Proposal to Encode the Takri Script in ISO/IEC 10646

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A. Administrative

- 1. Title: Proposal to Encode the Takri Script in ISO/IEC 10646
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- 5. Requester's reference (if applicable): N/A
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 - (a) This is a complete proposal: No
 - (b) or, More information will be provided later: Yes

B. Technical - General

- 1. Choose one of the following:
 - (a) This proposal is for a new script (set of characters): Yesi. Proposed name of script: Takri
 - (b) The proposal is for addition of character(s) to an existing block: No
 - i. Name of the existing block: N/A
- 2. Number of characters in proposal: **66**
- 3. Proposed category: C Major extinct
- 4. Is a repertoire including character names provided?: Yes
 - (a) If Yes, are the names in accordance with the "character naming guidelines" in Annex L of P&P document?: Yes
 - (b) Are the character shapes attached in a legible form suitable for review?: Yes
- 5. Who will provide the appropriate computerized font (ordered preference: True Type, or PostScript format) for publishing the standard?: **Anshuman Pandey**; **True Type format**
 - (a) If available now, identify source(s) for the font and indicate the tools used: The letters of the digitized Takri font are based on normalized forms of letters of Takri metal fonts and, in some cases, on written forms. The font was drawn by Anshuman Pandey with Metafont and converted to True Type with FontForge.
- 6. References:
 - (a) Are references (to other character sets, dictionaries, descriptive texts etc.) provided?: Yes
 - (b) Are published examples of use (such as samples from newspapers, magazines, or other sources) of proposed characters attached?: Yes
- 7. Special encoding issues:
 - (a) Does the proposal address other aspects of character data processing (if applicable) such as input, presentation, sorting, searching, indexing, transliteration etc. (if yes please enclose information)? Yes; see proposal for additional details.
- 8. Additional Information: Submitters are invited to provide any additional information about Properties of the proposed Character(s) or Script that will assist in correct understanding of and correct linguistic processing of the proposed character(s) or script. Examples of such properties are: Casing information, Numeric information, Currency information, Display behaviour information such as line breaks, widths etc., Combining behaviour, Spacing behaviour, Directional behaviour, Default Collation behaviour, relevance in Mark Up contexts, Compatibility equivalence and other Unicode normalization related information. See the Unicode standard at http://www.unicode.org for such information on other scripts. Also see http://www.unicode.org/Public/UNIDATA/UCD.html and associated Unicode Technical Reports for information needed for consideration by the Unicode Technical Committee for inclusion in the Unicode Standard. Character properties and numeric information are included.

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C. Technical - Justification

- 1. Has this proposal for addition of character(s) been submitted before?: No
- 2. Has contact been made to members of the user community (for example: National Body, user groups of the script or characters, other experts, etc.)? **No**
 - (a) If Yes, with whom?: N/A
 - i. If Yes, available relevant documents: N/A
- 3. Information on the user community for the proposed characters (for example: size, demographics, information technology use, or publishing use) is included? **Yes**
 - (a) Reference: (Add details)
- 4. The context of use for the proposed characters (type of use; common or rare): Common
 - (a) Reference: Court records from colonial India, pedagogical materials from the Jammu and Kashmir region, commercial and accounting records; religious and literary texts; bibles printed during the 19th century.
- 5. Are the proposed characters in current use by the user community?: No. However, there are efforts to reinstate the script in the Jammu region, primarily for the Dogri language. Also, specialists in the fields enumerated in C.3(a) are actively using the script.
 - (a) If Yes, where? Reference: In India, the United States, and other localities.
- 6. After giving due considerations to the principles in the P&P document must the proposed characters be entirely in the BMP?: No
 - (a) If Yes, is a rationale provided?: N/A
 - i. If Yes, reference: N/A
- 7. Should the proposed characters be kept together in a contiguous range (rather than being scattered)? Yes
- 8. Can any of the proposed characters be considered a presentation form of an existing character or character sequence? No
 - (a) If Yes, is a rationale for its inclusion provided?: N/A
 - i. If Yes, reference: N/A
- 9. Can any of the proposed characters be encoded using a composed character sequence of either existing characters or other proposed characters? **No**
 - (a) If Yes, is a rationale provided?: N/A
 - i. If Yes, reference: N/A
- 10. Can any of the proposed character(s) be considered to be similar (in appearance or function) to an existing character? **Yes**
 - (a) If Yes, is a rationale for its inclusion provided? Yes
 - i. If Yes, reference: See text of proposal
- 11. Does the proposal include use of combining characters and/or use of composite sequences? Yes
 - (a) If Yes, is a rationale for such use provided? Yes
 - i. If Yes, reference: See text of proposal
 - (b) Is a list of composite sequences and their corresponding glyph images (graphic symbols) provided? N/A
 i. If Yes, reference: N/A
- 12. Does the proposal contain characters with any special properties such as control function or similar semantics? Yes(a) If Yes, describe in detail (include attachment if necessary): Virama
- 13. Does the proposal contain any Ideographic compatibility character(s)? No
 - (a) If Yes, is the equivalent corresponding unified ideographic character(s) identified? N/A
 i. If Yes, reference: N/A

