

A sepia-toned portrait of Indira Gandhi, smiling and wearing a patterned sari. The image is the top section of a vertical graphic.

## Today in History

*October 31, 1984*

▲ **Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by two Sikh bodyguards in revenge for a recent attack on the Sikhs' holiest shrine at Amritsar**

**1888:** Scotsman John Boyd Dunlop patented his pneumatic bicycle tyre

**1914:** Russian troops pushed German forces back to their original positions, ending the battle of the Vistula River

**1992:** The Vatican formally absolved Galileo Galilei of his 1633 conviction for heresy, imposed by the Inquisition for his claim that the Earth orbits the Sun

**2011:** The world population reached seven billion