

A portrait of Simon Bolivar, a Latin American revolutionary leader. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing a red military uniform with gold embroidery and epaulettes. He has dark, curly hair and a prominent mustache. The background is a dark, mottled green.

Today in History

July 24, 1783

▲ **Latin American revolutionary Simon Bolivar was born in Caracas, Venezuela. He freed much of South America from Spanish control**

1938: Swiss firm Nestlé introduced Nescafé instant coffee to help solve Brazil's coffee surplus problem

1991: Indian finance minister Manmohan Singh presented his budget that led to economic liberalisation

1993: Russia's central bank announced drastic reforms, withdrawing all banknotes issued up to the end of 1992

2006: World Trade Organisation talks to liberalise global trade collapsed after nearly five years of negotiations