

# 'Aerotropolis to usher in new era'

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Chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday named the new airport building at Andal in Burdwan district after revolutionary poet Kazi Nazrul Islam.

The air terminal is part of the ambitious Aerotropolis project which is India's first airport city near Durgapur. It is being developed in association with Singapore's Changi Airport International (CAI) and constructed by Bengal Aerotropolis Project Limited (BAPL).

A visibly elated Ms Banerjee said that the Aerotropolis project

which is being developed with an investment of over ₹10,000 would change the industrial face of the region comprising Burdwan, Bankura, Purulia and Birbhum. "It will usher in a new era in Bengal," she added.

Claiming that the economy of the state was growing at a faster rate than that of the country, she said that her government was giving special emphasis on building proper infrastructure.

"Our government is doing good work. Such infrastructure will help in attracting investment and setting up of new industries," she added.

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try-friendly environment, Ms Banerjee invited the investors to invest in the state.

"During the Left Front rule, the total man-days loss was between 75 lakh to 80 lakh.

"During our rule, there has been zero man-days

loss because we are totally opposed to the disruptive politics of bandhs and strike," she added.

Later, addressing a public meeting at Kansa, Ms Banerjee said that her government was trying to pay compensation before Durga Puja to at least one lakh people who had invested in Saradha chit fund and had lost their money.

"We have set up a relief fund of ₹500 crore to compensate the depositors of the chit fund. With the recommendation of the inquiry commission, we are trying to distribute money among one lakh people before the pujas," she added.