



## **NIKOLA TESLA**

- He is Nikola Tesla.
- He was born on 10 July 1856 in Smiljan, Austrian Empire (modern -day Croatia)
- He was a Serbian-American inventor, electrical engineer, mechanical engineer, and futurist.
- He is best known for his contributions to the design of the modern alternating current (AC) electricity supply system.
- He also built a wirelessly controlled boat, one of the first ever exhibited. He became well known as an inventor and demonstrated his achievements to celebrities and wealthy patrons at his lab, and was noted for his showmanship at public lectures.
- He served as a vice-president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers from 1892 to 1894.
- He obtained around 300 patents worldwide for his inventions. There are a minimum of 278 known patents issued to Tesla in 26 countries. Many of his patents were in the United States, Britain, and Canada.
- He was a polyglot, speaking eight languages: Serbo-Croatian, Czech, English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, and Latin.
- Tesla, Inc, an American electric car manufacturer is named after him.
- He died on 07<sup>th</sup> January, 1943 (aged 86) at New York City, U.S.