



Sir Fazle Hasan Abed sharing a light moment with former US president Bill Clinton



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Nobel laureate Amartya Sen and Sir Fazle Abed share the stage during a programme in 1998



Sir Fazle Abed exchanging greetings with Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama in 2009



Former UK prime minister Tony Blair and Cherie Blair get a first-hand experience of Brac's work during a field visit in 2002



With Bill Gates, co-founder of Microsoft and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

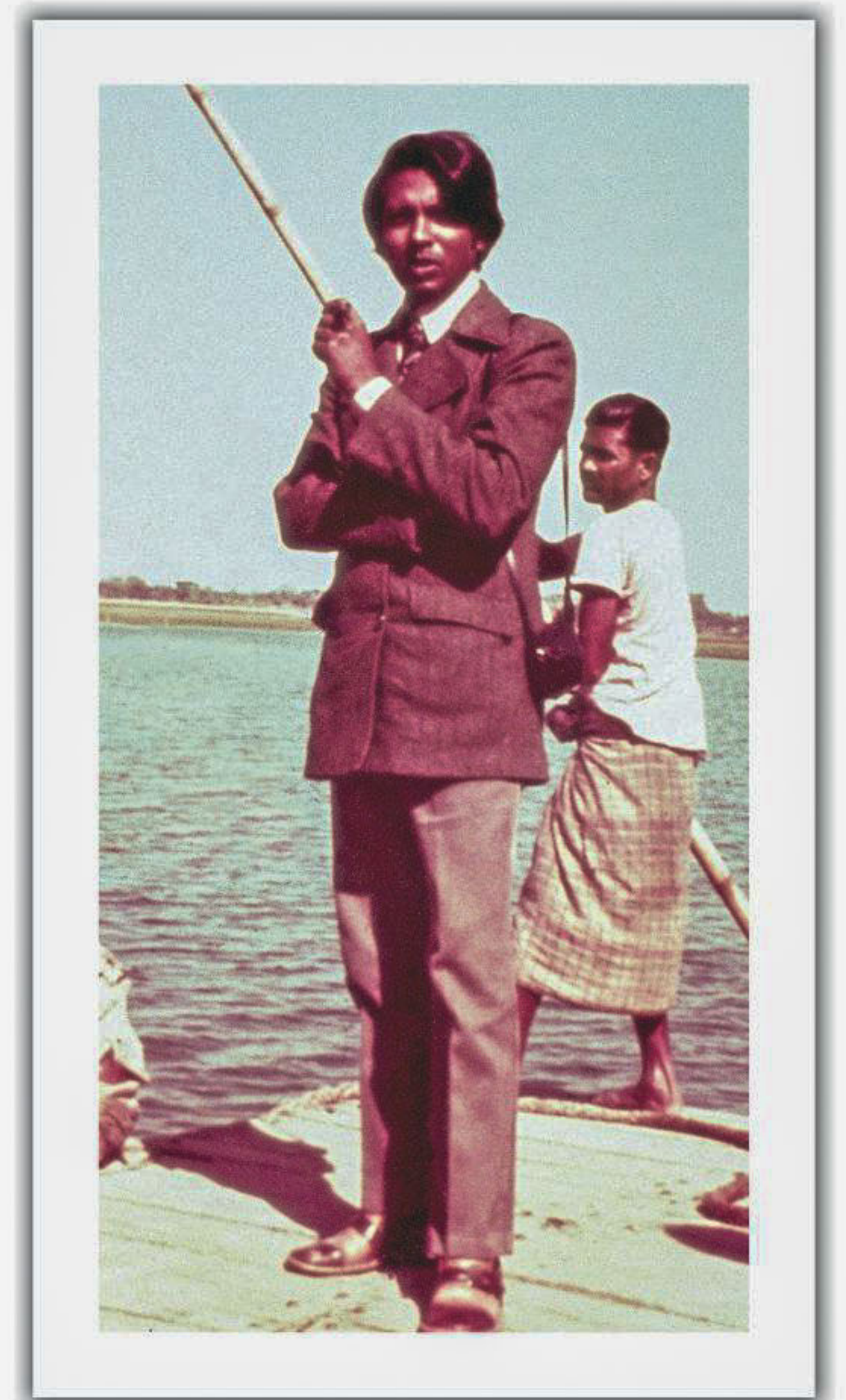


Sir Fazle Abed being knighted by Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace in London in 2010 for his contributions in battling poverty

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In a condolence message, Brac, the largest non-government organisation in the world, bid farewell to Sir Fazle Hasan Abed by stressing that it would "not say rest in peace". Indeed, rest must have been a luxury for the man who had made it his life's ambition to put poverty in the museum. The gargantuan task he undertook is still hard to fathom, but what is known is the relentless zeal with which Sir Fazle Abed pursued his vision of creating an equal world for all. Even in death, his infectious message of tirelessly fighting poverty and inequality remains alive. He did not only set an example, but chalked out an entire path of how to do what he felt the world was obligated to do: take care of those who need care the most.

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Sir Fazle Abed spending time with some children, who are beneficiaries of Brac's various programmes



Hard at work at his office in the capital's Mohakhali



With the then first lady Hillary Clinton in 1995



Sir Fazle Abed with some beneficiaries of Brac programme



Receiving the Tolstoy International Gold Medal in 2014