



Supercomputer Param Siddhi

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Why in News

India's **Artificial Intelligence** (AI) supercomputer **Param Siddhi** ranked **63rd** among top **500** most powerful **non-distributed computer systems** in the world.

- **Distributed computing** is a field of computer science that studies distributed systems. A distributed system is a system whose **components are located on different networked computers**, which **communicate and coordinate** their actions by passing messages to one another. The components interact with one another in order to achieve a common goal.
- In a **non-distributed** (or co-located) system, **all the parts of the system** are in the **same physical location**. In a distributed system, parts of the system exist in separate locations.

Key Points

- **Param Siddhi** is a High Performance Computing-Artificial Intelligence (HPC-AI) supercomputer developed by **Department of Science and Technology (DST)**, **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** under **National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)** at **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing**.
- The supercomputer has **Rpeak** of **5.267 Petaflops** and **4.6 Petaflops Rmax**.
 - In high-performance computing, **Rmax** and **Rpeak** are scores used to rank supercomputers based on their performance using the **LINPACK Benchmark**.
The **LINPACK Benchmarks** are a measure of a system's floating point computing power.
 - A system's **Rmax** score describes its **maximal achieved performance**, the **Rpeak** score describes its **theoretical peak performance**. Values for both scores are usually represented in teraFLOPS or petaFLOPS.
 - A **petaflop** is the ability of a computer to do **one quadrillion floating point operations per second (FLOPS)**. Additionally, a petaflop can be measured as one thousand teraflops.

National Supercomputing Mission

- The Mission envisages empowering our national academic and Research and Development (R&D) institutions spread over the country by installing a **vast supercomputing grid** comprising more than **70 high-performance computing facilities**.
- Launched in 2015, this seven-year mission was allocated Rs 4,500-crore.
- These supercomputers will also be networked on the National Supercomputing grid over the **National Knowledge Network (NKN)**.
 - The NKN is another programme of the government which connects academic institutions and R&D labs over a **high speed network**.
 - Academic and R&D institutions as well as key user departments/ministries would participate by using these facilities and develop applications of national relevance.
 - The Mission also includes development of highly professional **High Performance Computing (HPC)** aware human resource for meeting challenges of development of these applications.
- The Mission is implemented and steered jointly by the **Department of Science and Technology (DST)** and **Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY)**.
- The (C-DAC) has recently launched the **second phase** of this project wherein more institutions will be supported by supercomputing facilities.
- **Objective of NSM**
 - To make India one of the world leaders in Supercomputing and to enhance India's capability in solving grand challenge problems of national and global relevance
 - To empower our scientists and researchers with state-of-the-art supercomputing facilities and enable them to carry out cutting-edge research in their respective domains

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