

MORNING BRIEF

Tuesday, 19 May 2026

BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.5 (5/12)

*dhrishtaketushchekitanah kashirajashcha viryavan
purujit kuntibhojashcha shaibyashcha narapungavah*

Dhrishtaketu, Chekitana, the valiant king of Kashi, Purujit, Kuntibhoja, and Shaibya — all are great warriors.

Righteousness attracts allies. When you stand for what is right, others naturally align with your cause.

LAW 5: SO MUCH DEPENDS ON REPUTATION – GUARD IT WITH YOUR LIFE (5/48)

Reputation is the cornerstone of power. Through reputation alone you can intimidate and win. Once it slips, you are vulnerable and will be attacked on all sides.

PAUL GRAHAM — HOW TO GET STARTUP IDEAS (4/97)

The best startup ideas come from noticing problems in your own life, not from trying to think of startup ideas. Live at the intersection of rapidly changing technology and your own domain expertise. The sweet spot is an idea that seems bad to most people but is actually good — because if it seems obviously good, a big company would already be doing it. The key is: live in the future, then build what's missing.

Instead of brainstorming startup ideas, work on interesting problems and pay attention to what's broken. The best founders built something they personally needed. Organic ideas from lived experience consistently beat ideas from brainstorming sessions.

paulgraham.com/startupideas.html

GIFT NIFTY 23,650.50 +33.00 (+0.14%)

Gap from NIFTY close: +7 pts (+0.03%)

INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	23,643.50	-46.10	-0.19%
Sensex	75,237.99	-160.73	-0.21%
Bank NIFTY	53,710.35	-418.60	-0.77%
India VIX	18.79	+0.18	+0.97%

FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	+2,814
DII	+2,682

India Market Mood: **53** (Neutral)

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	7,403.05	-5.45	-0.07%
Nasdaq	26,090.73	-134.41	-0.51%
Dow Jones	49,686.12	+159.95	+0.32%
S&P Futures	7,418.25	-14.00	-0.19%
Nikkei 225	60,940.62	-468.67	-0.76%
Hang Seng	25,962.73	-426.31	-1.62%

US Fear & Greed: **63** (greed)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.62	+0.03	+0.61%
Gold	4,562.90	+7.10	+0.16%
Silver	77.75	+0.59	+0.76%
Crude Oil	102.91	-2.51	-2.38%
USD/INR	96.33	+0.36	+0.38%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 7 pts (+0.03%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY ended flat (-0.19%) — range-bound session.
- India VIX at 18.8 — moderate zone.
- Both FII and DII were net buyers — broad institutional support.
- Crude oil dropped -2.38% — watch energy stocks.
- Rupee weakened to 96.33 — watch IT exporters.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$76,707.00	-0.22%

Fear & Greed Index: **25** (Extreme Fear)

- BTC consolidating around \$76,707.
- Fear & Greed at 25 (Fear) — sentiment cautious.

HACKER NEWS

1. **Elon Musk has lost his lawsuit against Sam Altman and OpenAI**

Elon Musk's claim that he was mistreated by his OpenAI co-founders failed after nine California jurors returned a unanimous verdict that his lawsuits had been filed too late.

770 pts · 399 comments

2. **Show HN: Files.md – Open-source alternative to Obsidian**

A simple application for your .md files. Private, no data is sent to server. You can store whole your life: - 📌 Notes - 📄 Documents, Projects - ❤️ Journal, Habits - ✅ Checklists, Tasks All in plain .md files, local-first.

545 pts · 279 comments

3. **Garry Tan, the CEO of YC, accused me of unethical reporting**

482 pts · 136 comments

4. **We stopped AI bot spam in our GitHub repo using Git's –author flag**

2026-04-17 Let's talk about AI slop Is it the end of open source we know and love?

405 pts · 188 comments

5. **Anthropic acquires Stainless**

Anthropic acquires Stainless The frontier of AI is shifting from models that answer to agents that act—and agents are only as capable as the systems they can reach.

352 pts · 251 comments

MARKET NEWS

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

STATE OF THE MARKETS - Tech View: A decisive move above 23,650 could trigger a short-term rally towards 24,000 and higher levels. On the downside, immediate support is placed near 23,400.

Stocks in news: JSW Steel, ZEE, Adani Enterprises, Vodafone Idea, Eicher Motors

In today's trade, shares of JSW Steel, ZEE, Adani Enterprises, Vodafone Idea, Eicher Motors among others will be in focus due to various news developments and fourth quarter results.

Global Market Today: Oil slips, Asian stocks rise on Iran optimism

Brent crude oil dropped 2.7% to around \$109 a barrel after Trump said plans for a strike on Iran were called off following appeals from Persian Gulf allies, adding that "serious negotiations are now taking place." Treasuries fell slightly after...

Bond market volatility sends corporates back to banks

The altered funding preference is also visible in the corporate loan growth during the fourth quarter for most Indian banks that had hitherto relied on burgeoning consumption demand - and, consequently, retail credit - to expand their businesses.

Crude above \$110 rattles Dalal Street; rupee sinks to lifetime low

Crude oil topped \$110/barrel after a drone strike on the UAE atomic energy site and the International Energy Agency (IEA) warned that depleting oil inventory could lead to higher prices for food and fertilisers, too, fueling inflation in an oil...

CRYPTO NEWS

SEC to propose tokenized stock framework as Wall Street efforts deepen: Bloomberg

Minnesotan banks and credit unions set to provide crypto custody August 1

Hyperliquid's USDC deal could supercharge HYPE, pressure Circle, Coinbase margins, analysts say

Revolut wants to take Dogecoin mainstream with its new physical payment card

Solana is shedding its memecoin reputation as big banks move billions into its ecosystem

TECH & STARTUPS

OSHA probing worker death at SpaceX's Starbase site

A worker died at SpaceX's Starbase launch site in South Texas on Friday, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has opened an investigation.

SandboxAQ brings its drug discovery models to Claude — no PhD in computing required

Drug discovery is one of the most expensive pursuits in modern industry. Finding a single viable molecule can take a decade and cost billions, and most candidates still don't make it.

Anthropic has acquired the dev tools startup used by OpenAI, Google, and Cloudflare

Anthropic announced Monday it has acquired Stainless, a startup founded by former Stripe engineer Alex Rattray whose software is widely used by rival AI labs, including OpenAI and Google. Anthropic didn't disclose terms of the deal.

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NYC Health + Hospitals says hackers stole medical data and fingerprints during breach affecting at least 1.8 million people

New York public health provider NYC Health + Hospitals says a months-long data breach that allowed hackers to steal personal data, medical records, and fingerprints scans affects at least 1.8 million people.
