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Yantroddharaka Anjaneya Temple, Hampi, Karnataka.

This temple dedicated to pawanputra Hanuman, near the banks of Tungabhadra river was built by dwaita philosopher and rajguru of the Vijayanagar empire, Sri Vyasaraaja around +500 years ago.

:It is only in this temple that Hanuman appears in a prayer position. In this image, Bhagwan Hanuman's crown has been formed by his tail. 12 monkeys have been carved around this amulet.

:They represent the 12 days Sri Vyasaraaja prayed to Hanuman ji. Each monkey holds the tail of the monkey in front of him but is facing backward. Seed syllables have also been carved around the amulet.

:It is believed that Sri Vyasaraaja used to draw a picture of lord Hanuman here on the rocks before offering prayers using charcoal and the sketch disappeared after prayers. This incidence happened for 12 days in a row until he pleaded to bhagwan to appear in front of him.

On the 12th day, Hanuman ji appeared in front of Sri Vyasaraaja and blessed him. Hanuman asked Sri Vyasaraaja to constrain him in a hexagonal amulet & install him in that place.

Within the inner sanctum, the Hanuman ji Murti is circled with a hexagonal amulet called as Yantra.