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## Intimate Line Drawings of Life in a Tiny Indian Village

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Artist Nakul Mondal chronicles his daily life in the tiny village of Gangpur in West Bengal, India through the creation of small-scale pen and ink drawings. This ritual started in 2013, shortly after the artist moved to the village, which has a population of just over 6,000 people, from the capital city of Kolkata — a time that Mondal describes as one "filled with heartache and existential isolation."

This is translated in Mondal's intimate scenes, in which the use of line is haunting and fluid like a memory. The starkness of the portraits and the gaze of his subjects are unescapable. Mondal's artworks are on view at New York City gallery Gitler &\_\_\_\_\_, dedicated to exhibiting rising artists around the world, through March 8.

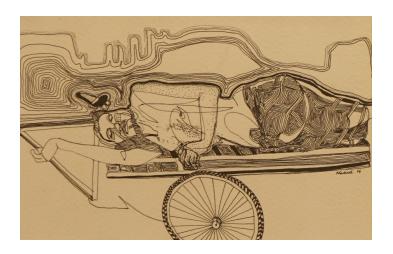




















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