

Now, a mobile desktop at Rs 10,000

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NEW DELHI: Making computers cheap and affordable, the government on Tuesday launched a Rs 10,000 battery-run computer, the mobile desktop, which is much lighter than the currently available products.

The mobile desktop, Mobilis, and two of its variants – Mobilis Wireless and SofComp, an ultra-compact desktop – were launched here by Science and Technology Minister Kapil Sibal.

The three products would be in the market in three-four months time and would be priced between Rs 10,000 and Rs 20,000.

These 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.

"The Mobilis, a Linux-based mobile desktop which weighs only 750 gm, is ideal for those who need an inexpensive and dependable computing device for their day-to-day needs, on the desktop or on the move. It is truly 'anytime, anywhere' computer," Encore chairman Vinay L Deshpande said.

All have built-in local language support and a choice of everyday applications such as word processing, spreadsheet, personal information manager, e-mail, web browser, PC synchronisation and text-to-speech capability at no extra cost. They do away with the need for electricity.

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

Mobilis comes with an innovative carry-case that, while ingeniously hiding a full size flexible, roll up keyboard when on the move, opens up as a desktop stand.

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

What is significant is that these products are suitable for Indian conditions being able to run without electricity, using battery, Sibal said, adding a market would be created worldwide as millions would like to use affordable products.

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