

## India's first private airport to be operational next month

The country's first private greenfield airport at Durgapur, promoted by Bengal Aerotropolis Projects (BAPL), is likely to be operational by April 14. "The final calibration of navigational aids at the airport by the Airport Authority is done. Now, we expect to get the final DGCA licence in a month," state transport secretary Alapan Bandopadhyay said on Monday. In all probability, the airport, christened Kazi Nazrul Islam Airport, will be operational from April 14, the first day of the Bengali calendar, BAPL officials said. The West Bengal government has 1.2% stake in BAPL, and Singapore's Changi Airport is the largest shareholder in the airport.