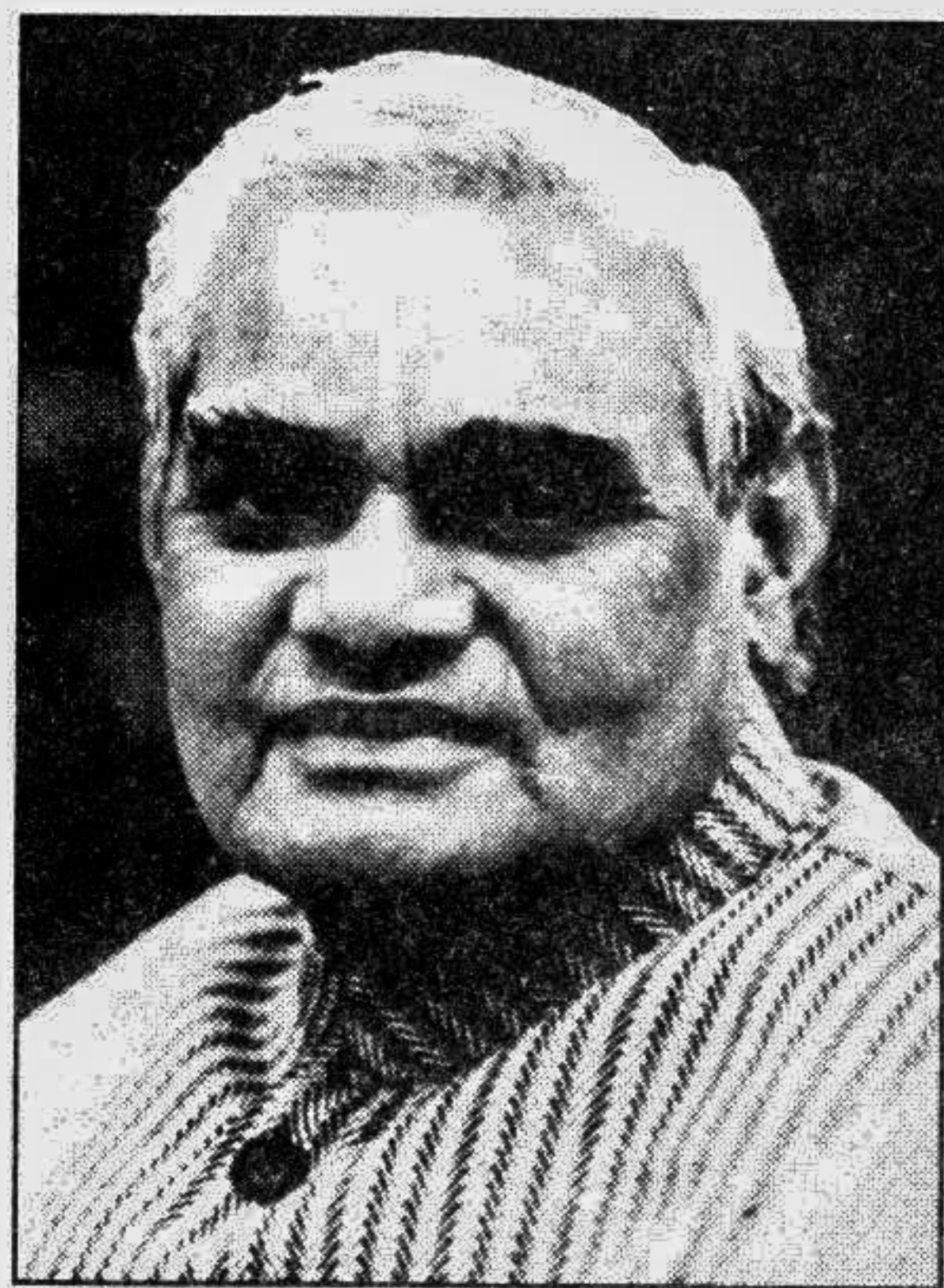


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