



Today in History

April 7, 1827

▲ English chemist John Walker sold the first friction matches, his own invention using a mixture of antimony sulphide, potassium chlorate, gum, and starch

1969: This date is regarded as the symbolic birth date of the internet

2005: A landmark bus service across divided Kashmir went ahead for the first time in 60 years

2007: Slovenian endurance swimmer Martin Strel completed swimming the full length of the Amazon River

2014: The world's largest election got underway in India, with 814 million people eligible to vote over a period of six weeks