

Nek Chand Saini

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Nek Chand Saini has come to personify the spirit of Chandigarh as much as Le Corbusier. Le Corbusier's buildings in Chandigarh appear to have landed from above, from another world, which is literally true. Yet they are uniquely of Chandigarh. **Nek Chand Saini's** magical work emerges from the earth and from the city, a fashioning of things that already existed into things in whose presence you are transported into another world. Fragments

of the familiar assembled like dreams into new landscapes. There is a theory that dreams are the means by which we process the waste from our mental processes. **Nek Chand Saini**'s art takes the waste from the city and creates dreams of another kind.

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