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In pic :O.T.C Hanuman Temple, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala: The Lord who gave courage to the entire warrior brigade!!

**This is one of the most visited Hanuman temples in Kerala.The history+
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states that after the rule of King Marthanda Varma, the state headquarters of Travancore was transferred to Thiruvananthapuram from Padmanabhapuram. To start, the new ruler ordered brigade of army known as Nair Brigade to reallocate to the new capital.Though the Brigade moved +

to Kollam first, and then made it way to the new capital Thiruvananthapuram again, the column of the Nair brigade carried with them many idols of gods and particularly Lord Ganesha of Pazhavangady temple. The soldiers of the brigade carried with them the idol of Lord Hanuman +

and installed the idol at Palayam. The main temple is built as per Dravidian architecture. The small temple where the Lord was placed and worshiped by the warriors of Marthanda Verma today stands where it was, but with some expansion. An arch with a mortar art work +

showing Sri Hanuman Swamy worshiping Sri Rama and Sri Sita on the top welcomes the devotees. A peepal tree stands in place of conventional flag post.Its believed that the Lord gave courage to the entire brigade. The other presiding deities other than Hanuman in the temple +

are - Lord Siva, Lord Ganapati, Naga devatas and Yogeeshwaran.

OTC means Officers Training Camp! The temple is currently managed by Travancore devaswom board. ■

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