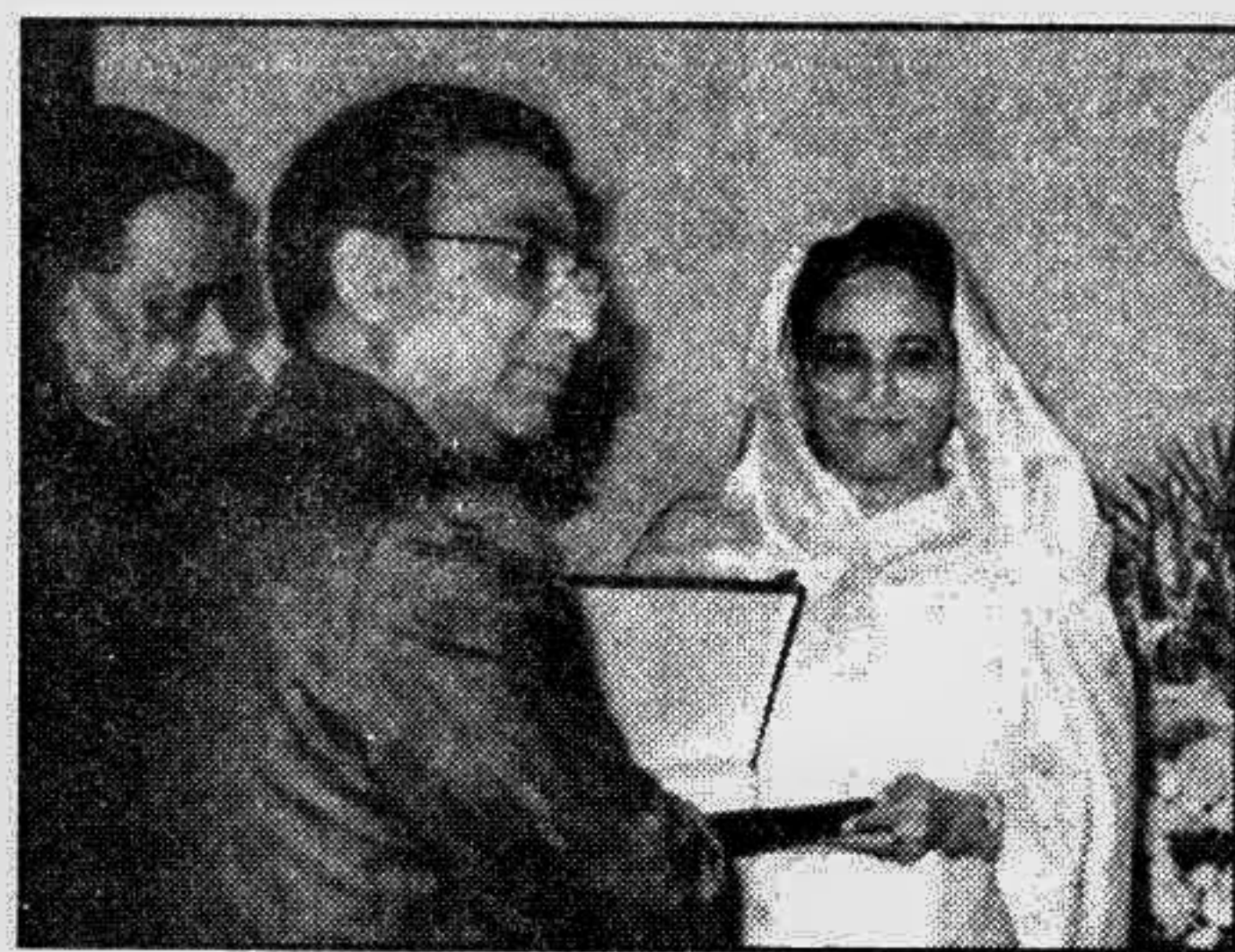


