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Summary

This inscription is engraved in florid **Pallava-Grantha** characters in the form of a helix on a cubical pillar of the Pallava type, supporting the *gōpura* in front of the temple. The pillar seems to have belonged to some other temple in the vicinity. Of Pallava structural monuments in the Chingleput district, only those at Mahābalipuram and Conjeeveram are known. The pillars at Vāyalūr and Tiruppōrūr[1] suggest the existence of other such monuments in the district.

The present record purports to give the genealogy of Pallava kings from Brahmā down, through fifty-four generations, to king Rājasiṁha. The last verse of the inscription suggests that it was intended to perpetuate the accession of **Rājasiṁha** (Narasiṁha II) to the throne.

[1] No. 27 below.

Commentary

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