1 Introduction

This is a proposal to encode the Takri script in the Supplementary Multilingual Plane (Plane 1) of the Universal Character Set (ISO/IEC 10646).

The proposal provides technical details about the Takri script so that the Unicode Technical Committee may make a decision about its suitability for encoding in the UCS. Background information on the script and additional specimens will follow.

1.1 Description

The Takri script was used in northwestern South Asia, primarily in the area of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Panjab. The script was used to write the Dogri and Panjabi language languages. Takri belongs to the Sharada family of Brahmi scripts, from which it become differentiated during the 16th century, and is related to Gurmukhi and Landa. It was patronized by Dogra rulers of Jammu and used extensively by them for correspondence and official decrees. The majority of records in Takri are official letters and copper-plate land grants. There are also temple inscriptions in the script. Following the practice of Dogra rulers, the British used Takri for official purposes in the 19th and 20th centuries. Takri appears in numerous philatelical documents, especially in the form of postmarks. In the first quarter of the 20th century, the British and Foreign Bible Society published a Christian bible in Chambali in printed Takri. Takri was eventually replaced with Devanagari in the middle 20th century. There is a movement to revive the use of Takri for Dogri, which followed the official recognition of Dogri as a scheduled language by the Government of India in 2004

The are several varieties of Takri, of which the best-known are Dogra, Chamba, and Kangra. The form of Takri proposed for encoding is the Standard Chamba. The other varieties should be unified and the presentation distinctions of the three traditions should be considered a matter of font design and controlled at the font level.

1.2 Acknowledgments

This project was made possible in part by a grant from the United States National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), which funded the Universal Scripts Project (part of the Script Encoding Initiative at the University of California, Berkeley).

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В	સૈ	ສ	স্থ		
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D	ਖ	ਬ	კ		
Е	រា	ມ	7		
F	ખ	ש	ெ		

Table 1: Glyph chart for the Takri script.

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2 Characters Proposed

The 66 letters in this proposal comprise the core set of Takri letters and signs. This set is sufficient for the general encoding and processing of Takri documents.

Consonants	There are 35 consonant letters:
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Ж	TAKRI LETTER KA	3	TAKRI LETTER DDA	δ	TAKRI LETTER BA
ਖ	TAKRI LETTER KHA	ġ	TAKRI LETTER DDDHA	હ	TAKRI LETTER BHA
ग	TAKRI LETTER GA	ા	TAKRI LETTER DDHA	ท	TAKRI LETTER MA
Ψ	TAKRI LETTER GHA	ສ	TAKRI LETTER NNA	य	TAKRI LETTER YA
3.	TAKRI LETTER NGA	3	TAKRI LETTER TA	9	TAKRI LETTER RA
u	TAKRI LETTER CA	ਥ	TAKRI LETTER THA	ल	TAKRI LETTER LA
ж	TAKRI LETTER CHA	ມ	TAKRI LETTER DA	ਲ	TAKRI LETTER LLA
Эл	TAKRI LETTER JA	σ	TAKRI LETTER DHA	ય	TAKRI LETTER VA
ን	TAKRI LETTER JHA	ካ	TAKRI LETTER NA	স	TAKRI LETTER SHA
ንገ	TAKRI LETTER NYA	น	TAKRI LETTER PA	স	TAKRI LETTER SA
5	TAKRI LETTER TTA	ሪ	TAKRI LETTER PHA	კ	TAKRI LETTER HA
გ	TAKRI LETTER TTHA	δ	TAKRI LETTER BA		
Vow	els There are 10 independent	z vow	vels:		
চ	TAKRI LETTER A	ઉ	TAKRI LETTER U	ົກ	TAKRI LETTER O
ਹ) ਹ	TAKRI LETTER AA	ğ	TAKRI LETTER UU	ر ي ش	TAKRI LETTER AU
6	TAKRI LETTER I	S	TAKRI LETTER E	07	TAKKI LETTEK AU
G	TAKRI LETTER II	Ī	TAKRI LETTER AI		
0	TAKKI LETTEK II	U	IAKKI LETTEK AI		
Vow	el Signs There are 9 depende	ent vo	owel signs:		
ऺ	TAKRI VOWEL SIGN AA	਼ੁ	TAKRI VOWEL SIGN U	ិ	TAKRI VOWEL SIGN AI
ெ	TAKRI VOWEL SIGN I	្ត	TAKRI VOWEL SIGN UU	ී	TAKRI VOWEL SIGN O
ി	TAKRI VOWEL SIGN II	ੋ	TAKRI VOWEL SIGN E	ී	TAKRI VOWEL SIGN AU
Vari	ous Signs There are 3 variou	ıs sig	ns:		
ं	TAKRI SIGN ANUSVARA	ः	TAKRI SIGN VISARGA	्	TAKRI SIGN VIRAMA
Digit	s There are 10 digits:				
•	TAKRI DIGIT ZERO	8	TAKRI DIGIT FOUR	S	TAKRI DIGIT EIGHT
ດ	TAKRI DIGIT ONE	γ	TAKRI DIGIT FIVE	6	TAKRI DIGIT NINE
૩	TAKRI DIGIT TWO	ላ	TAKRI DIGIT SIX		
ຊ	TAKRI DIGIT THREE	٩	TAKRI DIGIT SEVEN		

