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Global Competitiveness Index

- The World Economic Forum (WEF) released the Global Competitiveness Report 2018. The report publishes the Global Competitiveness Index, ranking 140 countries.
- US tops the list. India is placed at 58th rank.

Anna Burns wins Man Booker Prize 2018

Irish author, Anna Burns won the Man Booker Prize 2018 for her third novel 'Milkman'

Man Booker Prize:-

Established in 1969, the Man Booker prize recognized the best original novel written in English and published in UK.

- Last year's Man Booker prize went to 'Lincoln in the Bardo', by American writer George Saunders.

UP Cabinet approves changing name of Allahabad to 'Prayagraj'

Kumbh Mela at Allahabad

- The city of Allahabad was originally known as Prayag in ancient times, which means a "place of offerings".
- the 16th-century Mughal emperor Akbar founded a fort near the confluence of the Ganga and the Yamuna, known as Sangam and renamed the city as
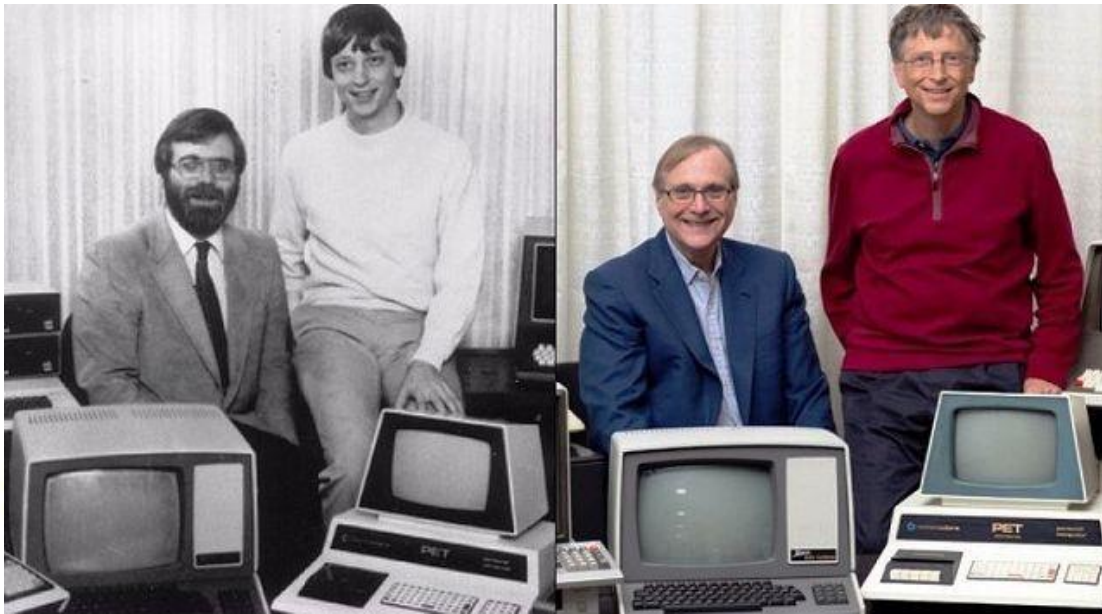
Ilahabad, which meant the "Abode of God", inspired by the religion he had founded, Din-i-Illahi.

- In the later years, Akbar's grandson Shah Jahan renamed the entire city as Allahabad.

Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen dies

Microsoft founders- Paul Allen and Bill Gates: Then & Now

Sikkim wins FAO's Future Policy Award 2018 for being world's first 100 percent organic state

North-eastern state Sikkim on October 12, 2018 won the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation's (FAO) Future Policy Award 2018 for being the world's first 100 percent organic state.

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Sikkim defeated 51 nominated policies from 25 countries, winning the Gold Prize of the Future Policy Award 2018, also known as "Oscar for Best Policies".

- Sikkim implemented a phase out policy of chemical fertilisers and pesticides, and achieved a total ban on sale and use of chemical pesticides in the state.