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# Gitler & \_\_\_\_\_

Presents Nakul Mondal: *Gangpur*

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(February 3, 2016) Gitler & \_\_\_\_\_ is proud to announce the recent opening for **Nakul Mondal's** solo exhibition, [Gangpur](#), which will be on view at the gallery through March 8, 2016. In this, his second solo show with Gitler, Mondal presents an extensive series of small-scale pen drawings, many of which chronicle the artist's daily life in the tiny village of Gangpur in West Bengal, India, population: 6,347.



Untitled, 2014; pen on arches, 6 x 8 in.

Ranging from intimate portraits and stark landscapes to scenes depicting the haunting quietude of a country oft-burdened by political unrest and natural disasters, Mondal's subject matter is masterfully complemented by his command of line and contour. Each portrait and scene begs the question: Is this the artist's first-hand account or perhaps a meditation on a fading memory? In some instances, Mondal incorporates subtle elements of geometric and fluid abstraction – within the figure or as a framing device – allowing each work to exist in a dream-like state.

Mondal began these drawings in 2013, shortly after moving to Gangpur from the capital city of Kolkata. They chronicle a time in the artist's life which he has described as filled with heartache and existential isolation, emotional states that reveal themselves through the somber gazes of his subjects. The series concludes in 2015, coinciding with Mondal's recent marriage last summer.

[Nakul Mondal](#) (b.1982, Burdwan, West Bengal, India) completed his MFA in painting from the historic art school Kala-Bhavana, founded by Rabindranath Tagore, where he was exposed to the rich traditions of India's modernists.

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