



During his 22-year tenure as the BBC's India Correspondent, **Mark Tully** became familiar to viewers and listeners throughout the world for his incisive and thought-provoking reports.

His expertise on India did not happen by accident. Mark Tully was born in Calcutta in 1936. The son of a wealthy accountant, he was brought up by a strict European nanny and did not come to Britain until he was ten.

After Cambridge, Mark Tully considered becoming a priest in the Church of England but, after just two terms at Lincoln Theological College, he abandoned his vocation.

Joining the BBC, it became obvious that he was the right man to become India Correspondent and, in 1964, he did just that, moving to Delhi.

Whether dodging the bullets during the skirmishes which bubbled up time to time on the India-Pakistan border, describing the effect of absolute poverty on Calcutta's street beggars or detailing the horrific aftermath of the Bhopal chemical disaster, he gave a unique insight into the life of the subcontinent.