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Ancient Science of India-9: Hanuman and Army Personnel in Ramayana were not Biological Monkeys: A Review of Human Ecological Significance

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ABSTRACT Sri Rama's army is described as *Vaanara Sena* (Monkey Troops) in Ramayana, but their activities as narrated indicate that they were not biological monkeys. They were forest dwelling tribal community from four distinct areas of India through which Sri Rama had travelled during his forest dwelling fourteen years. They were kings, scholars, doctors, engineers, best athletes in the army group and were proficient in 'Monkey war technique' of which the army of Raavana was not acquainted. Hanuman was regarded and recognised as a hero personality and in course of time accepted as a *Devataa* in Hindu religion due to the effect of *Tantra* philosophy.