

## Request for an annotation for the generic Indic danda-s

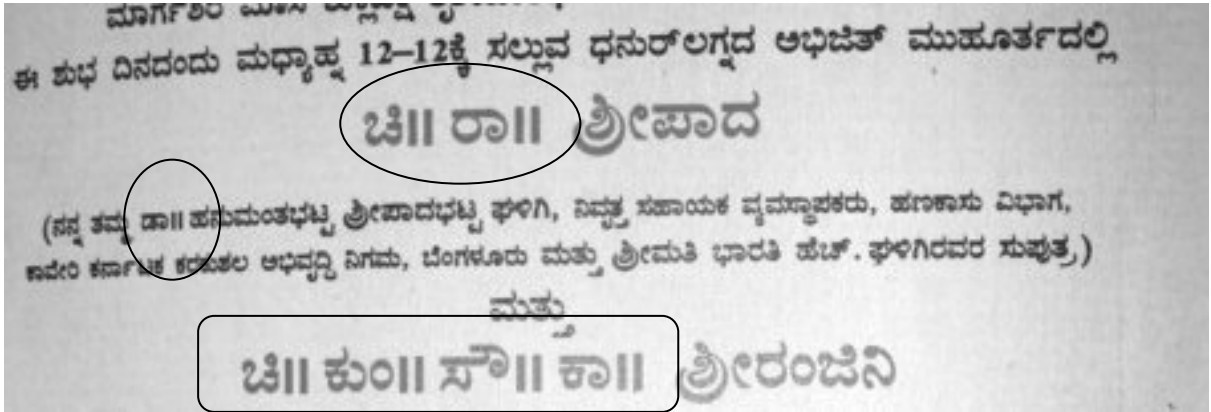
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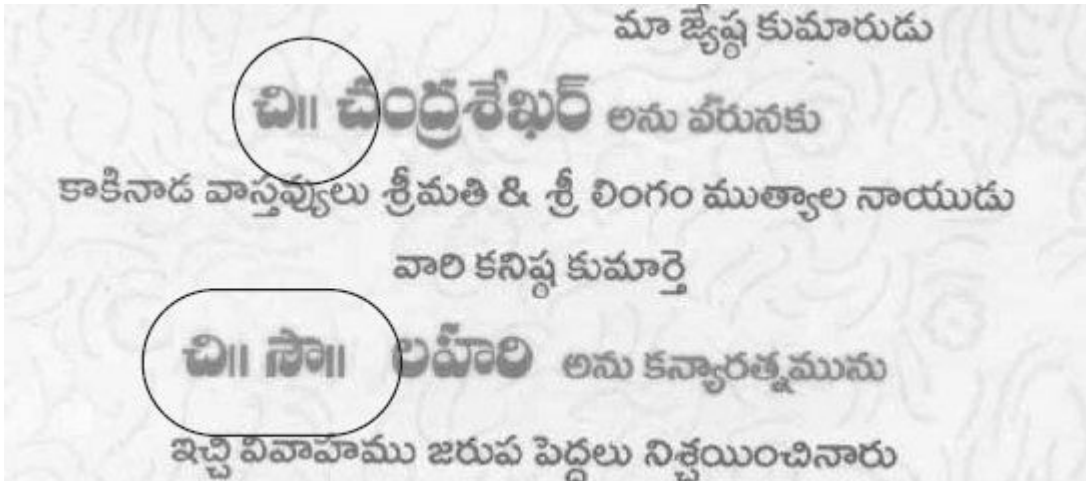
This is a request to add an annotation to the generic Indic danda-s at 0964 and 0965.

N3116 dated 2006-08-02 which proposed a number of Telugu characters proposed an abbreviation sign for Telugu as well, which is glyphically (and arguably behaviourally) identical to the generic Indic double danda at 0965. Seeing as even as of Unicode 5.2 there is no such character in the Telugu block, I presume that this character was not accepted for distinct encoding for Telugu because its purpose can fully be achieved by 0965.

However, this same double danda is used as abbreviation sign in Kannada as well, as seen in the following sample from a wedding invitation:



The sample provided by N3116 for Telugu is as follows:



Apart from this, the usage of the single danda for similar purposes is also occasionally seen. Similar use of the danda-s is also to be seen in Grantha. (If necessary, I will make further attempts to procure samples for this.)

Thus it is requested that the generic Indic danda-s 0964 and 0965 receive an annotation in the code-chart to the effect that:

“These characters are also used as abbreviation signs in some South Indian scripts”

I also believe that this use of the same generic Indic danda-s for even more purposes across Indic scripts simply heightens the importance of further genericizing these danda-s for pan-Indic use by giving them the normative aliases INDIC DANDA and INDIC DOUBLE DANDA requesting which I have previously submitted L2/09-339.

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