

India's First Private Greenfield Airport is Now Alive

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A Direct Durgapur-Delhi flight makes debut

The government's move to connect airports in smaller towns appears to be gathering momentum. (See Greenfield)

Direct flights from Durgapur's Kazi Nazrul Islam Airport to New Delhi, has started. It got off to a flying start with Air India recording overwhelming bookings for its tri-weekly flights in the very first week of operations.



The huge response for the first flight itself shows the demand from the region.

Durgapur is one of the best and big industrial area among West Bengal. It projects an image of an industrialized India.



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Durgapur's Kazi Nazrul Islam Airport, India's first operational private Greenfield airport, developed by Bengal Aerotropolis Projects Limited, BAPL, is the latest addition to the country's civil aviation network.

Air India will operate the 122-seater Airbus-319 aircraft on the Kolkata-Durgapur-New Delhi sector every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Partha Ghosh, Managing Director, BAPL, said: "We were sure that the people of Durgapur and its catchment area would welcome direct connectivity with the national capital. Till now, the people from this region had to travel all the way to Kolkata or Ranchi airports, some 200 km away, to catch their preferred flights to New Delhi or elsewhere. We are overwhelmed and thankful for the blockbuster opening, which proves our belief that there exists tremendous potential in the ADPA region, that our Aerotropolis project and our Airport are poised to cater to."

The scheduled commercial flight

[Flight No. AI 733]



Dep Kolkata 08:30 am
Arr Durgapur 09:00 am.

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Arr New Delhi 11:45 am

[Flight No. AI 734]

Dep New Delhi 12:35 pm
Arr Durgapur 02:40 pm.

Dep Durgapur 03:20 pm
Arr Kolkata 03:50 pm.

For ticket bookings, NC Airways is at your service.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had graced the inaugural flight on Dec 7.



She had said that the Durgapur-Delhi service would help in the growth of industry, commerce and also tourism in the region. She had also complimented BAPL for the world-class experience offered to travellers at the country's first private Greenfield airport.