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A great leap in Indian IT, laptops for Rs 10,000 launched

Marking a great leap in the area of computer technology, Indian scientists have come up with new mobile desktop computers, which cost between Rs 10,000 to Rs 20,000 and runs on 6hr chargeable batteries.



The products have been developed under the New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative (NMITLI) being implemented by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, in partnership with Encore Software Ltd, Science and Technology Minister Kapil Sibal announced in New Delhi.

"The development marks India's leap in the area of IT and PC technology," he said.

The **significant features** that this product are suitable for Indian conditions being able to run without electricity, using battery, he said adding that market would be created worldwide as millions would like to use affordable products.

The products launched are **Mobilis**, a Linux-based mobile desktop and two of its variants - **Mobilis Wireless** and **SofComp**, an ultra-compact desktop.

Mobilis, with a 7.4-inch LCD screen, has a six-hour battery life. It delivers outstanding mobile performance and powerful connectivity options.

Mobilis Wireless additionally offers build-in GPS receiver. Both devices offer integrated smart card read/write capability as well, he said.

The third product, SofComp, is a very compact desktop designed for officers that don't really need the cost and bulk of today's Ghz-speed PCs for their day-to-day work.

The three products would be in the market in three-four months time, he said adding that all **have built-in local language support and a choice of everyday**



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The French Riviera was bracing for a jolt of star power as some of cinema's hottest commodities prepared to descend on the 58th Cannes Film Festival with Bollywood actress Nandita Das will do the nation proud as a juror in the extravaganza.

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applicaiton such as word processesing, spreadsheet, personal information manager, e-mail, web browser, PC synchronisation and text-to-speech capability at no extra cost.

Currently there are only 13 million PCs in India. Cost is a major problem, Deshpande adding most of the capability of PCs is not used by day-to-day users.

The product is also likely to be used by four universities in India and South Africa each, he said.

When asked about 'Simputer', a similar product launched about two years back, Sibal said it was beginning to be widely used.

Indian Navy was likely to use it for diagnostics in Naval aircraft while it was being used for keeping records of cancer patients in Mumbai. It would also be used for doorstep banking.

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