CONSONANTS



Table 2: Comparison of the Takri font used by Grierson in the *Linguistic Survey of India* (column 'A') with the digitized Takri font developed by Anshuman Pandey (column 'B').

2.1 Basis for Character Shapes

The Takri script proposed here is based on the forms of the Takri used in the erstwhile State of Chamba. Metal types of the Takri of Chamba are the only Takri fonts produced. Books were printed using the fonts. The Chamba Takri types were used by Grierson to print the Dogri and Kangra languages in the *Linguistic Survey of India*. A comparison of Grierson's types with the digitized forms drawn by Anshuman Pandey are given in Table 2. Letters not found in the Chamba types are based upon hand-written characters. The character TAKRI LETTER NYA is based on the Dogra form as shown in Figure 6.

3 Technical Features

3.1 Name

The name of the script in the UCS shall be Takri.

3.2 Classification

Takri is classified as a "Category C" (major extinct) as per the criteria specified in ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 2/WG 2 N3002.¹ Takri is historically significant and there exists a substantial body of literature written and printed in the script.

3.3 Allocation

Takri is currently allocated in the Supplementary Multilingual Plane (SMP) (Plane 1) of the UCS at the range U+11680..U+116DF.² The six rows allocated for Takri in the SMP are sufficient for encoding the script. The entire script may be encoded in five rows with sufficient space remaining for the inclusion of additional characters, should the need arise. The glyph chart in Table 1 shows the characters proposed for encoding and the accompanying character properties are given in section 3.5.1

3.4 Encoding Model

The Takri script is an abugida of the Brahmic type. It is written from left to right. The formation of syllables in Takri follows the pattern common to north Indic scripts. The encoding model for Takri may be based on the model implemented for Gurmukhi.

Consonant letters bear the inherent vowel *a* (TAKRI LETTER A) when unaccompanied by a vowel sign. The inherent vowel is suppressed by the *virāma* (TAKRI SIGN VIRAMA) to produce the bare consonant. The inherent vowel is changed by applying a vowel sign to the consonant. With two exceptions, all vowel signs are written either above or below the consonant letter. The exceptions are TAKRI VOWEL SIGN I, which is written to the left of the consonant, and TAKRI VOWEL SIGN II, which is written to the right.

A sequence of consonants (in which all but the final consonant is bare) is written as a consonant conjunct, which may occur as (a) a true ligature; (b) half-forms of all consonants in the cluster except the final consonant, which assumes a full form; and (c) a sequence of full-form consonants marked with an explicit *virāma* except for the final consonant.

