agreement: State of Crypto The crypto and banking industries saw Senators Alsbrooks and Tillis' agreement-in-principle for stablecoin yield.

Bitcoin bullish bets hit a 28-month high on Bitfinex, and that's music to bears' ears

Bitcoin bullish bets hit a 28-month high on Bitfinex, and that's music to bears' ears Historically, spikes in Bitfinex BTC/USD longs have acted as a contrary indicator.

Crypto's CLARITY Act could be a headwind for DeFi tokens ring-fencing yield, analyst says

Crypto's CLARITY Act could be a headwind for DeFi tokens ring-fencing yield, analyst says The proposed restriction on yield would shift value toward regulated players and away from decentralized finance' tokens, 10x Research's Markus Thielen said.

TECH & STARTUPS

The Pixel 10a doesn't have a camera bump, and it's great

For years now, smartphone makers have made the camera bump on devices bigger in order to chase camera improvements. Even if that kind of design makes cameras better, at times it creates usability issues.

YouTube CEO says the best YouTubers will 'never leave their home'

YouTube CEO Neal Mohan recently insisted that he isn't worried about Netflix and other streaming services luring away the service's most popular creators.

'Project Hail Mary' becomes Amazon MGM's biggest box office hit

Amazon's bet on "Project Hail Mary" has paid off handsomely, with the film recently surpassing "Creed III" to become the company's highest grossing movie ever. And it was a big bet, with a reported budget of around \$200 million.

Sora's shutdown could be a reality check moment for AI video

OpenAI announced this week that it's shutting down its Sora app and related video models just six months after launching the app.

TechCrunch Mobility: When a robotaxi has to call 911

Welcome back to TechCrunch Mobility — your central hub for news and insights on the future of transportation. To get this in your inbox, sign up here for free — just click TechCrunch Mobility!

MORNING BRIEF · Mohit Sharma · mohitsharma.com