



Today in History

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▲ Eleven climbers perished on K2, the world's second-highest mountain, after an ice fall knocked out a fixed rope climbers were using to descend from the summit

1785: Caroline Herschel became the first woman to discover a comet

1793: France became the first country to use the metric system of weights and measures

2007: New Zealand launched its first commercially available biofuel consisting of 90% petrol and 10% bioethanol made from cows' milk

2009: Rare Buddhist treasures, not seen for more than 70 years, were unearthed in Mongolia's Gobi Desert