3.5 Character Properties

Vowels All independent vowels have the following properties:

General Category: Lo (Letter, Other) Combining Class: 0 (Spacing, split, enclosing, reordrant, and Tibetan subjoined) Bidirectional Class: L (Left-to-Right)

Vowel Signs The dependent vowel signs are divided into two classes based upon their spacing attributes. The first class consists of the non-spacing marks TAKRI VOWEL SIGN AA, TAKRI VOWEL SIGN U, TAKRI VOWEL SIGN E, TAKRI VOWEL SIGN AI, TAKRI VOWEL SIGN O, and TAKRI VOWEL SIGN AU which have the following properties:

¹ International Organization for Standardization, 2005: 4. ² Unicode Roadmap Committee, 2007.

General Category: Mn (Mark, Nonspacing) Combining Class: 0 (Spacing, split, enclosing, reordrant, and Tibetan subjoined) Bidirectional Class: NSM (Non-Spacing Mark)

The second class consists of the spacing marks TAKRI VOWEL SIGN I and TAKRI VOWEL SIGN II, which have the following properties:

General Category: Mc (Mark, Spacing Combining) Combining Class: 0 (Spacing, split, enclosing, reordrant, and Tibetan subjoined) Bidirectional Class: L (Left-to-Right)

Consonants All consonants have the following properties:

General Category: Lo (Letter, Other) Combining Class: 0 (Spacing, split, enclosing, reordrant, and Tibetan subjoined) Bidirectional Class: L (Left-to-Right)

Various Signs The TAKRI SIGN ANUSVARA is a non-spacing mark that belongs to the general category "Mn," is of combining class "0," and possesses the bidirectional class value "NSM."

The TAKRI SIGN VISARGA is a spacing mark that belongs to the general category "Mc," is of combining class "0," and possesses the bidirectional class value "NSM."

The TAKRI SIGN VIRAMA is a non-spacing mark that belongs to the general category "Mn," has a combining class value of "9" (Viramas), and has the bidirectional class value "NSM."

Digits All digits have the following properties:

General Category: Nd (Number, Decimal Digit) Combining Class: 0 (Spacing, split, enclosing, reordrant, and Tibetan subjoined) Numerical Value: {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9} Bidirectional Class: L (Left-to-Right)

3.5.1 Unicode Character Database Format

The properties for Takri characters in the Unicode Character Database format are:

