

# MORNING BRIEF

Tuesday, 21 April 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 25: RE-CREATE YOURSELF (25/48)

Do not accept the roles that society foists on you. Re-create yourself by forging a new identity, one that commands attention and never bores the audience. Be the master of your own image.

## PAUL GRAHAM — LIES WE TELL KIDS (73/97)

Adults systematically lie to children — about death, sex, drugs, politics, and how the world works. Some lies are protective, but many are just convenient or habitual. The problem: these lies don't go away cleanly. They calcify into unexamined assumptions that persist into adulthood. Becoming an independent thinker requires actively identifying and discarding the comfortable lies you absorbed as a child.

Many of your deepest assumptions were installed during childhood without your consent. Periodically audit your beliefs and ask: 'Did I arrive at this through my own thinking, or was this something I was told as a child and never questioned?'

[paulgraham.com/lies.html](http://paulgraham.com/lies.html)

**GIFT NIFTY 24,408.00** +66.50 (+0.27%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **+43 pts** (+0.18%)

## INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	24,364.85	+11.30	+0.05%
Sensex	78,520.30	+26.76	+0.03%
Bank NIFTY	56,582.35	+16.65	+0.03%
India VIX	18.79	+1.58	+9.18%

## FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	-1,060
DII	+2,967

India Market Mood: **62** (Greed)

## US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	7,109.14	-16.92	-0.24%
Nasdaq	24,404.39	-64.09	-0.26%
Dow Jones	49,442.56	-4.87	-0.01%
S&P Futures	7,158.00	-3.50	-0.05%
Nikkei 225	59,354.26	+529.37	+0.90%
Hang Seng	26,361.07	+200.74	+0.77%

US Fear & Greed: **70** (greed)

## COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.25	+0.00	+0.09%
Gold	4,837.00	-20.60	-0.42%
Silver	79.66	-2.08	-2.54%
Crude Oil	86.58	+2.73	+3.26%
USD/INR	93.09	+0.49	+0.53%

## KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 43 pts (+0.18%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY ended flat (+0.05%) — range-bound session.
- India VIX at 18.8 — moderate zone.
- FII sold 1,060 Cr, DII bought 2,967 Cr — domestic absorbing foreign outflows.
- Crude oil surged +3.26% — watch energy stocks.
- Rupee weakened to 93.09 — watch IT exporters.

## CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$76,028.00	+2.31%

Fear & Greed Index: **33** (Fear)

- BTC grinding up +2.3% — healthy trend continuation.
- Fear & Greed at 33 (Fear) — sentiment cautious.

## HACKER NEWS

### 1. John Ternus to become Apple CEO

PRESS RELEASE April 20, 2026 Tim Cook to become Apple Executive Chairman John Ternus to become Apple CEO CUPERTINO, CALIFORNIA Apple announced that Tim Cook will become executive chairman of Apple's board of directors and John Ternus, senior vice...

1142 pts · 592 comments

## **2. All phones sold in the EU to have replaceable batteries from 2027**

950 pts · 790 comments

## **3. GitHub's fake star economy**

Inside GitHub's Fake Star Economy Six million fake stars, \$0.06 per click, and a VC funding pipeline that treats GitHub popularity as proof of traction. We ran our own analysis on 20 repos and found the fingerprints.

737 pts · 356 comments

## **4. Kimi K2.6: Advancing open-source coding**

We are open sourcing our latest model, Kimi K2.6, featuring state-of-the-art coding, long-horizon execution, and agent swarm capabilities. Kimi K2.6 is now available via Kimi.com, the Kimi App, the API, and Kimi Code.

566 pts · 288 comments

## **5. Qwen3.6-Max-Preview: Smarter, Sharper, Still Evolving**

530 pts · 282 comments

## **MARKET NEWS**

### **Oil falls on expectations US-Iran talks likely to proceed, opening supply**

Brent futures declined 95 cents, or 1%, at \$94.53, as of 0003 GMT. U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures for May fell \$1.54, or 1.72%, to \$88.07.

### **Global Market Today: Asian stocks gain, oil dips on hopes of Iran talks**

Gauges in Japan, South Korea and Australia advanced at the open with the broader MSCI Asia Pacific Index rising 0.3%.

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

STATE OF THE MARKETS - Tech View: Technically, immediate support is placed around 56,200-56,300, while a stronger base is seen near 55,200-55,500 levels. On the upside, 57,200 continues to act as a key resistance.

### **Stocks in news: HCL Tech, Vedanta, Jio Financial, IndusInd Bank, Suzlon Energy**

In today's trade, shares of HCL Tech, Vedanta, Jio Financial, IndusInd Bank, Suzlon Energy among others will be in focus due to various news developments and fourth quarter results.

### **Commodity traders now cozy up to Trump**

The US government has plunged into commodity dealmaking in recent months, awarding a series of contracts or partnerships with the potential to be hugely lucrative for the companies involved.

## **CRYPTO NEWS**

### **North Korea's crypto heist playbook is expanding and DeFi keeps getting hit**

North Korea's crypto heist playbook is expanding and DeFi keeps getting hit More than \$500 million was siphoned across the Drift and Kelp exploits in just over two weeks.

### **Aave could face up to \$230 million in losses after Kelp DAO bridge exploit triggers DeFi chaos**

Aave could face up to \$230 million in losses after Kelp DAO bridge exploit triggers DeFi chaos Aave published a report outlining two possible outcomes: around \$123 million in losses if damage is shared across all rsETH, or up to \$230 million if...

### **Bitcoin bounces above \$76,000 as DeFi suffers \$14 billion exodus after KelpDAO hack**

Bitcoin bounces above \$76,000 as DeFi suffers \$14 billion exodus after KelpDAO hack Crypto steadied despite rising Iran tensions, but DeFi is reeling from one of the largest exploits of the year.

### **Five times President Trump made a statement that moved bitcoin, and why it might happen again this week**

Five times President Trump made a statement that moved bitcoin, and why it might happen again this week Trump's social media posts and statements to news reporters have triggered 5% to 12% swings in the price of bitcoin, blurring the lines between...

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### **Bitcoin faces near-term pressure as liquidity tightens, Hilbert Group CIO says**

Bitcoin faces near-term pressure as liquidity tightens, Hilbert Group CIO says Russell Thompson warned of a sharp tightening in global liquidity that could weigh on risk assets and bitcoin in the near term, before expected U.S.

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## **TECH & STARTUPS**

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### **Who is John Ternus, the incoming Apple CEO?**

After 15 years, Tim Cook will hand off the Apple CEO role to John Ternus, the company's senior vice president of hardware engineering.

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### **Anthropic takes \$5B from Amazon and pledges \$100B in cloud spending in return**

Anthropic announced on Monday that Amazon has agreed to invest a fresh \$5 billion, bringing Amazon's total investment in the company to \$13 billion.

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### **Google rolls out Gemini in Chrome in 7 new countries**

Google announced Monday that it's making its Gemini in Chrome feature available in seven new markets, including Australia, Indonesia, Japan, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, and Vietnam.

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### **Tim Cook stepping down as Apple CEO, John Ternus taking over**

Apple said Monday afternoon that Tim Cook will step down as CEO, a role he has held since 2011, when he succeeded the late Steve Jobs.

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### **Google Photos adds new touch-up tools for 'quick' fixes**

Google Photos' image editor is getting new touch-up tools to allow users to apply subtle edits and fixes, Google announced on Monday. You can use the new tools to remove blemishes, refine skin texture, brighten eyes, whiten teeth, and more.

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