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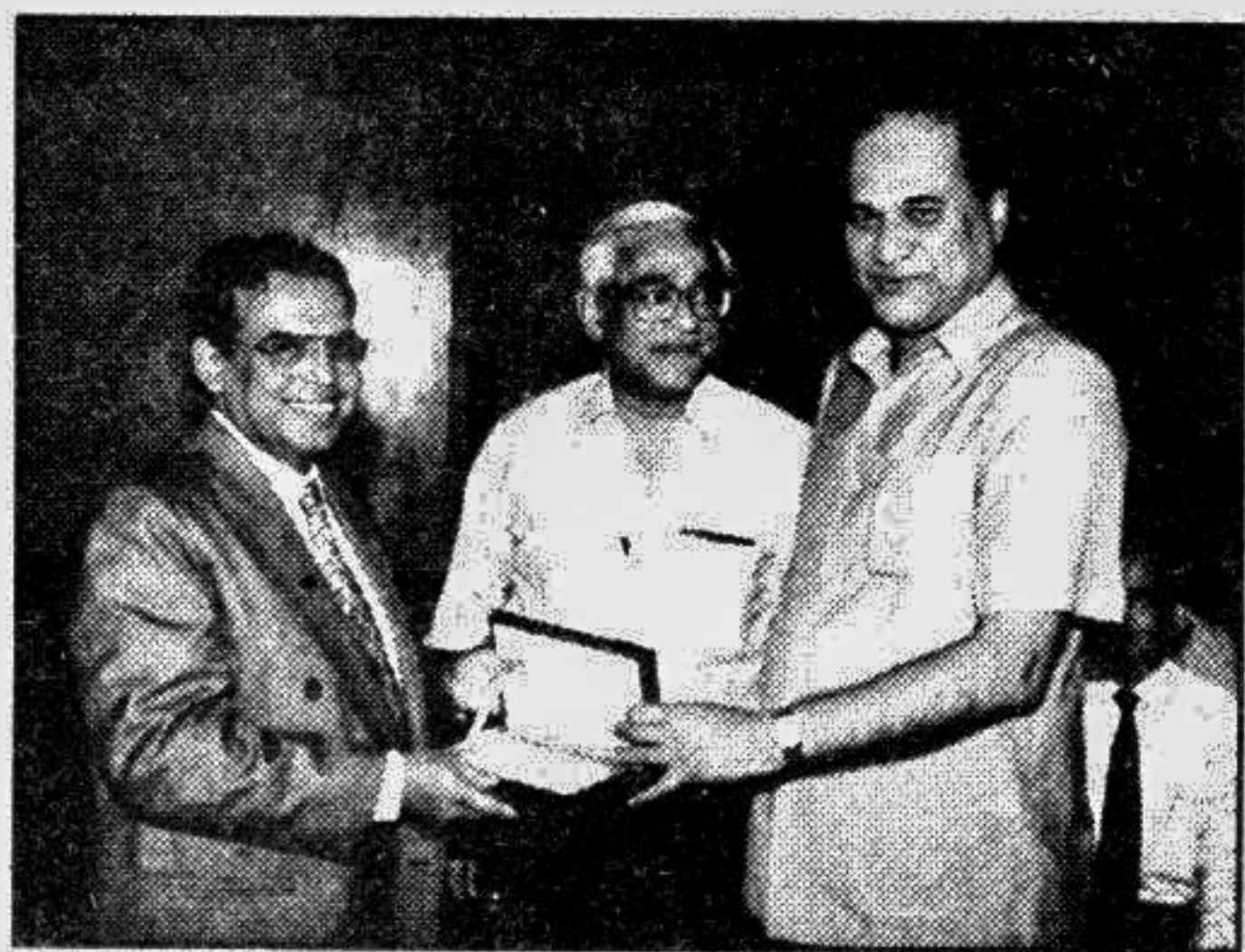
India and Bangladesh have always had strong ties. The visit of Prime Minister Mr. Atal Bihari Vajpayee symbolises this partnership and the mutual desire to further strengthen this relationship. Within the overall framework of bilateral relations, CII and its partner the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) work together to expand business cooperation between industry of India and Bangladesh.

CII & Bangladesh

CII has had a long standing relationship with Bangladesh. CII organised its first Indian Exhibition in Dhaka, Bangladesh in 1981. CII also signed a MOU with the Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI). A mission led by Mr. Jamshyd N Godrej, the then CII President formed the MCCI - CII Joint Task Force in 1993 to discuss the issue of imbalance in trade with Bangladesh. CII and MCCI have now formed the Joint Economic Council (JEC) which is working as a problem solving forum and helping trade and industry in identifying areas of co-operation.



Joint Task Force Report being presented to H. E. Sheikh Hasina, Prime Minister of Bangladesh by Mr. Shekhar Datta, President, CII (January 1997 - Dhaka)



Mr. Shafi Sami, Foreign Secretary Designate, Bangladesh meeting Mr. Rahul Bajaj, President CII and Mr. Subodh Bhargava, Chairman, CII SAARC Committee (May 1999 - New Delhi)



Mr. N. Kumar, President CII (left) and Mr. Samson Chowdhury, President MCCI (right) with H. E. Mr. I.K. Gujral Prime Minister of India (June 1997 - New Delhi)



Mr. Tofail Ahmed, M.P., Honourable Minister for Commerce & Industries, Bangladesh addressing a CII meeting (May 1999 - New Delhi)

CII'S FIVE POINT ACTION PLAN 1999

• Preparatory work for a "Made in Bangladesh" Exhibition in India and "Made in India" Exhibition in Dhaka

• Visit of a Board of Investment of Bangladesh / MCCI team to India to promote Indian investments in Bangladesh

• Study of the training and skills requirements of Bangladesh and Indian Industry support

• CII to provide services in the areas of environment management, energy conservation, technology and TQM to Bangladesh industry

• Discuss a common business agenda for the WTO meetings in November in Seattle

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