

## Natwar Thakkar lauds Indian Civil Society Groups



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Gandhian Natwar Thakkar appreciates the civil society groups, which render voluntary and self-less service to the society and argues that presence of a strong civil society has enriched the Indian democracy. Attending the 'Guest of the Month' program of Guwahati Press Club today (September 2) afternoon, Thakkar even argues that the forum comprising the spirit of voluntary social service should be recognised as the fifth pillar of democracy.

Thakkar, 79, expresses his satisfaction over the service of local media in the country. He declared that the regional and local media in the Northeast has played an important role and many times it has helped the local habitants to get due justice.

Thakkar has great admiration to Anna Hazare and he asserted that Annaji's movement against corruption has historic importance. The people of the country have found a leader in Anna Hazare to speak for an issue they were expecting for listening and even joining one and all. Thakkar believes that Anna's fast at Jantar Mantar was itself a successful attempt as he made the entire population aware of corruption and the government also showed interest to resolve the issue. Of course, Thakkar had some reservations on the second phase of fasting at Ramlila Maidan.

Before the interaction starts, members of the press club felicitated Thakkar with the traditional Japi and Gamosa.

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