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Gurgaon artist to exhibit Gandhi-inspired art in Oz

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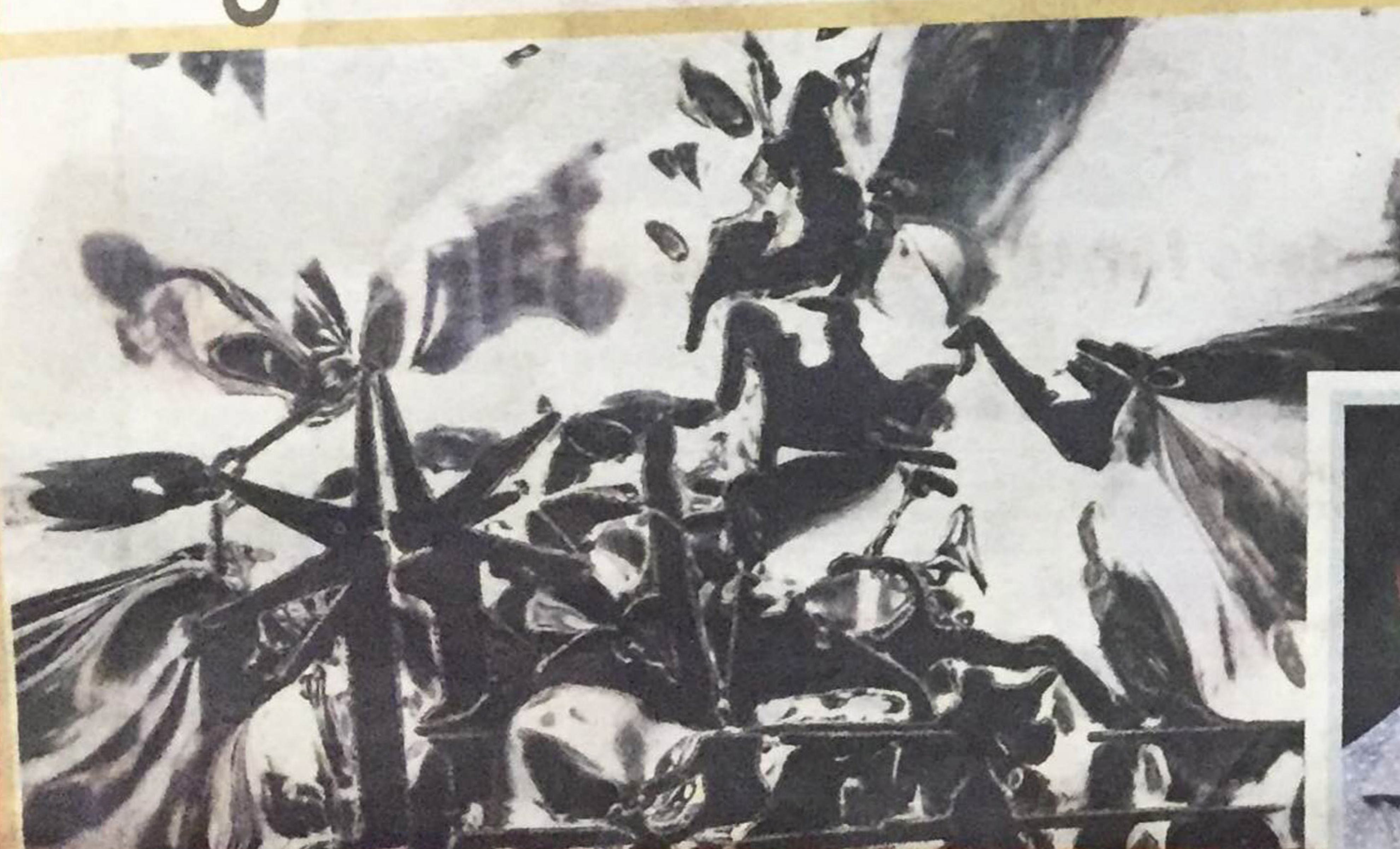
On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, Gurgaon-based artist Vibhor Sogani has been invited to exhibit his art series, titled 'Mahatma in Me', in Australia. The month-long exhibition will be inaugurated on Gandhi Jayanti, and is being organized as part of the Borderless Gandhi Projects (Australia), which aims to organize a series of events and exhibitions, through which Mahatma Gandhi is portrayed as a global icon of equality, non-violence and peace. Founded in 2014 by Nilesh and Lene Makwana, the project had its official launch in Perth in 2015, and this year, several stainless steel sculptures by Vibhor will be installed at the Barrack Street Jetty in front of the Bell Tower in Perth.

Vibhor tells us the event is supported by India's culture ministry, Government of Western Australia's office of multicultural interests and

department of culture and the arts, the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Navdeep Singh Suri, the high commissioner of India to Australia. In the solo show, Vibhor will exhibit 12 of his artworks.

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Vibhor Sogani (inset) and some of his 'Mahatma in Me' artwork (above) The artist's interpretation of Gandhi working on his charkha and (left) during the Dandi March



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Sogani says, "Talks for this exhibition have been on for a year now. As Indians, we are all very well aware of Gandhi and his teachings. Still, before starting my project, I wanted to know more about him. I read a few books on him and then watched Richard Attenborough's *Gandhi* again. As I conducted my research, I realized that this man was much ahead of his times," says Vibhor, showing us some of his works - Gandhi spinning the *charkha* and Gandhi walking - made out of mirror-finished stainless steel and iron.

The Sohna Road resident says that while he conceptualized all the artworks in Gur-



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gaon, he prepared them at his studio in Ghitorni, which also houses many of his light-based installations. One of his famous works is the public art installation *Sprouts*, the 40-foot high stainless steel installation in the lawns near the AIIMS flyover. "This series on Gandhi is very close to my heart, and it will be exhibited in India as well.

Though it will not be in a public space, I think that over a period of time, it will become as famous as *Sprouts*," he says. "I have been living in Gurgaon for 13 years. There is no famous public art installation here, and someday, I would really love to create one."

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The art installations on Gandhi are made out of mirror-finished stainless steel and iron