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1. Purpose

This proposal brings together a number of previous proposals for scripts used to write the Himalayish Tibeto-Burman languages of Nepal, to unify them within a single proposed code block. The proposals and other documents being unified are:

N3649 L2/09-192 2009-05-04 Preliminary proposal for encoding the Rañjana script in the SMP of the UCS

N3692 L2/09-325 2009-09-28 Roadmapping the scripts of Nepal

N3962 2011-01-25 Preliminary Proposal to Encode the Jenticha Script in ISO/IEC 10646.

N3963 2011-01-25 Preliminary Proposal to Encode the Tikamuli Script in ISO/IEC 10646.

N4018 2011-04-13 *Introducing the Khambu Rai Script*.

N4019 2011-04-13 Introducing the Khema Script for Writing Gurung.

N4028 2011-05-31 Proposal to Encode the Jenticha Script in ISO/IEC 10646.

N4036 2011-05-01 Introducing the Magar Akkha Script.

N4037 2011-05-01 *Introducing the Kirat Rai Script*.

N4038 2011-05-03 Preliminary Proposal to Encode the Prachalit Nepal Script in ISO.IEC 10646.

N4140 2011-09-29 Introducing a Script for Writing Dhimal.

N4184 2012-01-05 Proposal to Encode the Newar Script in ISO.IEC 10646.

N4322 2012-02-05 Proposal for the Nepaalalipi script in the UCS

This proposal also considers other languages currently written using extended forms of Devanagari; the writing of these languages has been analysed in detail by Michael Noonan in his 2003 paper *Recent Adaptations of the Devanagari Script for the Tibeto-Burman Languages of Nepal*. He covers the writing of Gurung as well as the writing of Chantyal, Tamang, Sherpa, Thangmi and Limbu. He has collected together the phonology of all these languages as well as showing how they can be written in Devanagari. The use of Devanagari must be considered a passing phase, just as it has been for Limbu written in Devanagari until the encoding of their Sirijanga script in Unicode and the production of appropriate fonts.

This proposal is intended to gain agreement that a unification of the writing of all these languages and other languages in the Himalayish group within Nepal would be

beneficial to the 4 million members of the linguistic communities concerned. It would also be able to embrace antiquarian writing of other languages, notably Sanskrit, with the addition of extra characters not required for the living languages, in much the same way as the Devanagari code block has been extended for this purpose.

Following agreement in principle a full proposal will be developed in concert with all the language communities in Nepal and other interested parties, as well as experts in Nepal currently involved in documenting the languages of the country and in that context devising methods of transcribing them.

2. Name for the code block

We propose that the code block is named Himalayish.

There has been considerable debate about the naming of a proposed code block for the Prachalit script used by the Newar community – the original proposal from Pandey (N4038) named the block "Prachalit", but the revised proposal (N4184) renamed it "Newar" while the alternative proposal by Manandhar and colleagues (N4322) proposed the name "Nepaalalipi". This led to considerable debate, with "Nepaalalipi" being deprecated because it contains the word "lipi" which means "script". Much of the debate focused on the need for an English term appropriate for the scripts, languages and community being served by the code block.

In this case the scripts and languages belong to the Tibeto-Burman speaking communities of Nepal living predominantly in the hills and mountains in the north of country. In Nepal the communities are often divided into three sections:

- the Madeshi who live on the southern plains, the Terai, mostly speaking Indo-Aryan languages such as Maithili, Awadhi, Bhojpujri, and Tharu, with a few small Dravidian and Austroasiatic speaking communities.
- the Pahadi, also called Pahari, who live in the hills, the foothills of the Himalayas. "Pahad" or "Pahar" means mountain in Nepali, Hindi and other languages of the area. Ethnologue lists a Pahari subfamily of the Indo-Aryan family of languages, with many languages across the region from Kashmir to Assam. The Pahari group includes Nepali, claimed by around half the population of Nepal as their mother tongue.
- the Himali who live in the mountains, and speak Tibeto-Burman languages. Ethnologue shows a language subfamily Himalayish within the Tibeto-Burman family of languages, which covers all of the Tibeto-Burman languages of Nepal, but also languages in Tibet and a few languages in India

It thus does seem that "Himalayish", or simply "Himal" or "Himali", would be a suitable name to the code block. To avoid confusion with the current proprietary uses of "Himal" and "Himali", I suggest "Himalayish".

