

# Andal airport makes steady progress

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**Andal:** State government officials and BAPL representatives on Wednesday held a review meeting with different stakeholders in Burdwan to accelerate the process of clearing impediments that can delay the full-fledged commercial operation of the Andal airport.

Talking to TOI, BAPL MD Partha Ghosh said that they were encouraged by the strong support of the administration — led by chief minister Mamata Banerjee — for the development of the Rs 10,000 crore aerotropolis project. "The project is progressing with the airport in the final stages of completion. Scheduled helicopter services by Pawan Hans Ltd, the largest helicopter operator in India, have commenced operations at Kazi Nazrul Islam Airport and BAPL is engaging with airline operators for scheduled commercial operations," he added.

Following Wednesday's meeting, BAPL is confident that the local administration will handle any untoward interference more intensely, which otherwise can stagger the advancement of the project at this crucial stage. Work of the Durgapur Airport at Andal is almost complete and Changi officials have also been posted here.