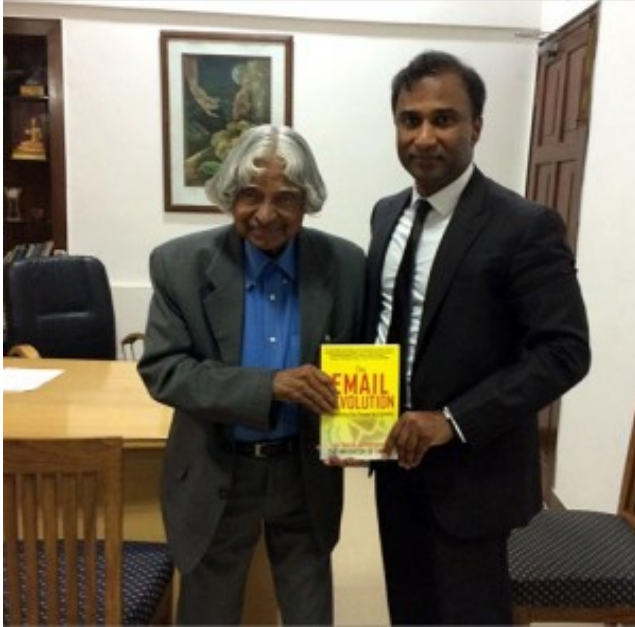


Inventor of EMAIL sees India as the Innovation hub

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Digital India Foundation organized an event on the occasion of the 33rd anniversary of the invention of email at The Oberoi, New Delhi. The man behind the invention of the new-age EMAIL, Dr V. A. Shiva Ayyadurai, had inaugurated the event.

A panel discussion on “The History, Geography and Destiny of Email and How Indian Innovation Can Advance It” was organized at the event. The discussion was moderated by Ashok Malik, Senior Journalist. Other distinguished members of the panel included Dr V. A. Shiva Ayyadurai, Bhaskar Pramanik from Microsoft India and Deepak Maheshwari from Symantec.

In an exclusive chat with VARINDIA, the EMAIL inventor has discussed about the invention of the modern age communication system. In 1978, as a precocious 14-year-

he was accepted to a special program in computer science at New York University. Later, at University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) as a Research Fellow, he developed the first electronic system to replicate the entire interoffice mail system. As it is a business messaging system and due to its formal nature Dr Ayyadurai has named it as “EMAIL”.

In 1982, the United States government officially recognized him as the Inventor of Email by awarding the first Copyright for “Email”, when Copyright was the only protection for software inventions.

Talking about India, Dr Ayyadurai foresees the country as an innovation hub.

He holds four degrees from MIT and is a world-renowned systems scientist, inventor and entrepreneur.