



SMS, chat have destroyed letter writing: Email inventor V A Shiva Ayyadurai

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NEW DELHI: Letter writing may have dwindled substantially over the years but billions of people are participating in the written word in the electronic form as never before, says the inventor of email V A Shiva Ayyadurai.

"Email has explosively supported the growth of letter writing globally. Today, unlike some decades ago, where penning letters was limited to a few who could afford education, billions are now writing letters, in electronic form, as never before - albeit, we can argue about the quality of writing - but regardless, more people, than ever before, are participating in the written word," the 50-year-old MIT systems scientist, technologist, entrepreneur and educator told PTI.



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of course, times have changed and change is important. sms, chat and email are a lot clearer and without any confusion compare to the pen and paper.

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