

MORNING BRIEF

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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 8: MAKE OTHER PEOPLE COME TO YOU – USE BAIT IF NECESSARY (8/48)

When you force the other person to act, you are the one in control. It is always better to make your opponent come to you, abandoning his own plans in the process.

PAUL GRAHAM — LIFE IS SHORT (7/97)

Life is short, but not in the way most people think. It's not just that the total number of years is small — it's that you have surprisingly few years of peak productivity and health. The solution: ruthlessly prune bullshit from your life, don't wait to do things that matter, and actively avoid getting bogged down in obligations you didn't consciously choose. Having kids actually makes you more aware of how fast time passes.

Actively prune your life of things that waste time. Ask: 'Am I spending my time on what actually matters to me?' Treat time as your scarcest resource. If something doesn't matter, have the courage to say no.

paulgraham.com/vb.html

GIFT NIFTY 23,660.00 +144.50 (+0.61%)

Gap from NIFTY close: **+1 pts** (+0.00%)

INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	23,659.00	+41.00	+0.17%
Sensex	75,318.39	+117.54	+0.16%
Bank NIFTY	53,562.20	+153.05	+0.29%
India VIX	18.44	-0.24	-1.28%

FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	-1,891
DII	+2,492

India Market Mood: **64** (Greed)

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	7,445.72	+12.75	+0.17%
Nasdaq	26,293.10	+22.74	+0.09%
Dow Jones	50,285.66	+276.31	+0.55%
S&P Futures	7,483.25	+31.50	+0.42%
Nikkei 225	62,975.52	+3,171.11	+5.30%
Hang Seng	25,651.12	-146.73	-0.57%

US Fear & Greed: **58** (greed)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.59	+0.01	+0.31%
Gold	4,532.60	+1.30	+0.03%
Silver	76.67	+0.82	+1.08%
Crude Oil	98.24	-0.02	-0.02%
USD/INR	96.19	-0.34	-0.35%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 1 pts (+0.00%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY ended flat (+0.17%) — range-bound session.
- India VIX at 18.4 — moderate zone.
- FII sold 1,891 Cr, DII bought 2,492 Cr — domestic absorbing foreign outflows.
- S&P futures pointing higher (+0.42%).
- Rupee strengthened to 96.19 — possible FII inflow signal.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$77,394.00	-0.51%

Fear & Greed Index: **28** (Fear)

- BTC consolidating around \$77,394.
- Fear & Greed at 28 (Fear) — sentiment cautious.

HACKER NEWS

1. Flipper One – we need your help

Flipper One — we need your help We're finally ready to talk about Flipper One — a project we've been grinding on for years and have rebuilt from scratch several times. It's an incredibly hard project, both financially and technically.

1040 pts · 416 comments

2. **We're testing new ad formats in Search and expanding our Direct Offers pilot**

A new generation of ads for the AI era of Search People come to Google to research complex topics and discover products and services that fit their needs.

563 pts · 511 comments

3. **Project Hail Mary – Stellar Navigation Chart**

553 pts · 129 comments

4. **Google's Antigravity bait and switch**

The day was to begin like any other, with Antigravity open (yes, there are tens of us!), expecting to get some work done before my attention fragments. But Google had other plans.

528 pts · 264 comments

5. **Throwing AI-generated walls of text into conversations**

no slop grenade. Stop throwing AI-generated walls of text into conversations. Don't do this Should we use Redis or Memcached?

487 pts · 292 comments

MARKET NEWS

Global Market Today: Asian stocks edge up on optimism over Iran talks

Shares in Japan, Australia and South Korea climbed, lifting the broader MSCI Asia Pacific Index 0.2%. The Nikkei 225 index rose more than 1%. US equity-index futures also advanced with contracts for the Nasdaq 100 Index rising as high as 0.4%.

Cigarette business weakness drags ITC margins in March quarter

To manage the impact of higher tax, the company is implementing tactics around pricing and product portfolio. It has taken multiple steps in recent months to strengthen its portfolio and protect market share.

Govt AGR relief, fresh funding fuel 61% rally in Vodafone Idea stock since April

The fund infusion of ₹4,730 crore by Aditya Birla group, one of the promoters, taking its stake to around 13% from 9.6%, has strengthened funding visibility by reviving hopes of a further funding by banks and finance companies.

Stocks in news: ITC, LIC, Sun Pharma, Maruti Suzuki, Fino Payments Bank

In today's trade, shares of ITC, LIC, Sun Pharma, Maruti Suzuki, Fino Payments Bank among others will be in focus due to various news developments and fourth quarter results.

Indian bonds end volatile session lower as rate hike bets rise

The benchmark 6.48% 2035 bond yield settled 3.7 basis point higher at 7.1134%, after falling to 7.0194% earlier in the day. Bond prices move inversely to yields.

CRYPTO NEWS

Satoshi's 1.1 million bitcoin and millions more can be saved from quantum attack, says expert

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Mark Cuban says he sold most of his Bitcoin after failed hedge narrative 'disappointed' the billionaire

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Ethereum's identity crisis is deepening after high-profile 'brain drain' frustrates the community

Ethereum's identity crisis is deepening after high-profile 'brain drain' frustrates the community What began earlier this week as shock over more exits of core figures has now evolved into something more existential, according to some community...

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U.S. CFTC secures deal with National Hockey League on prediction market safeguards

U.S. CFTC secures deal with National Hockey League on prediction market safeguards A new arrangement has been set between the derivatives regulator and professional hockey, following on the heels of a similar baseball agreement.

TECH & STARTUPS

Waymo expands pause to four cities as robotaxis keep driving into floods

Waymo has now paused service in four cities because its robotaxis are struggling to deal with heavy rain and flooded roads, a problem that already prompted the company to issue a recall last week.

SpaceX scrubs first Starship V3 launch just before liftoff

SpaceX has scrubbed the first launch of its third-generation Starship rocket system from its headquarters in Starbase, Texas. The company is expected to make another attempt on Friday.

Who will benefit most from SpaceX IPO? Mostly Elon — and a few from his inner circle

While there are some shocking revelations in SpaceX's S-1 as it gets ready to become a public company, Elon Musk's total control of the company perhaps isn't one of them.

Waymo halts freeway rides after robotaxis struggle in construction zones

Waymo has suspended robotaxi service on freeways in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Phoenix, and Miami as it works to improve performance in construction zones, the company confirmed to TechCrunch on Thursday.

NYC Mayor Zohran Mamdani takes to Twitch to chat with New Yorkers

Long before Zohran Mamdani became New York City's 112th mayor, he understood that if you want to reach young voters, you have to meet them online. Now, in classic Mamdani fashion, the mayor has taken that strategy even further.

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