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11680; TAKRI SIGN ANUSVARA; Mn; 0; NSM; ;;;; N; ;;;
11681;TAKRI SIGN VISARGA;Mc;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
11682; TAKRI LETTER A; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
11683; TAKRI LETTER AA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
11684; TAKRI LETTER I; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
11685;TAKRI LETTER II;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
11686;TAKRI LETTER U;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
11687; TAKRI LETTER UU; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
11688; TAKRI LETTER E; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
11689;TAKRI LETTER AI;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
1168A; TAKRI LETTER O; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1168B;TAKRI LETTER AU;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
1168C;TAKRI LETTER KA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
1168D; TAKRI LETTER KHA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
1168E;TAKRI LETTER GA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
1168F;TAKRI LETTER GHA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;
11690;TAKRI LETTER NGA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
11691;TAKRI LETTER CA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
11692; TAKRI LETTER CHA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;;
11693;TAKRI LETTER JA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;;
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11694; TAKRI LETTER JHA; Lo; 0; L;;;; N;;;; 11695; TAKRI LETTER NYA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;; 11696;TAKRI LETTER TTA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;; 11697; TAKRI LETTER TTHA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;; 11698; TAKRI LETTER DDA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;; 11699; TAKRI LETTER DDDHA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;; 1169A;TAKRI LETTER DDHA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;; 1169B;TAKRI LETTER NNA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;; 1169C;TAKRI LETTER TA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;; 1169D;TAKRI LETTER THA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;; 1169E;TAKRI LETTER DA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;; 1169F;TAKRI LETTER DHA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;; 116A0;TAKRI LETTER NA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;; 116A1;TAKRI LETTER PA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;; 116A2;TAKRI LETTER PHA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;; 116A3;TAKRI LETTER BA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;; 116A4; TAKRI LETTER BHA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;; 116A5;TAKRI LETTER MA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;; 116A6;TAKRI LETTER YA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;; 116A7;TAKRI LETTER RA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;; 116A8;TAKRI LETTER LA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;; 116A9;TAKRI LETTER LLA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;; 116AA; TAKRI LETTER VA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;; 116AB;TAKRI LETTER SHA;Lo;0;L;;;;;N;;;;; 116AC; TAKRI LETTER SA; Lo; 0; L;;;;; N;;;;; 116AD; TAKRI LETTER HA; Lo; 0; L;;;; N;;;;; 116AE;TAKRI VOWEL SIGN AA;Mn;0;NSM;;;;;N;;;; 116AF;TAKRI VOWEL SIGN I;Mc;0;L;;;;;N;;;;; 116B0;TAKRI VOWEL SIGN II;Mc;0;L;;;;N;;;; 116B1;TAKRI VOWEL SIGN U;Mn;0;NSM;;;;;N;;;; 116B2;TAKRI VOWEL SIGN UU;Mn;0;NSM;;;;;N;;;; 116B3;TAKRI VOWEL SIGN E;Mn;0;NSM;;;;;N;;;; 116B4;TAKRI VOWEL SIGN AI;Mn;0;NSM;;;;;N;;;; 116B5;TAKRI VOWEL SIGN O;Mn;0;NSM;;;;;N;;;; 116B6;TAKRI VOWEL SIGN AU;Mn;0;NSM;;;;;N;;;; 116B7;TAKRI SIGN VIRAMA;Mn;9;NSM;;;;;N;;;; 116B8;<reserved> 116B9;<reserved> 116BA;<reserved> 116BB;<reserved> 116BC;<reserved> 116BD;<reserved> 116BE;<reserved> 116CF;<reserved> 116C0;TAKRI DIGIT ZERO;Nd;0;L;;0;0;0;N;;;;; 116C1;TAKRI DIGIT ONE;Nd;0;L;;1;1;1;1;N;;;;; 116C2;TAKRI DIGIT TWO;Nd;0;L;;2;2;2;N;;;;; 116C3;TAKRI DIGIT THREE;Nd;0;L;;3;3;3;N;;;;; 116C4;TAKRI DIGIT FOUR;Nd;0;L;;4;4;4;N;;;;; 116C5;TAKRI DIGIT FIVE;Nd;0;L;;5;5;5;N;;;;; 116C6;TAKRI DIGIT SIX;Nd;0;L;;6;6;6;N;;;;; 116C7;TAKRI DIGIT SEVEN;Nd;0;L;;7;7;7;N;;;;; 116C8;TAKRI DIGIT EIGHT;Nd;0;L;;8;8;8;N;;;;; 116C9;TAKRI DIGIT NINE;Nd;0;L;;9;9;9;N;;;;; 116CA; <reserved> 116CB;<reserved> 116CC;<reserved> 116CD;<reserved> 116CE;<reserved> 116CF; <reserved>

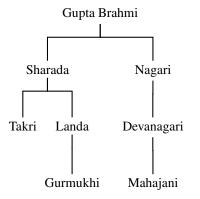


Figure 1: Relationship of Takri to other Nagari-based scripts

4 Relationship to Other Scripts

Takri is descended from the Sharada script and is related to Gurmukhi and Landa. Figure 1 shows the relationship of Takri to other scripts. A comparison of Takri, Gurmukhi, Sharada, and Devanagari is given in Table 3 (consonants), Table 4 (vowels), and Table 5 (digits).

	TAKRI	GURMUKHI	SHARADA	DEVANAGARI		TAKRI	GURMUKHI	SHARADA	SYLOTI NAGRI
ka	Ж	ਕ	ক	क	tha	ਬ	ਬ	म	थ
kha	ષ્ઠ	ਖ	ाप	ख	da	ມ	ਦ	च	द
ga	ग	ਗ	ग	ग	dha	ਹ	ਧ	σ	ध
gha	ખ	মা	৸	घ	na	ካ	ਨ	न	न
'nа	3.	<u>کا</u>	て	ङ	ра	น	ਪ	ਪ	प
са	IJ	ਚ	ਧ	च	pha	5	ទា	অ	দ
cha	Ж	មា	ক	छ	ba	δ	ਬ	ਰ	ৰ
ja	3 1	ਜ	ち	ज	bha	હ	ਭ	চ	भ
jha	5	ਝ	π	झ	ma	ກ	Я	ਮ	म
ña	ንገ	ਞ	रा	ञ	ya	य	ਯ	य	य
ţa	5	5	τ	ਟ	ra	9	ਰ	T	र
<u></u> tha	გ	ਠ	0	ठ	la	<u>n</u>	ਲ	ल	ल
ļа	3	ส	চ	ड	ļa	<u>n</u>	ਲ	ন্থ	ळ
ŗa	ġ	ੜ	_	ड़	va	ય	ਵ	ব	व
ḍha	ઢ	ਚ	क	ढ	śa	স্থ	ਸ਼	म	য
ŗha				ढ़	sa	_	_	ধ	ষ
ņa	ಜ	ਣ	m	ण	sa	স	ਸ	भ	स
ta	3	ਤ	उ	त	ha	კ	ਹ	ম	रू

