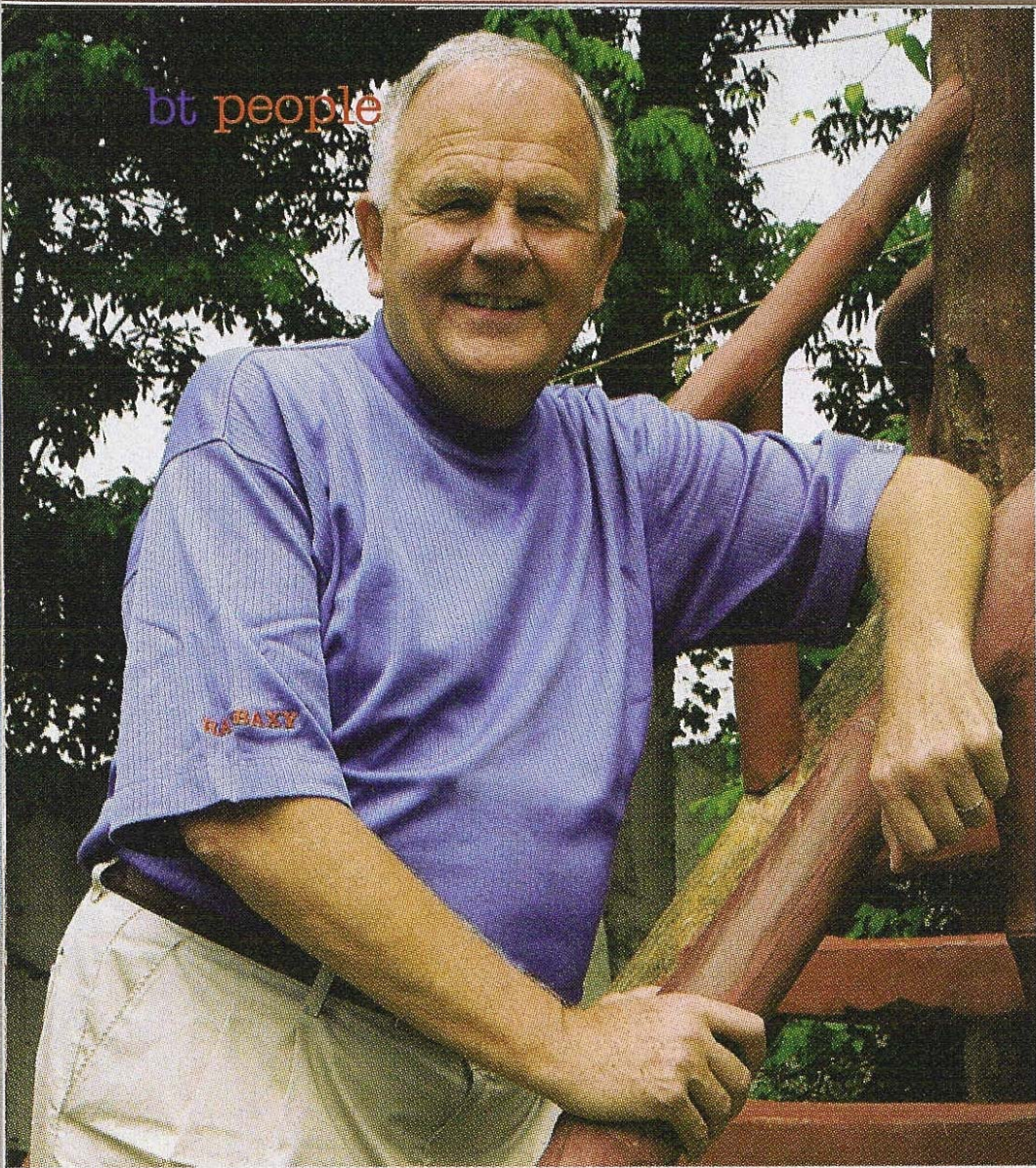


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TWELVE YEARS AGO, THE LATE PARVINDER SINGH invited BRIAN TEMPEST for a cup of tea in Geneva and ended up selling him a dream. And it's one that Tempest, 60, has pursued passionately over the years, first with Singh, then his successor D. S. Brar and finally now with Singh's son, Malvinder. So, it's with a tinge of sadness that Tempest hangs up his boots at a company that went from a little-known drug maker to one of the top generic giants globally. "Parvinder was a visionary," says Tempest thrice over with more than a bit of nostalgia. So, come Christmas, Tempest will be back home in the UK, but he has no plans of severing his India links. He will continue to advise Ranbaxy. But mostly, it will be golf. He's just bought a new set of golf clubs.