



Mobilis seeks to herald new PC revolution

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A laptop that costs as much as a good quality mobile phone will be available in the Indian markets in three months.

Mobilis, the low cost laptop computer, will be priced at less than Rs 10,000 and weighs less than a kilo.

But most of all, its makers promise that Mobilis is perfectly suited for the Indian market.

"There are frequent power cuts, other PCs cannot run without the AC. This computer has been built with the Indian market in mind," said Kapil Sibal, science and technology minister.

The Mobilis needs no UPS and is apparently less prone to viruses and has a six-hour battery life.

And those who feel that current PCs have an obvious English bias, can take heart from the fact that this new model can be used in Hindi, Kannada and Marathi.

Later it will also be available in almost all other Indian languages.

"It has built-in software, so it will not get obsolete," said Vinay Deshpande, chairman, Encore.

However, there are some things that it cannot do. For instance, one cannot play games on it yet.

Mobilis has been produced by Encore with the backing of the CSIR. Incidentally, Encore had earlier launched the Simputer, which was not very successful.

But this time round they say they have already received orders including a tie-up with the electronic car Reva.

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