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### Abstract

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'Community' emerged as a central element in the "Another Development" paradigm, which argued that it is at the local community level that the problems of living conditions should be discussed. "Another Development" discourse supported the use of new means of communication for interaction and social action in small-scale settings of community, interest group or sub-culture. Here comes the role of community radio which after initial hiccups has been propagated vigorously by civil society members and organizations including other interest groups in India. Uttarakhand, a small hilly state has seven community radio stations (CRS) run by educational institutions, NGOs or by local community. This study is an attempt to assess the status of community radio broadcasting in Uttarakhand. For CRS assessment, CR-PAS tool as devised by CRSC/NEFEJ with support of UNESCO has been used. Based on intensive interviews of community radio broadcasters and audience of two community radio stations, viz., *Mandakini ki Awaz* and *Kumaon Vani*, this study suggests that Community Radio is yet to emerge as a definite participative community development tool in Uttarakhand.

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#### Keywords

Community radio, Uttarakhand,  
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