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## IPPG News: January 2010

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Highlights of recent activities from IPPG - the [Research Programme Consortium on Improving Institutions for Pro-Poor Growth](#)

### IPPG Project news

#### State-business relations (SBR) - new findings

The first Indian results from IPPG's major research project looking at state-business relations were released at a seminar, **Effective State Business Relations: When Does It Happen and Why Does It Matter?** in Jaipur, India on 18 December 2009. The results, drawn from a study that constructs a state-business relations (SBR) measure for the 16 major Indian states, had a few surprises in store, with some of the top economic performers - such as Gujarat - failing to find a place in the top half of the league table.

A range of IPPG research papers on state-business relations is now available (see *New Publications*, below), following a 3-day workshop in Jaipur where researchers from across India and sub-Saharan Africa shared their findings. The Jaipur events were co-hosted by IPPG and [CUTS International](#), and an article, **State-Business Relations: Now and Then**, by Pradeep S. Mehta and Siddhartha Mitra (respectively, Secretary General and Research Director, CUTS International) appeared in *Financial Express India* on 29 November 2009.

One of the case studies in the cluster, **State Business Relations and Performance of Manufacturing Sector in Andhra Pradesh** by G Aivelu, K Srinivasulu and M Gopinath Reddy, was selected for presentation at the **International Conference on Emergent Business Models and Strategies for Knowledge Economy: Impact on Business Government and Society** at the [Indian Business Academy](#), Bangalore, India (19-21 November 2009).

### IPPG Researchers - news

IPPG researcher success in African Professorship Competition

IPPG researcher Dr Jean Claude Saha, of the University of Ngaoundere, Cameroon, emerged as one of the top laureates at the *14th edition of the Professorship competition*, organised every two years by the Conseil Africain et Malgache pour l'Enseignement Supérieur (CAMES), a competition aimed at promoting deserving African university lecturers to the rank of Professor. More than 90 African lecturers took part in this year's competition, 36 of whom were in the Economics category. Candidates came from nine countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Congo, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Niger, Togo, Senegal and Gabon). Dr Jean Claude Saha, in part thanks to his IPPG paper, emerged in second position and following this success, becomes **Professor Saha**.

### Honours for IPPG research



Dibyendu Maiti. Photo credit IEG.

Dr. Dibyendu Maiti of the Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi, has received two plaudits for his IPPG research. In December Dr Maiti was given the India Social Science Research Award 2009 for his IPPG paper, *Institutions, Networks and Industrialisation: Field level evidence of fragmentation and flexibility from India*.

The award, presented by Canada's International Development Research Centre, celebrates best research practices in social sciences in India. It recognises young research talent in India and celebrates research that has demonstrated impact on policy and practice, or has enhanced public understanding of behavioural and social science principles.

Another study by Dr Maiti, *Regional Openness, Income Growth and Disparity across Major India states during 1980-2004*, has been shortlisted for the Global Development Network annual award. Dr Maiti will present his paper, which draws on insights from his IPPG work, at the Eleventh Annual Global Development Conference in Prague, in January 2010, where the awards will be announced.

### Coming up:

Three regional SBR workshops will be held in Kolkata, Bhubaneswar and Hyderabad on 8, 10 and 12 February 2010 respectively, to present the three state-business relations case-studies on West Bengal, Orissa and Andhra Pradesh. The workshops will be run by IPPG's Indian partners - CUTS and the Centre for Economic and Social Studies, CESS.

### New publications:

## **Analysing the Economics and Politics of State Business Relations in Africa and India**

### **New papers - available now:**

*State-Business Relations and Manufacturing Productivity Growth in India* Vinish Kathuria, Rajesh Raj S N, and Kunal Sen

*Industrialising West Bengal? The case of institutional stickiness* Deepita Chakravarty and Indranil Bose

*State Business Relations and Performance of Manufacturing Sector in Andhra Pradesh - A Case Study* G Alivelu, K Srinivasulu and M Gopinath Reddy

*Do Effective State Business Relations Matter for Economic Growth? Evidence from Indian States*, Massimiliano Cali and Kunal Sen

*State-Business Relations in Indian states: Paper towards constructing an effective SBR index for Indian states*, Massimiliano Cali, Siddhartha Mitra & Purnima Purohit (published August 2009)

*State-Business Relations in Indian States, Measurement, Analysis and Implications*, Siddhartha Mitra

*How non-state actors lobby to influence budget outcomes in Zambia*, Samuel M. Bwalya, Ezekiel Phiri & Kelvin Mpembamoto (published October 2009)

### **Available soon:**

*State-Business Relations and Economic Performance in Ghana*, Charles Ackah, Ernest Aryeetey, Joseph Ayee and Ezekiel Clottey. December 2009.

*State-Business Relations and Pro-Poor Growth in South Africa: A Summary*, Jeremy Seekings and Nicoli Natrass. November 2009.

*State-Business Relations and Economic Growth: A dynamic analysis for the case of Mauritius*, Sawkut Rojid, Boopen Seetanah, Ramassur Shalini. December 2009.

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