

Passion painted on a canvas



>> *A picturesque look from the terrace of Te Aroha*



He could continue to globe-trot, first-class, advise – sovereign nations, multi-lateral institutions and MNCs, across the

globe, oblige his coffers, luxuriate and bask in the glory of fame. But, the leading corporate and policy lawyer, Sumant Batra, at 45, and at the peak of his career, had other plans.

Many years ago, as a young traveller, he had discovered a non-descript enchanting village during one of his explorations of the

Himalayan foothills of Uttaranchal. He had fallen in love with the place instantly and a summer house came up on the top of a hill in no time. This is where he wanted to live, he decided, but only after he had achieved his dream of becoming a famous lawyer. And, as Sumant climbed up the success ladder, working round-the-clock, literally, the breathtaking view of the snow-peaked mountains, lush forests, enticing apple orchards, the meandering trails, houses on terraced fields and charming people of Dhanachuli continued to beckon him.

One man's passion painted on a canvas. This is Te Aroha - Sumant Batra's boutique resort located in Dhanachuli - an en-

chanting little village, situated a few miles away from Mukteshwar, a popular hill station in Uttarakhand.

Today, Sumant's passion has triggered off a cultural bonhomie at Te Aroha as well. An avid poet himself, Sumant is soon going to organize the THE HIMALAYAN POETRY RETREAT: WHERE POETRY CASCADES ON YOUR SENSES (A joint initiative of South Asian Alliance for Literature, Art & Culture and Te Aroha).

As part of corporate social responsibility and in an effort to generate employment in Dhanachuli, Te Aroha management has hired young boys and girls from the villages around and trained them professionally to deliver high standards of services to their guests.

