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KUMAON PLUS

FOR TECHNO-SOCIAL INNOVATIONS

In nearly 13 years of sustained commitment to the upliftment of the needy, a well-known NGO has stood with dignity for providing quality service in the Kumaon region of Uttarakhand. Having extensively covered areas in the districts of Nainital, Pithoragarh, Almora, Udham Singh Nagar and Bageshwar, it is supporting 16 schools in Kumaon with IT and science labs as well as train the teachers programme. And besides this, it also provides for the promotion of sports.

Today, it supports nearly 4,000 school children in these districts. "Working in the remote villages of Kumaon, we realized



that there was dire need for renewable energy. We have been conducting many capacity building programmes in various districts. And in March 2011, our NGO was inducted into the renewable energy field by none other than the Green Oscar Winner, Dr Gon Chaudhuri," informs Arun Sinha, secretary general of the NGO.

With the distribution of 178 of its own designed solar lanterns to these villages, many *panchayats* have asked the NGO to adopt their villages too. In the first initiative, 250 solar lanterns along with five mobile charging stations are donated to the NGO to ITBP bases and eight villages on the India-China border.