

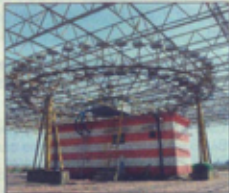
Andal airport inches closer to take-off

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Andal: Engineers and technicians of the Airport Authority of India (AAI) and the India Meteorological Department (IMD) have completed installing all requisite navigational and meteorological equipment at Andal airport, the first private greenfield one in eastern India.

The airport is now ready for AAI's three-day flight calibration schedule, which starts from March 14.

A favourable report by AAI on the calibration is what Bengal Aerotropolis Projects Ltd (BAPL) — the de-



veloper of the airport — is now waiting for. It will enable the Director-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to



ON FINAL LAP: Navigational instruments have already been installed

give its final go-ahead for operation of commercial flights.

"A function commemorating the

completion of the calibration is slated at the airport on March 16. A large delegation of Changi Airports International will be present on the occasion," said BAPL managing director Partha Ghosh.

The first team of IMD had reached the airport on March 9. "They will provide updates on weather facilities and services for air navigation," a source said. AAI engineers wing has already set up all requisite navigational aids and associated instruments like Distance Measuring Equipment and Instrument Landing system.