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## **Sir Fazle Hasan Abed**

This man needs no introduction. Before founding the world's largest NGO, Fazle Hasan Abed was a student of naval architecture. However he realised there was little scope in this line. He switched to accounting and joined the Shell Oil Company where he quickly climbed up the ranks.

In 1972, he founded BRAC. Currently BRAC operates in 14 countries employing over 1,100 people. Fazle Hasan Abed's contributions to development have led to his being awarded coveted awards including the Social Entrepreneurship Award, The International Activist Award, and finally Knighthood in 2010.

## **PewDiePie**

Perhaps the most famous YouTuber of all time, PewDiePie also has the highest number of subscribers on YouTube. This comes as no surprise, although some may argue that all he does is scream at video games. He explains his videos as "sharing gaming moments on YouTube with my bros", and all of them start off with the introductory high pitched, goofy voice.

Before making videos for YouTube he pursued a degree in economics and technology management at the Chalmers University of Technology. He later left to focus on his YouTube career, selling hotdogs for a living. From that to earning \$4 million in 2013 alone, you never know what life has in store!

### **Nishat Majumdar**

Widely known as the first Bangladeshi woman to scale the Everest, Nishat Majumdar started pursuing her passion of climbing in 2003 when she joined the Bangladesh Mountaineering and Trekking Club (BMTTC) and has been going on expeditions with other members of the organisation ever since.

Having received official training in 2007, she climbed a trekking peak of the Himalayas. But before getting into this risky but adventurous profession, Nishat studied accounting at Dhaka City College where she earned a Master's degree.

### **Donald Trump**

Trump's fame (or notoriety) has risen in leaps and bounds ever since he announced his candidacy for the 2016 US Presidential Elections, which has been ridden with controversial comments, interviews, and campaigns often targeted at immigrants and minorities.

While his transition from a business tycoon to a politician is not yet complete, his illustrious career is worth mentioning for those who aren't familiar. Trump was already worth \$200, 000 when he graduated from college. He went on to own multiple real estate firms, golf courses, restaurants, and other businesses. Trump also hosted the reality show *The Apprentice* where he was famous for his trademark catchphrase 'you're fired'. Currently Forbes values him at \$4 billion!

### **The Blonde Abroad**

Real name: Kiersten Price. For those who don't know Kiersten, she is an Instagram sensation and travel blogger with more than 100,000 followers, who follow her on her exciting globetrotting adventures. This Californian with gorgeous golden hair quit her job in corporate finance to look for beautiful destinations to document.

The Blonde Abroad has travelled to more than 50 countries till date and even gets paid by brands to promote their events and resorts. Her Instagram and blog have grown so much that she now employs a full time content director for her travels.

### **Naila Nayem**

Model, actress, filmmaker, Naila first stepped into the glamour world in 2013, starring in various TV shows. However, she gained mainstream popularity through social media where her commercials and self-made videos went viral.

Ever since making it big, she has featured in several movies, commercials, and music videos. However there's more to her than her good looks as she holds a Bachelor's degree in dental surgery. Beauty and brains do go hand in hand.

As you can see it's never too late to change plans and find out what really interests you. Do you have suggestions on who should have been included in the list? Or better yet, have your own list? Let us know your thoughts by writing to us.

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