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Summary

This is an important inscription in Sanskrit verse which states that the rock-cut shrine was caused to be made by king **Vichitrachitta** for the enshrinement of the three gods Brahmā, Īśvara and Vishṇu, without the use of bricks, timber, metal and mortar. Since from Pallava inscriptions we know that Mahēndravarman I had the *biruda* 'Vichitra-chitta' (i.e.) curious or fancy-minded, this cave must have been excavated by him.

Commentary

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