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IGS organized a workshop on the State of Cities (SOC) Report on 5 October 2011 in the IGS conference room. The workshop was attended by the research team and peer reviewers for different chapters of the SOC. Following presentation by the respective chapter authors, peer reviewers gave their comments. Dr. Salahuddin M Aminuzzaman, Dr. Iftekhar Iqbal, Dr. Ferdous Jahan, Dr. Jalal Alamgir, Dr. Simeen Mahmud and Dr. Kishore Kumar Singh were present at the workshop as peer reviewers.

IGS is pleased to have Mr. Naimur Rahman as the newly appointed Chief Operations Officer at the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability- South Asia Region (ANSA SAR) based at IGS in October 2011. His areas of expertise are knowledge management and strategic leadership in development programs. Prior to joining in IGS, Mr. Rahman was the Director of One World South Asia and Managing Director of One World Foundation, India. An engineer by training, Mr. Rahman brings with him over twenty years of professional experience in the development sector. After joining IGS, Mr. Rahman gave a speech at the National Credibility Alliance in Delhi on "CSOs in the Changing Socio-economic Political scenario" - especially in the context of Governance Accountability in October 2011.

Dr. Kaveri Gill, Senior Program Officer, Think Tank Initiative and Stephen J. Mcgurk, Regional Director of IDRC visited IGS during 24-25 October for annual monitoring of the utilization of IDRC Think Tank fund. After two days of discussion with different teams at IGS, IDRC team made a presentation regarding findings of TTI Policy Community Survey on Think Tanks in Asia.

Dr. Rizwan Khair, the Director of IGS delivered three lectures at the Bangladesh Public Administration Training Center (BPATC) in October 2011. These are- lecture on Policy Implementation and Evaluation under Foundation Course for the probationers, Policy Analysis Exercise under Senior Staff Course for the Joint Secretaries and Public Sector Reforms under Advanced Course on Administration and Development (ACAD) for the Deputy Secretaries.