

MORNING BRIEF

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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 13: WHEN ASKING FOR HELP, APPEAL TO PEOPLE'S SELF-INTEREST (13/48)

If you need to turn to an ally for help, do not bother to remind him of your past assistance. Instead, uncover something in your request that will benefit him, and emphasize it out of all proportion.

PAUL GRAHAM — PUTTING IDEAS INTO WORDS (12/97)

Writing doesn't just communicate ideas — it generates them. You often discover what you think by trying to write it down. A half-formed idea in your head feels complete, but the moment you try to express it in sentences, the gaps become visible. This is why writers often say 'I write to find out what I think.' The constraint of putting thoughts into precise words forces a level of clarity that pure thinking cannot achieve.

Writing is not just communication — it's a thinking tool. If you want to understand something better, try to explain it in writing. The gaps in your understanding will become immediately visible. Make writing a daily habit, not just for output, but for clarity of thought.

paulgraham.com/words.html

GIFT NIFTY 23,911.50 -1.50 (-0.01%)

Gap from NIFTY close: -2 pts (-0.01%)

INDIAN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
NIFTY 50	23,913.70	-118.00	-0.49%
Sensex	76,009.70	-479.26	-0.63%
Bank NIFTY	55,092.90	-200.75	-0.36%
India VIX	16.70	-1.21	-6.76%

FII / DII Flows

	NET (CR)
FII / FPI	-2,408
DII	+1,361

India Market Mood: **67** (Greed)

US & GLOBAL MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE	%
S&P 500	7,519.12	+45.65	+0.61%
Nasdaq	26,656.18	+312.21	+1.19%
Dow Jones	50,461.68	-118.02	-0.23%
S&P Futures	7,547.00	+56.00	+0.75%
Nikkei 225	65,817.97	+821.88	+1.26%
Hang Seng	25,599.45	-6.58	-0.03%

US Fear & Greed: **61** (greed)

COMMODITIES & FOREX

ASSET	PRICE	CHANGE	%
US 10Y Yield	4.49	-0.07	-1.43%
Gold	4,515.90	-5.10	-0.11%
Silver	77.46	+1.57	+2.06%
Crude Oil	92.90	-3.70	-3.83%
USD/INR	95.25	-0.47	-0.49%

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- GIFT Nifty trading below prev NIFTY close by 2 pts (-0.01%) — signals a gap-down open.
- NIFTY slipped -0.49% — mild selling pressure.
- India VIX at 16.7 — moderate zone.
- FII sold 2,408 Cr, DII bought 1,361 Cr — domestic absorbing foreign outflows.
- Wall Street closed strong (S&P +0.61%) — positive cue for Asian markets.
- S&P futures pointing higher (+0.75%).
- Crude oil dropped -3.83% — watch energy stocks.
- Rupee strengthened to 95.25 — possible FII inflow signal.

CRYPTO

COIN	PRICE	24H
BTC	\$75,751.00	-1.31%

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

- BTC dipping -1.3% — mild correction territory.
- Fear & Greed at 25 (Fear) — sentiment cautious.

HACKER NEWS

1. Spain blocks prediction markets Polymarket, Kalshi over lack of gambling licence

769 pts · 346 comments

2. Netherlands blocks US takeover of vital digital supplier

BRUSSELS — The Dutch government is blocking a United States-based company's attempts to acquire a key online identification IT supplier.

526 pts · 208 comments

3. DynIP – Dynamic DNS with RFC 2136, IPv6, DNSSEC, and BYOD

60-second updates. Generous free tier. RFC 2136 TSIG.

318 pts · 116 comments

4. Dropbox CEO Drew Houston to step down

Drew Houston founded Dropbox nearly two decades ago at age 24, eventually becoming a household name in Silicon Valley and the first tech entrepreneur to take a company from the Y Combinator incubator program all the way to the public market.

288 pts · 324 comments

5. Big tech's anti-labor playbook has come for Wikipedia

287 pts · 144 comments

MARKET NEWS

Global Market Today: Asian stocks climb to record on tech, oil drops

MSCI's Asian equities gauge rose 1.1% to an all-time high, with South Korea — a bellwether for AI investments — jumping as much as 5% to a peak. Chipmaker SK Hynix Inc. surged as much as 11% to top \$1 trillion in market capitalization.

Top gold loan companies expand bullion holdings to record levels in FY26

Their holdings were nearly half or 46% of India's annual gold imports. The country's gold import fell by nearly 5% year-on-year to 721 tonnes in FY26, according to the commerce ministry data.

JM Financial ARC top bidder for Rs 971-cr DLI debt

"Lenders had put up these loans for sale after an earlier attempt to settle the debt with the promoters fell through.

9 crypto wallets hold sway over Polymarket's most contested bets

Over the past year, nearly 2,000 Polymarket financial contracts have been disputed and adjudicated by the company's complicated third-party resolution mechanism - including bets on war, elections and geopolitical conflict.

NSE bars Yes Securities from adding new clients

The Bank said that its subsidiary has received an order dated May 26 from National Stock Exchange of India. The brokerage has been penalised for passing on the penalty on upfront or peak margin to its clients.

CRYPTO NEWS

Trump praises prediction markets, defends CFTC as court cases compound

Trump praises prediction markets, defends CFTC as court cases compound U.S. President Donald Trump said it was "critically important" that the CFTC keep "exclusive authority" over prediction markets, echoing CFTC Chair Michael Selig. U.S.

Joe Lubin-backed Ethereum treasury firm SharpLink to join the Russel indexes

Joe Lubin-backed Ethereum treasury firm SharpLink to join the Russel indexes The inclusion could attract fresh passive inflows from index-tracking funds, while the firm's stock tanked 95% from its peak over the past year.

UK sanctions Huobi and ruble stablecoin issuer in crackdown on Russia crypto networks

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Bermuda, the small island nation with huge crypto ambitions

Bermuda, the small island nation with huge crypto ambitions The government recently announced it would become the world's first economy to go fully onchain, a move officials believe will bring its people new opportunities.

Coinbase's Base launches AI tool for ChatGPT to manage crypto wallets and DeFi apps

Coinbase's Base launches AI tool for ChatGPT to manage crypto wallets and DeFi apps The product, called Base MCP, connects a user's Base Account to AI clients such as ChatGPT, Claude and Cursor using the Model Context Protocol (MCP), an emerging...

TECH & STARTUPS

UK Visa Portal spilled thousands of applicants' passports and selfies online — and hasn't fixed the leak

A website called UK Visa Portal is publicly exposing the passports and selfie photos of applicants who signed up and paid the site to obtain a U.K immigration visa, TechCrunch has learned.

What we're looking for in Startup Battlefield 2026, and how to apply in time for the May 27 deadline

Every year I read through thousands of Startup Battlefield applications. And every year, I see the same pattern: The founders who belong on this stage are often the ones who almost didn't apply. They think they're too early.

Trump administration permits Volvo to keep selling connected cars in the US

Volvo Cars reached an agreement with the Trump administration that exempts the automaker from a U.S. crackdown on Chinese-connected vehicle technology.

Trump administration wants nuclear startups to use plutonium for their reactors

For decades, the U.S. has had a plutonium problem. Around 100 tons of the stuff was made during the Cold War to go into powerful atomic bombs.

DuckDuckGo installs are up 30% as users reject being 'force-fed' Google's AI Search

Last week, after Google announced its huge overhaul to Search, I overheard a woman on the phone saying she was switching to DuckDuckGo because you can "opt out of using AI." "Google just isn't Google anymore," she said.
