

Howard's passage to India

As a proud Australian of Indian origin living in this country since 1960, I am delighted that our Prime Minister has finally taken serious interest in India, a group of Aus

Hair-raising decision

IT was sad day for cricket when, uniquely, Darren Hair played a key role in revealing Pakistan of ball tampering.

Considering anti-Asian decisions by Hair to the past, cricket lovers must be surprised he was chosen to be International Cricket

Sad episode

It was sad to watch Indian players being aggressive in their gold medal match Australia. They did not do so to their friends. I hope to see the last episode future play hockey to players.

Measuring
30/9/06

Yes Minister

The Way I saw it...

Australia and the World

1962-2019

Ikram (Ike) Naqvi

Writer worthy prize-winner

addressed to read Piers' criticism (*The Mercury*, 5) of the awarding of the Prize to writer Arundhati Roy.

Acknowledging Mr Akeroyd's very right-wing views, his sentiments are pathetic. I could commend the Peace Prize committee in choosing a worthy recipient.

Winning the Booker Prize, Roy could have retired in a life of luxury.

Instead, she decided to give the money and fought on.

She went to prison fighting for the displaced people as a result of the dam.

She should be praised for donating money of \$50,000 to Australians.

Her statement that "there was a policy of genocide" defies previous re-

ports. Tasmania was an example of genocide.



Muslim at a religious festival

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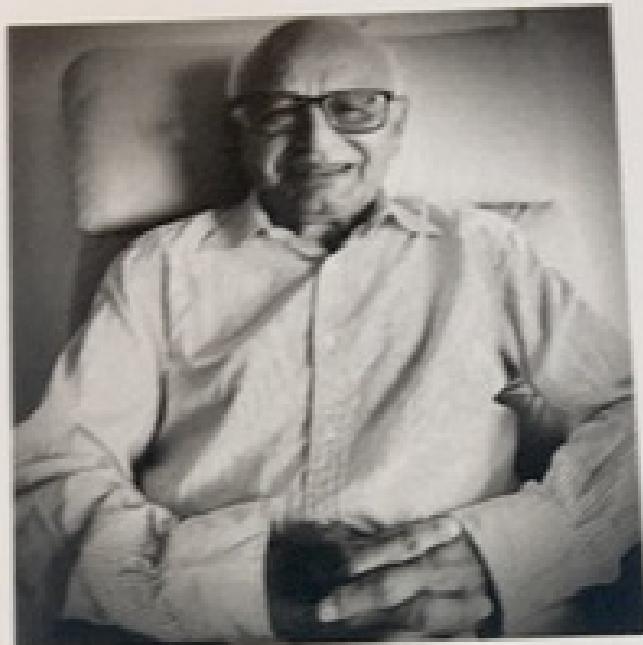
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Ikram immigrated from India to Australia in 1960 to study geology. After obtaining degrees from India, Australia and Canada, as well as enjoying two careers in geology and fundraising for charities including Save the Children, Freedom from Hunger and Oxfam, Ikram founded a non-profit organization, the Amroha International Society, which funds cataract operations for those who cannot afford treatment.

Ikram lives in Tinderbox, Tasmania. This is his fifth book.

Other books by Ikram Naqvi:

Safarnama, 2010

In the Mood For Mughal Food, 2013

Reflections from the Bench, 2015

Khandan, 2020