

A sepia-toned portrait of Indira Gandhi, smiling and looking slightly to the left. She has dark, wavy hair and is wearing a dark garment with a light-colored collar.

Today in History

October 31, 1984

▲ **Indian prime minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by two Sikh bodyguards in revenge for an attack on the Sikh holy shrine of the Golden Temple in Amritsar**

1932: Franklin D. Roosevelt outlined his “New Deal” to assist recovery in the U.S. after the Great Depression

1982: London’s Thames Barrier, the world’s second-largest movable flood barrier, became operational

2014: Virgin Galactic’s space plane, SpaceShipTwo, crashed soon after takeoff, killing one of its two pilots

2018: India unveiled the 182m Statue of Unity, depicting its first deputy prime minister, Vallabhbhai Patel