

## From Mumbai to Paris

IT has been a Parisian October for **Atul Kumar**, founder-trustee of Art Deco Mumbai. Ahead of the Art Deco celebrations in Mumbai next month, Kumar was invited to Paris to speak at the 17th Art Deco World Congress. Speaking to us from Paris on the conclusion of the conference on October 25, he shared, "It is quite a refreshing contrast to Miami two years ago."

The curator also presented a lecture on the city's own Art Deco heritage. "My presentation looked at how European artists shaped Bombay's modern identity in the inter-War years. Some came at the invitation of princes like the Holkars of Indore, others as émigrés finding refuge. Together, they created a unique blend of Western modernism that was Indian in spirit, which we rarely talk about today," he told this diarist.



Atul Kumar in a moment during his presentation. PICS COURTESY/@ARTDECOMUMBAI