

Tuesday, December 23

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2004: Former Indian Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao, credited with opening up India's fast-growing economy, died after a heart attack**

1672: Italian astronomer Giovanni Cassini discovered Rhea, a satellite of the planet Saturn

1790: Jean Francois Champollion, the first man in modern times to decipher Egyptian hieroglyphics, was born

1922: The BBC began transmitting the world's first daily radio broadcasts

2007: The government of Nepal agreed to abolish the country's 240-year-old monarchy