

Ethan the Entrepreneur Contest Entry
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I am Ethan Thandla, the famous entrepreneur, who created the Thandla Car Company and I would like to tell you my story about how I became a billionaire.

One day in class, when I was about 9, I thought about how gas was so expensive! It was about \$3.30 per gallon! I thought that maybe instead of gas we could use solar energy to make cars go!

It was a pretty good idea. I started thinking about how it would look and how I would make it. Honda had already invented a car that runs on solar energy, but I could make it better. It could also be sold in car dealerships because Honda hasn't done that. To make it go you would have to leave it out in the sun for however long you want, depending on how long you are going to drive it. In the winter, it can run on electricity. It would also go up to 200 mph! It wouldn't be very expensive either. It would cost about 10,000 dollars. I would name my solar energy car, the Thandla S.S., which stands for the Thandla Solar Sedan. There will be solar panels on the top, front, and back. I sketched out how it would look and I decided to think about it later.

When I had finished college and I was an engineer, I thought more about it and decided to try it. I had to earn a lot of money to make one solar car! I finally earned enough money to make just one car. One problem was that if I made it by myself, it

would take more than two years! I went out and found enough people. They helped me build the car in one year. I have to admit it, it was challenging! First we had a lot of engine problems. It wouldn't start at all! It also only went 5 mph at first! We had to add more solar panels and then charge it again. We eventually got it to work after half a year. The inside was made of leather and had plasma TV's, a navigation system, and automatic buttons for anything you need. You just press the button, and say what you want, and it comes to you! I sold this first car for about 20,000 dollars. I was surprised that someone actually bought it! I started making more and more, and by the time I was 25, I had earned 800,000 dollars! I went on to become a millionaire!

Now I had a company started, I needed a name for it. I decided to go with what I thought when I was 9. I named my company, the Thandla Car Company (TCC). I also decided to name the car the, Thandla S.S. I made more vehicles too. They were called, the Thandla S.V. (Solar Van), the Thandla S.T. (Solar Truck), and the Thandla S.L. (Solar Limousine). Later computers were added to the vehicles so that they could drive themselves!

After a few years business started to go down. Someone had copied everything I had done, except, they had used water instead of solar energy. This was not a good idea because soon there wouldn't be any water left on Earth. I had to stop this! My car was only being sold in the U.S.A. I could sell it in other countries too! I also had to advertise more. We made an ad and put it on TV. It was in 20 different languages, in about 30 different countries. At least people understood not

to use water, and started buying my vehicles. Soon, I was a billionaire! Now I am still selling my solar energy vehicles, even when I am 50 years old! That is my story of how I became an entrepreneur, how I created the Thandla Car Company, and how I became a billionaire.