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The screenshot shows the Live Mint website interface. At the top, there are social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, Google+, LinkedIn, and RSS, along with a search bar. Below this is a navigation menu with categories like Home, Companies, Industry, Politics, Money, Opinion, Lounge, Multimedia, Consumer, and More. A prominent banner for Harvard Business School Executive Education is visible, titled "Maximizing Your Leadership Potential—India" with a deadline of 06-09 FEB 2017 and an "APPLY NOW" button. The main content area shows the article title "In your city" and a sub-headline "Cool stuff to watch out for in the coming weeks". Below the sub-headline are social sharing buttons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+, and Reddit, along with a newsletter subscription form. The article author is listed as Mayank Austen Soofi, Preeti Zachariah, and Shamik Bag. The main image of the article shows a grand, restored interior room with a checkered floor, a vintage car, and ornate chandeliers.

Delhi: The new Bikaner House

It seems outrageous that a fabulous place like this was being used as a bus stand all these years.

The monumental Bikaner House in central Delhi has existed in the city's collective consciousness as a boarding point for Rajasthan-bound buses. That impression is gradually fading. Although a corner of this erstwhile princely property continues to survive as a transport hub for Jaipur and the cities around it, the main gate today leads to a whole new world.

The building's restoration by conservation architect Abha Narain Lambah began in early 2014, and the refurbished look was unveiled in November with designer Vivek Sahni's boutique, Vayu, and the beautiful Art Gallery—a photography exhibition, *Jawai—Land Of The Leopards*, opened here this week. Last week, author Anoothi Vishal launched her cookbook at Bikaner House. And it was here, in July, that designer Rohit Bal staged his opulent finale to the India Couture Week 2016.

The gleaming new Bikaner House is showing promise of becoming another India Habitat Centre. In the near future, it might become a popular place for parties, launches, exhibitions, concerts and theatre. Coming soon: two restaurants, a café, and a reading library that will be free to all.