Table 3: A comparison of the consonant letters of the Takri, Gurmukhi, Sharada, and Devanagari scripts

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DEPENDENT VOWEL SIGNS

	TAKRI	GURMUKHI	SHARADA	DEVANAGARI		TAKRI	GURMUKHI	SHARADA	DEVANAGARU
а	ম	ਅ	শ্ব	अ	-a	—			_
ā	ঠ	ਅ	স্বা	आ	-ā	Ċ	ा	ा	ा
i	6	ਇ	(1	इ	-i	ெ	ি	ि	ি
ī	Ġ	ਈ	ï	র্চ	-ī	ി	ੀ	ी	ी
и	ઉ	₫	૩	उ	- <i>u</i>	ੁ	ੁ	্	্র
ū	G	₽₽	ઝ	ऊ	-ū	្ព	ੂ	្ម	ં
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е	S	ਏ	Ч	ए	-е	ੋ	े	ੋ	ा
ai	Ī	ਐ	म	ऐ	-ai	ិ	्	ិ	ा
0	ট্য	A	শ্ব	ओ	-0	ੰ	्र	ా	ा
аи	ক্টি	ਔ	भी	औ	-au	૿	ੁ	ᢅ᠇	ा

Table 4: A comparison of vowel letters and signs of the Takri, Gurmukhi, Sharada, and Devanagari scripts

	TAKRI	GURMUKHI	SHARADA	DEVANAGARI		TAKRI	GURMUKHI	SHARADA	DEVANAGARI
0	•	0	•	0	5	γ	Ч	Ч	X
1	ຄ	٩	0	2	6	૪	క	6	દ્વ
2	૩	ຊ	૩	२	7	٩	2	2	७
3	ຊ	a	ઝ	ર્	8	S	ヒ	S	ፍ
4	8	8	オ	8	9	େ	そ	٩	Q

Table 5: A comparison of digits of the Takri, Gurmukhi, Sharada, and Devanagari scripts.

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224	Ś	হ্য	म ^(a)	ʻāiŗā.'	બ	ч	y	ખ	gha.
8	6	G	5 (i)	ʻīŗī.'	হ্ব	ょ	3	C	'na.
6	6	6	3 (11)	ʻūŗā.'	ฮ	Y	Þ	ਸ	ca.
હ	6	S 1 3	며	ō.	Ð	R	K	æ	cha.
ਸ	ろ	ন	দ	sa.	マ	7	4	ए	ja.
J	5	S	Շ	ha.	प्र	ぞ	m	শ্য	jha.
ব	ર	ઝ	क	ka.	ર	イ	• • •	ম	ña.
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Figure 2: Comparison of Gurmukhi, Landa, Takri, and Sharada letters (from Grierson, 1904: 70-71).

Gurmukhī.	Laņņā.	Ţãĸrī.	Śāradā.		Gurmukhī.	Laņņā.	Ţākrī.	Śāradā.	
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E.	J	=	~	ņa.	J	3	3	б	bha.
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B	a	J	ਬ	tha.	ય	21	• ••	य	ya.
ર	r	よ	I.	da.	ð	ک	3	7	ra.
ч	ā	π	σ	dha.	ਲ	ማ	ツ	ল	la.
አ	۰ ۸	7	न	na.	ક	2	8	व	va.
u.	4	-7	10	pa.	3,	ጜ	荡	•••	ŗa.

Figure 3: Comparison of Gurmukhi, Landa, Takri, and Sharada letters (from Grierson, 1904: 72–73).

