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## Production of Simputer to begin by month-end

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BANGALORE: Hand-held computer, Simputer, is all set to be manufactured on a pilot production basis by the end of this month by Encore Software which has developed it.

The pilot production would involve 200 units of the Simputer, which is developed jointly with the Computer Science and Automation Department of the Indian Institute of Science here, company Vice-President Mark Mathais said. Encore has also targetted manufacturing about 50,000 Simputers by the end of next year and has received order inquiries from the state government departments and government agencies, he said.

The principal objective of developing the simple hand-held computer was to make the common man familiar with computer-aided services, and to enable online services to penetrate the rural areas. The Simputer--the only hand-held device using a smartcard interface-- is compatible for transactions over the Net through a smartcard acting as the delivery vehicle, Mathais said.

The diminutive computer device has text to speech features also supporting Indian languages like Hindi, Kannada and Tamil, making it eligible for use in a major part of India. It also has in-built speakers with microphone and a modem with 33.6 kbps speed.

This means rural users could avail a range of facilities like online banking, electronic commerce, micro banking, data on agriculture and multi-purpose citizen cards.

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