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Title: Updated proposal to encode Meetei Mayek in the UCS

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- **1. Summary.** Meetei Mayek was balloted as PDAM5 in N3270 but was eventually removed due to conflicting ballot comments regarding the danda characters which were in the code table. This document provides an updated code table and names list which is intended to be re-balloted in PDAM6.2.
- **2. Dandas.** Pursuant to the recent revision in WG2 and UTC policy regarding the encoding of dandas, and on foot of continued user-community support for their encoding, the dandas remain in the code table.
- 3. Script name. The name of the script is written natively as \(\overline{\mathbb{H}}\)\(\sigma^{\overline{\mathbb{O}}}\), which can be transliterated as \(Mitei\), and although the spellings \(Meitei\) and \(Meithei\) are also common in much literature both inside and outside of India, some members of the user community consider an order of the Education Department of the Government of Manipur, published in the \(Manipuri\) \(Gazette\) and dated 1980-04-24 (28 years ago today), to be authoritative in respect of the script name. The form \(Meetei\) has been used in the attached code table.
- **4. Character Repertoire.** Some members of the user community consider an order of the Education Department of the Government of Manipur, published in the *Manipuri Gazette* and dated 1980-04-16, to be authoritative in respect of the character repertoire and relative order of the letters. The 27-letter alphabet is presented in the attached code table in the non-Brahmic order, along with 7 vowels, 7 final consonants, 10 digits, and 6 other characters which are used in the educational institutions of Manipur. A number of additional Meetei Mayek characters exist and were in use prior to 1980, as early as 1877, as shown in N3206R2, "Proposal for encoding the Meitei Mayek script in the BMP of the UCS" which I authored on behalf of the Script Encoding Initiative.

Because one of the aims of the Universal Character Set is to represent older orthographies as well as newer orthographies, the remaining 21 characters (11 letters, 6 vowels, and 4 other characters) are listed after the first 57, for a total of 78 characters.

It must be understood that the Universal Character Set is not a registration standard for scripts or orthographies. It is an International Standard which must support, for instance, the modern orthography used by the School Section of the Educational Department of the Government of Manipur. But it must also support the needs of researchers of earlier Meetei literature, which is written in a different orthography. Accordingly, this proposal gives both groups the characters they need.

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4	<b>1</b> C84	<b>1</b> C94	T 1CA4	<b>2</b> 1CB4	1004
5	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 1C95	<b>TC</b> 1CA5	<b>6</b> 1CB5	1CC5
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UTC: 2007-02-06 (sc -approve w/o dandas) WG2: 2007-04-24 document: L2/07-005, N3206 contact: Everson font: EverMeetei

The name "Meetei Mayek" is used in official documentation in Manipur. Many linguists also use the name "Meitei Mayek", and other transliterations also occur.

#### Letters

1C80	W	MEETEI MAYEK LETTER KA
		= kok

- 1C81 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER SA = sam
- 1C82 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER LA = 1ai
- MEETEI MAYEK LETTER MA 1C83
- 1C84 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER PA
- 1C85 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER NA
- 1C86 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER CA
- 1C87 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER TA = til
- 1C88 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER KHA = khou
- 1C89 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER NGA = ngou
- 1C8A MEETEI MAYEK LETTER THA = thou
- 1C8B MEETEI MAYEK LETTER WA = wai
- 1C8C MEETEI MAYEK LETTER YA = yang
- 1C8D MEETEI MAYEK LETTER HA = huk
- 1C8E MEETEI MAYEK LETTER U = 11n
- 1C8F 75 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER I
- 1C90 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER PHA = pham
- 1C91 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER A = ativa
- 1C92 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER GA = gok
- 1C93 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER JHA = iham
- 1C94 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER RA
- 1C95 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER BA
- 1C96 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER JA = jil
- 1C97 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER DA = dil
- 1C98 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER GHA = ghou
- 1C99 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER DHA = dhou
- 1C9A ग MEETEI MAYEK LETTER BHA = bham

# Dependent vowel signs

- 1C9B MEETEI MAYEK VOWEL SIGN U
- 1C9C MEETEI MAYEK VOWEL SIGN I
- 1C9D MEETEI MAYEK VOWEL SIGN AA = aatap

- 1C9E • MEETEI MAYEK VOWEL SIGN E = yetnap
- 1C9F MEETEI MAYEK VOWEL SIGN O = otnap
- 1CA0 MEETEI MAYEK VOWEL SIGN OU = sounap
- 1CA1 MEETEI MAYEK VOWEL SIGN EI = ceinap

# Final consonants

- MEETEI MAYEK LETTER K 1CA2 III
  - = kok lonsum
- 1CA3 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER L = lai lonsum
- 1CA4 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER M = mit lonsum
- 1CA5 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER P = pa lonsum
- 1CA6 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER N = na lonsum
- 1CA7 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER T = til lonsum
- 1CA8 Ⅲ MEETEI MAYEK LETTER NG = ngou lonsum

### Various signs

- MEETEI MAYEK VOWEL SIGN ANUSVARA = nung
- 1CAA MEETEI MAYEK HEAVY TONE = lum iyek
- 1CAB MEETEI MAYEK KILLER = apun iyek  $\rightarrow$  103A  $\delta$  myanmar sign asat

# **Punctuation**

- 1CAC MEETEI MAYEK DANDA
  - = ceikhan iyek
- 1CAD MEETEI MAYEK DOUBLE DANDA = ceikhei iyek
- 1CAE ≍ MEETEI MAYEK QUESTION MARK = ahang khudam

### Digits

- 1CB0 O MEETEI MAYEK DIGIT ZERO
- 1CB1 § MEETEI MAYEK DIGIT ONE
- 1CB2 8 MEETEI MAYEK DIGIT TWO
- 1CB3 MEETEI MAYEK DIGIT THREE
- 1CB4 & MEETEI MAYEK DIGIT FOUR
- 1CB5 MEETEI MAYEK DIGIT FIVE
- 1CB6 MEETEI MAYEK DIGIT SIX
- 1CB7 MEETEI MAYEK DIGIT SEVEN
- 1CB8 MEETEI MAYEK DIGIT EIGHT
- 1CB9 MEETEI MAYEK DIGIT NINE

# **Extensions for historical** orthographies

### Independent vowel signs

- 1CBA 🚨 MEETEI MAYEK LETTER E

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### **Consonants**

## Dependent vowel signs

# Various signs

### **Punctuation**

1CCC Z MEETEI MAYEK ANJI

1CCD X MEETEI MAYEK SYLLABLE REPETITION MARK

1CCE MEETEI MAYEK WORD REPETITION MARK