

TO: Unicode Technical Committee  
FROM: Rick McGowan and Deborah Anderson  
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RE: Liaison report with Institute for the Study of Languages and  
Cultures of Asia and Africa (ILCAA) / TUFS.

A meeting was held August 7, 2003 between Prof. Peri Bhaskararao from ILCAA and Ken Whistler, Rick McGowan, and Deborah Anderson.

1. ILCAA is working on high quality freely-available Unicode-compliant Indic script fonts and a Roman font, and are currently testing a MS Bengali font.
2. They will re-release the *Linguistic Survey of India (LSI)* in PDF format and for on-line availability. The *LSI* (Calcutta, 1903–28) is an 11-volume work documenting more than 500 dialects of 179 languages of India. The digital version is being prepared.
3. They have some experts on-staff and they are working on word lists and syllable enumerations for various scripts for more font testing.
4. Prof. Bhaskararao classified Modi, Lahnda, Kaithi, Takri, and Sharada as "recently used" Indic scripts with large nearly-modern literature and/or extensive historical documents and some extant individuals who write these scripts. ("Nearly modern" means they were actively used within the last 300 years or so.)
5. We received contact names for further follow-up on recently used historical scripts and for outstanding questions on three modern scripts, Saurashtra, Ol Chiki, and Meithei.
6. We traded info on recent proposals such as the preliminary Brahmi proposal by Stefan Baums and Andrew Glass; also Saurashtra, and other scripts.
7. In December 2003, an international symposium on Indic scripts will be held in Tokyo, funded by the Japanese Ministry of Education. The papers from the conference will be published and will constitute a reference guide on the state of Indic scripts and computer processing.