



Cuban Revolution

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Aleida Guevara's (Daughter of Ernesto "Che" Guevara) visit to India coincides with 60 years of the Cuban revolution that was carried out by Fidel Castro and Ernesto "Che" Guevara.

- America had been highly influential in Cuba since the early 1900s. Much of Cuba's industry was owned by United States business and its main export, sugar, was controlled by the USA.
- In the 1950s, Cuba was being led under the corrupt and oppressive military dictatorship of Fulgencio Batista. However he supported US interests on the island and hence, Washington supported him.
- The Batista regime was extremely unpopular with the Cuban people.
- In 1956, Fidel Castro and Che Guevara gathered a force of guerrilla fighters and started a revolutionary war against government forces.
- By 1958, the revolution had spread throughout Cuba, culminating in the fall of Havana in early 1959. Batista fled the country in 1959 and Castro formed a liberal nationalist government by liberating Cuba from US influence.

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