Gurmukhi.	Landi.	Tākrī.	Śāradā.		Gurmukhi.	Landā.	Ţskri.	Śāradā.	
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3	6	G	G	· īŗī '	રુ	七	าย	74	<i>ą</i> ha
G	6	6	3	'ūŗā'	ર	ک	7	m	ņa
ઉ	6	513	ष	ō	3	3	3	3	ta
ਸ	ろ	\overline{m}	স	80	B	a	R	ਬ	tha
J	5	s	Ŀ	hạ	5	V	×	z	da
ব	à	26	क	ka	Ψ	q	Ħ	σ	dha
४	Ŕ	Ħ	Р	kha	あ	٨	7	7	na
ת	91	π	л	ga	4	પ	٩	५	pa
4	4	y	ખ	gha	2	б	6	6	pha
ষি	み	3	C	'na	B	z	५	ਰ	ba
8	2	Þ	π	cha	ર્ક	3	3	Б	bha
70	40	r	æ	chha	า	75	η	ਮ	ma
ネ	ネ	4	g	ja	ય	27	• • •	य	ya
R	z	277	স্য	jha	ਰ	6	3	7	ra
Ş	*	•••	Т	ñ	ਲ	<i>O</i> N	っ	त	la
2	٢	G	Ľ	ļa	Ş	2	्र	व	va
б	৫৯	0	0	ţha	3	ጜ	Ż	•••	ŗa

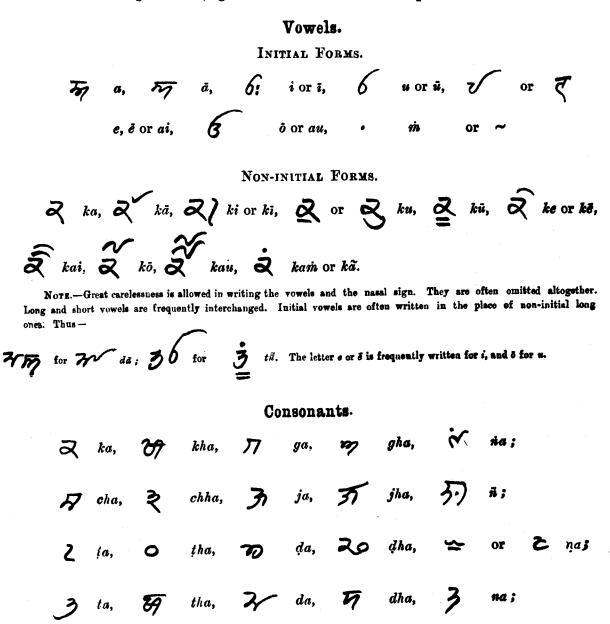
Figure 4: Comparison of Gurmukhi, Landa, Takri, and Sharada letters (from Grierson, 1916: 625).

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		Co	nsonants.								
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Z ta	ۍ <i>ا</i>	ha 3	da Io	dha Q	ůa						
3 ta	स ¹	ha U	da D	dha J	na						
U pa	5	oha U	ba S	bha N	ma						
घ _{ya}	7 7	a ñ	la 4	va							
N sa	Jh	a 3	ia ü	ļa M	<u>sh</u> a						
		Co	njuncts.								
Ú yā	a thi	ථ hi	F] 84	ypū J	or 3 hi						
] tē	ξ _{hai} ū	уō	🛱 yau	ý ram or rã	38 chhya						
4 pra	Z tra V	n mha.			-						
Numerals.											
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97, 5	5 8, 6	9, • Q.									

Double letters are never written. They are left to be inferred by the reader. Thus, $ditt\bar{a}$, given, is written $\Im \dot{d} it\bar{a}$, but must be read $ditt\bar{a}$.

Figure 5: The Standard Chamba form of Takri in print (from Grierson, 1916: 640).

The following are the Dogra characters as used in the specimens :--



NOTE.—That the same sign is employed for *ja* and *ya*, and for *ba* and *va* (or *ua*), respectively. There is really only one sibilant,—the letter *sa*. When it is necessary to represent the sound of the Persian <u>sa</u>, the character for chas is employed.

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Figure 6: (from Grierson, 1916: 641).

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স	$\overline{\eta}$	ħ	80	ਬ	ম	घष	tha
כ	S	3	ha	ਦ	4	K	da
व	35	7	ka	प	T	पज	dh a
ध	ų	ধ্য	kha	ম	7	2	na
ה	ਸ	ग	ga	ય	4	7	pa
વ્ય	un		gha	5	6	\mathcal{V}	pha
53	3	みぐ	ňa	ਬ	ય	4	ba
ਚ	Þ	ম	cha	3	3	ઝ	bha
স্থ	22	n	chha	੨	η	n	ma
え	†	31	ja	ন	***	7	ya
र्ष	5-7	স্ফ	jha	ਰ	3	9	ra
ନ୍ଦ		কা	ña	ਲ	n	R	la
ट	IJ	2	ţa	હ્	8	4	wa
δ	0	Q	fha	E	3	35	re

Figure 7: (from Grierson, 1916: 642).

