## Bengaluru local sightseeing

- 1. <u>Bangalore Palace</u>: Apart from being a top tourist attraction in the city, the palace is a must-visit place for art lovers as it houses several remarkable paintings belonging to the 19th and 20th centuries. Extensive collection of Raja Ravi Varma's works housed within the palace is another key attraction.
- Vidhana Soudha: Built with granite, Vidhana Soudha is the largest legislative building in India. The architecture includes elements of styles from the mediaeval Chalukya, Hoysala and Vijayanagara empires of Karnataka.
- 3. <u>Attara Kacheri</u>: Attara Kacheri is the seat of the principal bench of the Karnataka High Court, the highest judicial authority in the state of Karnataka.
- 4. Lal Bagh: Internationally renowned as a centre for botanical artwork and conservation of plants, Lalbagh is one of the most scenic gardens in the state. Sprawling over an area of 240 acre, the park draws visitors in large numbers with its popular glass house and also serves as a home for as many as 1,854 species of plants.
- 5. <u>Bull Temple</u>: As the name suggests, it is dedicated to Nandi, the sacred bull who is revered as a Hindu Demi-God and the vehicle (or mount) of Lord Shiva. The key attraction here is a colossal statue of Nandi carved out of a granite monolith.
- 6. ISKCON Temple: ISKCON (International Society for Krishna Consciousness) in Bengaluru is one of the largest of its kind in India. Inaugurated in 1997 by former President of India, Sri. Shankar Dayal Sharma, the Krishna temple is a mixture of the contemporary and the spiritual.