

MORNING BRIEF

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BHAGAVAD GITA — VERSE 1.10 (10/12)

*aparyaptam tadasmakam balam bhishmabhirakshitam
paryaptam tvidameteṣham balam bhimabhirakshitam*

Our army, protected by Bhishma, is unlimited, whereas the army of the Pandavas, protected by Bhima, is limited.

Numbers don't determine outcomes; conviction does. Quality of commitment trumps quantity of resources.

LAW 10: INFECTION: AVOID THE UNHAPPY AND UNLUCKY (10/48)

You can die from someone else's misery—emotional states are as infectious as diseases. The unfortunate sometimes draw misfortune on themselves; they will also draw it on you. Associate with the happy and fortunate instead.

PAUL GRAHAM — BEATING THE AVERAGES (9/97)

At Viaweb, Paul Graham used Lisp when all competitors used C++ or Perl. This gave a massive competitive advantage: features that took competitors months took them days. The 'Blub paradox': a programmer using a less powerful language can look down at languages below but can't look up — they can't see what they're missing in more powerful languages. They dismiss what they don't understand.

Don't follow the herd in choosing your tools. Unconventional technical choices can give you capabilities your competitors literally cannot comprehend. The Blub paradox applies beyond programming — in any field, be suspicious of the conventional stack.

paulgraham.com/avg.html

GIFT NIFTY 23,720.00 +29.00 (+0.12%)

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

INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	23,719.30	+64.60	+0.27%
Sensex	75,415.35	+231.99	+0.31%
Bank NIFTY	54,055.35	+615.95	+1.15%
India VIX	17.91	+0.09	+0.51%

FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	-4,440
DII	+6,004

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

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	7,473.47	+27.75	+0.37%
Nasdaq	26,343.97	+50.87	+0.19%
Dow Jones	50,579.70	+294.04	+0.58%
S&P Futures	7,491.00	+25.00	+0.33%
Nikkei 225	63,339.07	+1,654.93	+2.68%
Hang Seng	25,606.03	+219.51	+0.86%

US Fear & Greed: **59** (greed)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.56	-0.03	-0.61%
Gold	4,521.00	-18.80	-0.41%
Silver	75.89	-0.52	-0.68%
Crude Oil	96.60	+0.25	+0.26%
USD/INR	95.68	-0.49	-0.51%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading above prev NIFTY close by 1 pts (+0.00%) — signals a gap-up open.
- NIFTY ended flat (+0.27%) — range-bound session.
- India VIX at 17.9 — moderate zone.
- FII sold 4,440 Cr, DII bought 6,004 Cr — domestic absorbing foreign outflows.
- S&P futures pointing higher (+0.33%).
- Rupee strengthened to 95.68 — possible FII inflow signal.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$76,778.00	+1.87%

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

- BTC grinding up +1.9% — healthy trend continuation.
- Fear & Greed at 25 (Fear) — sentiment cautious.

HACKER NEWS

1. Texas woman arrested for Facebook post about town water quality

Jennifer Combs had never gotten so much as a speeding ticket. On May 8, police in Trinidad, Texas, arrested her on a state jail felony charge for writing a Facebook post about the town's water supply.

629 pts · 269 comments

2. On The

(2021)

Introduction The

, or description list, element is underrated. It's used to represent a list of name–value pairs. This is a common UI pattern that, at the same time, is incredibly versatile.

346 pts · 106 comments

3. Time to talk about my writerdeck

It's time to talk about my writerdeck I have an attention problem. A couple of weeks ago, I decided to convert my old laptop into a writerdeck, a dedicated writing device free from the distractions of the modern internet.

286 pts · 149 comments

4. Oura says it gets government demands for user data

Oura says it gets government demands for user data. Will it share how many? Last year, health wearable maker Oura became embroiled in a social media shitstorm after inking a deal with the Department of Defense and Palantir.

253 pts · 145 comments

5. Italy moves to Airbus A330 tankers

Rome shifts course: six Airbus A330 MRTT tanker aircraft, worth around €1.39 billion in total, to bolster the European pillar in NATO. The tanker deal is not just a competition won; it is a decision that shifts the balance.

233 pts · 81 comments

MARKET NEWS

NTPC Q4 Results: Cons PAT jumps 34% YoY to Rs 10,615 crore; Rs 3.5/share dividend announced

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Bitcoin faces fresh selling pressure despite U.S.-Iran easing; over \$400 million liquidated in 1 day

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June quarter earnings to determine market direction, says Sunil Subramaniam, warns on risks in near term

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FII sell over Rs 30K crore worth of Indian equities in May as outflows swell to Rs 2.22 lakh crore. What lies ahead?

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CRYPTO NEWS

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Bitcoin is ready to beat stocks and bonds again after underperformance against Wall Street

Bitcoin is ready to beat stocks and bonds again after underperformance against Wall Street Former Credit Suisse global head of portfolio and Risk Dimensions CIO Mark Connors says bitcoin has broken out of its longest stretch of underperformance in...

Crypto trader sees Hyperliquid, AI tokens leading next altcoin rally

Crypto trader sees Hyperliquid, AI tokens leading next altcoin rally Hyperliquid's surge and renewed interest in AI-focused crypto projects are signaling a broader return of risk appetite in altcoins, says Michael van de Poppe.

Clarity Act could spark a boom in crypto 'yield-as-a-service'

Clarity Act could spark a boom in crypto 'yield-as-a-service' The bill's restrictions on yield-bearing crypto products may push the industry away from passive "hold-to-earn" models and toward AI-driven, compliant yield infrastructure, according to...

Bitcoin tanks to \$74,300 as spot ETFs bleed \$2.26 billion in two weeks

Bitcoin tanks to \$74,300 as spot ETFs bleed \$2.26 billion in two weeks U.S.-listed spot bitcoin exchange-traded funds have seen more than \$2.26 billion in outflows over the past two weeks.

TECH & STARTUPS

SolarSquare in talks to raise up to \$60M as India's rooftop solar market draws major VC interest

SolarSquare, an Indian rooftop solar startup that helps households and housing societies adopt solar power, is in advanced talks to raise fresh capital after securing India's largest solar venture investment in December 2024, TechCrunch has learned.

These special phone and app features can help protect you from spyware

Spyware attacks on journalists, human rights defenders, and political dissidents are no longer rare or exotic.

Ferrari is using IBM's AI to create F1 superfans

Two years ago, IBM realized there was one glaring omission in its roster of sports partnerships: Formula One.

Nuclear startup Deep Fission says it's going public, again, and I have questions

One news headline this week had a whiff of déjà vu about it. Nuclear startup Deep Fission announced that it was going public, hoping to garner investor support to build subterranean reactors to power AI data centers.

Elon Musk has given up on solar power (on Earth)

Has Elon Musk given up on Tesla's Master Plans, on the electrified economy, on solar power as we know it? From the SpaceX IPO filing released this week, it sure seems like it.