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DÖGRÄ DIALECT.

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SPECIMEN I.

CHAMBA ȚĂKRĪ CHARACTER.

Figure 8: (from Grierson, 1916: 757).

Figure 9: (from Grierson, 1916: 758).

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SPECIMEN 1.

DÖGRA CHARACTER.

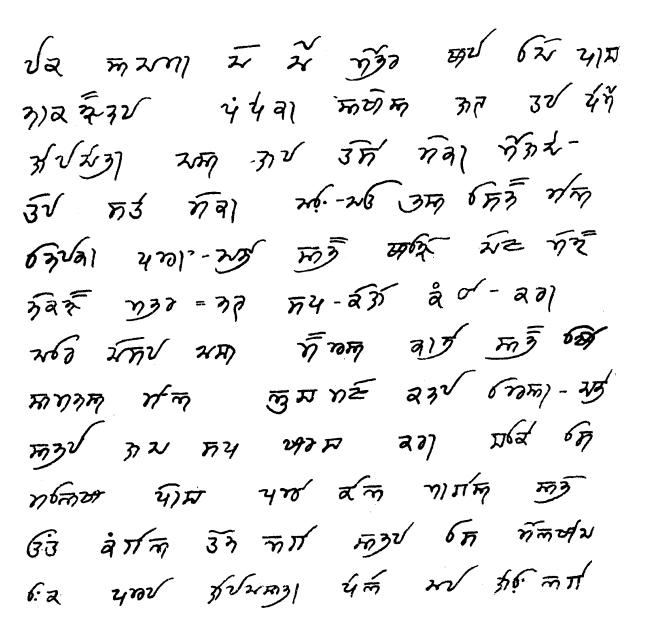


Figure 10: (from Grierson, 1916: 760).

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SPECIMEN IL

CHAMBA ȚĂKRĪ CHARAOTER.

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เหม ว์จิ พวพรี ทวนุร ท่ งูรมิ ว่ง ในมิ วงมีเ ร่จิ ไว้มา วู้ วีซ ในว่นี้แ

Figure 11: (from Grierson, 1916: 770).

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DOGRA DIALECT.

(JAMMU STATE.)

SPECIMEN II.

DÖGRÄ CHARACTER.

אלה דא לאל שיש האוד שלי אין אוד לבצ ף गमार्ग्वा. मठ्डरं देव भ्य भन्ग गरगरेवा हर्ग्र み うるか カヨ ロオ あらうち アスリンズ ろん カイみ ひんろむ マ うっし ふっえ ほうしろ ガネノレス. ग्रम रेम उँम रहे प्र קאל אלה ちょうび ママネ かろうなち かろらっ いう ちょ モデ マススト ちょうび ガストン みち ブラモ

Figure 12: (from Grierson, 1916: 772).

PAÑJĀBĪ.

KANGRA DIALECT.

(DISTRICT, KANGBA.)

Specimen II

एक मी युद्धीटं यंर्डेड रुपये एक मी พร์ รั น์ต สิส) งนี้ สี เพริ (3หรี พม์) พม่ นูม) ซีร์ ซีร์ ที่ม कื่ม) ซาเ 3 6 X (ม) 42) रं २४३ उ जपनी मैन्नी मंगी उं २४ ई ไอง 3 4 ม 3 ภ ร นัติ นัติ ที่ม મ ગી આ નૈ ગી ગડી । के દિ ગે ल म उँहर्म उँ ये जुपये द की डी นมิหมี ทพ ทรา เรท กล์ม กล์ จ लैक्टंटउ की उंजे ये में में जह मट ये में लह ये में । มก หร่ง นก นิธ์ รันมา ซีซี ภ์ติแ

Figure 13: (from Grierson, 1916: 788).

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BHAŢĔĂLĨ DIALECT.

(STATE CHAMBA.)

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Figure 14: (from Grierson, 1916: 798).

नागरी	ब्राहमी	शारदा	टाकरी	लंडा	महाजनी	गुरुमुखी	नागरी	ब्राहमी	शारदा	टाकरी.	लंडा	महाजनी	गु् रुमुखी	नागरी	ब्राहमो	शारदा	टाकरो	लडा	महाजनी	गुरुमुखी
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Figure 15: Comparison of Takri with other Indic scripts (from Mule, 1974: 160–162).

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Figure 16: Comparison of Takri with other Indic scripts (from Naik, 1971: Table 13).