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Quarterly Newsletter





## *From the Corporate Desk*

Hello Everyone,

From all of us at Bengal Aerotropolis Projects Limited (BAPL), we wish you health, prosperity and above all, the safety and security of you and your family from this world-changing pandemic that had managed to put us inside the four walls of our homes.

The Corona-virus (COVID-19) pandemic has been the defining global health crisis of our time and the greatest challenge we have faced since World War Two. Since its emergence in Asia late last year, the virus has spread to every continent except Antarctica. But the pandemic is much more than a health crisis, it's also an unprecedented socio-economic crisis, that has stretched and stressed, every one of the countries it has touched. In its wake, it has left many of the world's most economically developed countries, devastated socially, economically and politically. In India, it is more a case of adverse sentiments. We are influenced by both credit squeezes as well as a high cost of credit. However, we have vowed that we will not let this situation take the better of us, and we will be resilient in the face of all odds.

BAPL, as a company is intrinsically strong, and has been able to withstand such adverse market conditions with the help of better strategic action plans and team efforts. We have the finest human talents, and together over the last six months since the pandemic began, the team has risen to the occasion, taken the task head-on and proved that when the going gets really tough, the tough gets going. We have optimised our business models and fine-tuned the product mix by shifting focus from pure land selling to vertical development, specifically in residential and commercial segment. You will be reading about some of these developments in this issue of Aerobuzz, and some in the upcoming ones.

With this, we leave you to enjoy reading this issue of Aerobuzz, and by wishing everyone a very Happy & Prosperous Durga-puja & Diwali ahead. Till next time...

The Corporate Desk  
Bengal Aerotropolis Projects Limited



## Updates from the Ground

In the last six months since the lockdown was announced and since the “Unlock” phase began, BAPL has focussing on two fronts – ongoing infra development with the objective of increased accessibility in terms of primary and secondary roads, and signing of JVs for vertical development in the Industrial and Institutional park.

From being a Master Developer, BAPL has taken its first “baby steps” to become a Realty Developer. We are collaborating with some of the leading developers in South Bengal and elsewhere to construct and develop projects, multi-partite joint venture projects. With the completion of the main access road from the National Highway to the Airport by PWD, boosted by periodical township infra maintenance by GCITA which has been successfully facilitating hassle-free and time-bound sanctions of building plans (refer <http://www.wburbanservices.gov.in/> > Industrial Township Authority > Golden City), the project is becoming more vibrant with every passing day.

In the Industrial Side, dedicated areas have been carved out for the MSME Sector, keeping in mind that the focus in post-covid environment would be to build small but robust industries to drive manufacturing and growth (refer <https://www.wbidc.com/home/industrial-parks/bengal-aerotropolis-project>).

And this has shown results. In September itself, on the auspicious occasion of Vishwakarma Puja the project has witnessed and been privileged to host the Bhoomi Puja of two vertical development projects: Aero Plaza Retail Hub and the IABA Affordable Housing Project. The IABA affordable housing project for the Economically Weaker Sections, is being built at the Aerotropolis, under the PMAY scheme with beneficial assistance, both from the Central and State Governments.

The Aero Plaza Retail Hub will be the Aerotropolis’ first retail development which will not only cater to the Durgapur - Andal region, but also to the 100,000+ future residents of the Aerotropolis, housing an ideal mix of medium to upscale brand outlets. The project is being developed by Hydropower Engineering Company, led by Mr Mukul Paul.

*Bhoomi Puja of Aero Plaza Retail Hub*



*Bhoomi Puja of IABA Housing Project*





## Up and Above: Updates from KNIA

With the travel restrictions imposed by the Government on Domestic and International Air Travel, the traffic at the Kazi Nazrul Islam Airport had come to a grinding halt when the pandemic struck. However, with the “Unlock” phase now underway, SpiceJet has resumed scheduled operations from 10th September 2020, with direct flights connecting Durgapur to Mumbai and Chennai, thrice a week at the moment. Thrice weekly direct flights to New Delhi, will also begin from 16th October 2020 thus increasing the connectivity and passenger traffic through Durgapur Airport.

Since the flights began to operate, the routes have witnessed a steady and healthy growth in passenger loads, thanks to the pent-up demand from the people of the region to fly again for health and business without taking the additional hassle of travelling to or back from Kolkata. SpiceJet has evinced interest to connect Durgapur with Guwahati and Bagdogra, and we are hopeful that this and additional routes from Durgapur will be opened by Airlines in the very near future.



### When are you coming home?

Fly back home this Durga Puja  
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Origin	Departure	Destination	Arrival
Delhi	11:20	Durgapur	13:30
Durgapur	14:10	Delhi	16:45
Mumbai	11:10	Durgapur	13:55
Durgapur	14:35	Mumbai	17:20
Chennai	14:00	Durgapur	16:30
Durgapur	17:10	Chennai	19:35

SG 508 and 507 flights commence from 16th October 2020

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## *KNIA's heroes in uniform*

In this issue of Aerobuzz, we recognise the efforts and the selfless service of “KNIA’s Heroes in Uniform: The Airport Rescue Fire Fighting & Emergency Services Team (ARFF& ES). Their mission is to save lives and property. This team, led by Mr Prasen Das, strives to achieve a response time of 2 minutes (and not exceeding 3 minutes) to cover the distance upto the end of each runway in the unforeseen and unfortunate case of an Aircraft Accident. It goes without saying, that the urgency and complexity of ARFF’s lifesaving actions are extremely critical and are measured in seconds.







## *BAPL Welcomes 2020*



*Viswakarma Puja at KNI Airport*



*Sonar Casting Plant*



*Under Construction Hospital*



*Retail Hub Project Site*



*Safety Measures at KNI Airport*



*Independence Day Flag Hoisting*

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