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**Liberty back in the limelight**

(Left and above) The iconic Liberty Cinema.  
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FROM playing host to stars to becoming a star itself. Mumbai's iconic Liberty Cinema is now the subject of a new film, *Liberty Cinema: A Star is Born*, by Art Deco Mumbai. "The film [available on YouTube] showcases not only the history of Liberty as an architectural landmark of the city, but also its significance within the broader Indian cinescape," Art Deco Mumbai's founder-trustee

**Atul Kumar** (right) revealed.

The building, he pointed out, holds a special place in the public memory of Mumbaikars.

"The film shows some stunning shots of the cinema, and features insights from **Mustansir Dalvi**, professor of Architecture, Sir JJ School of Architecture, among others, examining its different facets." He reflected further, "This [the cinema] is especially important to showcase, as single-screen theatres like Liberty have been diluted with the onset of multiplexes and OTT platforms."

Knowing the cinematic history of the City of Dreams, we are looking forward to other architectural marvels of Mumbai turning up on the big screen. "We'd definitely love to," Kumar told this diarist.

