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Introduce yourself in a brief paragraph: I have been residing in Australia for the past forty years and have a diverse academic and professional background. I started my career in the field of publishing as an Assistant Editor for a legal journal published by the Law Book Company of Sydney. I renewed my academic studies in 1980, and since then have specialized in the area of International Politics with a special focus on Indian and South Asian affairs. My M.A. Honours thesis (equivalent of an M.Phil) from the University of Sydney was on the topic of India's strategic and economic relations with the Persian Gulf States, post-1973. I subsequently completed my Ph.D. from Flinders University on: 'State Formation in South Asia and the making of a regional system'. Two of my articles on state formation have since been published in the *Encyclopedia of India* and the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Modern World History*. My current research interests are on boundary making and border security, and I have presented papers on South Asia's boundary problems at the International Boundary Research Unit (IBRU), Durham University. At present I am a Visiting Scholar at Flinders University and am working towards publishing my thesis and research work. I should add that I have always taken an active interest in Indian community affairs, and am a member of the Indian Australian Association of S.A. (IAASA) and the Vice-President of Bengali Cultural Association of S.A. (BCASA).