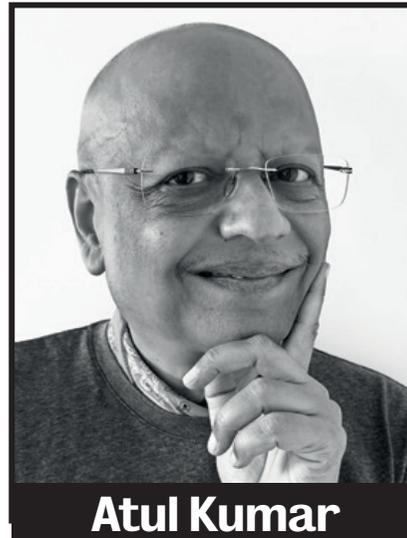


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Concrete ambition

PARIS just discovered what Mumbai has known all along — our Art Deco is world-class. Atul Kumar, founding administrator of the Art Deco Mumbai Trust, delivered a show-stealing lecture at the World Congress on Art Deco, hosted by the Paris Art Deco Society. Kumar, who has built a public directory mapping the city's Deco heritage, said he drew on stories of the Holkars of Indore “to



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showcase the influence of Indian princely patronage in bringing Europe's finest artists and designers to shape a modern Bombay that reflected an Indian spirit and sensibility.” He also spotlighted the roles of émigré mentors Walter Langhammer and Rudolf von Leyden in shaping Indian modernism. From the sound of it, the Parisians were très impressed.