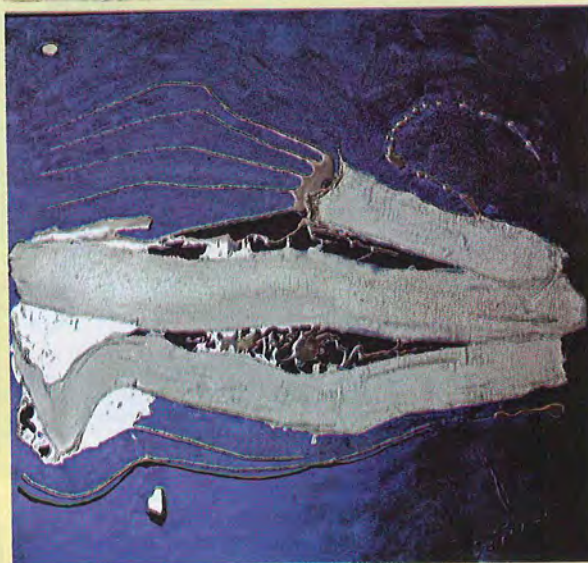


## ▶ Art from the Heart



RENOWNED artist Jaideep Mehrotra will be showcasing his artworks with a solo show in Mumbai after a long gap of six years. His show titled, Reflections of Mercury, will be the artist's first abstracts. Mehrotra, who is recognised for his figurative works, will be showcasing his paintings for a whole month at the Tao Art Gallery in Worli, Mumbai, starting September

end. The technique used by the veteran in his latest work is a result of intense research and exploration over the years. What would look like liquid metal dripped on the paintings on the first look, would actually be a canvas base, making the works enigmatic and spectacular. The mixture of paint, metal and various other elements gives them a unique sheen. The USP here? A work of art created in such a manner that it will be physically different for every person looking at it. "We approach art not for worship, but for catharsis; not to see something else, but to see ourselves. These paintings return to us the world as visualised by our childlike selves: mutable, sparking with potential, fluid in form," says the artist. Mehrotra has substantially contributed to the world of art in the country since the last 40 years and is a pioneer of the digital



medium as an art form in India. Besides showcasing in group exhibitions, the 63-year old has had 23 solo exhibitions in the past. Now, we can't wait to witness the magic he has created this time!