3. The Scripts and Languages

In order to unify the various proposals we need to align the proposed character sets, and will use the English names given to these for this purpose. The English names give simple phonetic transliterations of the characters, and we will also consider the Devanagari equivalents and the full phonology expressed in ipa where appropriate.

Appendix 1 gives a table of the proposed character sets for each of the script-language pairs for all the proposals listed above, plus the languages covered by Noonan indicating what needs to be represented in the writing by reference to the phonology given by him. The phonological requirements of the Newar language have been added by drawing upon Hale and Shrestha (2005).

What this gives us is a superset that covers all scripts and languages in the set being considered.

Of the Himalayish linguistic communities who would be supported with this proposal, only the Newars have a mature written tradition with a variety of styles of writing that have evolved so that they fit comfortably with the modern orthography of the language as it is spoken and written today. Limbu has a script dating back several hundred years is used in limited domains but is now encoded in Unicode while Lepcha is in a similar position but is predominantly an Indian language of Sikkim.

The rest of the proposals listed above have newly created writing, with some of them now being used for printing newspapers while others have yet to be used. For a language that is currently unwritten, the procedure recommended by UNESCO (Robinson and Gadelli 2003) is to base this on a thorough phonemic analysis of the spoken language and then extend a locally dominant writing system to fit the new language; this is precisely what the analysis by Noonan reports, leading to the adaptation of Devanagari for writing the languages Gurung, Tamang, Sherpa, Thangmi and Chantyal. By contrast the writing described in the ISO/SC2/WG2 proposals for Magar, Gurung, Bantawa, Sunuwar and Dhimal does not appear to have been based on phonological analysis though the authors will have been very familiar with the spoken language and thus influenced by this while also being influenced by writing systems used in communities around them. The status the writing of these languages is discussed in the sections below.

For more details of the scripts and languages we refer you to the many ISO/SC2/WG2 documents cited, with their scholarly discussion and many examples of the writing. Not all the scripts have been documented with signs, punctuation, and numerals, though clearly all scripts need these. Appendix 2 contains extracts from the existing proposals of the characters proposed. As will be seen, these are sometimes visually very distinct, even though the underlying functions are the same. This point was put very succinctly by Michael Everson in document N3692(page 2) in discussing the various scripts or styles of writing used for the Newar's language, Nepal Bhasa.

Encoding considerations. It should first be said that some members of the user community have criticized the idea of unifying these "scripts". It may be that this is a misunderstanding of the UCS; the analogy of the Latin script with its <code>Saetic</code> and <code>Fraktur</code> variants, however, is probably applicable, which is why the recommendations here have been made.

3.1 The Prachalit and Nepaalalipi and Ranjana scripts for Nepal Bhasa

The 1991 census listed 825,458 Newars with mother tongue Nepal Bhasa (also known as Newari), making it the 6th largest linguistic community of the country. The writing of the Newars has been considered in five recent ISO WG2 documents:

Michael Everson 2009-05-04 Preliminary proposal for encoding the Rañjana script in the SMP of the UCS N3649 L2/09-192

Michael Everson 2009-09-28 Roadmapping the scripts of Nepal N3692 L2/09-325

Anshuman Pandey 2011-05-03 *Preliminary Proposal to Encode the Prachalit Nepal Script in ISO.IEC 10646.* N4038

Anshuman Pandey 2012-01-05 *Proposal to Encode the Newar Script in ISO.IEC 10646.* N4184 L2/12-003

Devdass Manandhar, 2012-02-05 Proposal for the Nepaalalipi script in the UCS N4322 L2/12-120

See Appendix A2.1 for character examples.

The significant point to note is the inclusion in N4322 of breathy consonants that need to be distinguished from the sequence of the consonant followed by a <ha> since there exist words with substantially different meanings which only differ in their written form in the use of the these breathy consonants. N4184 dismisses these breathy consonants as conjuncts that have written incorrectly, but this is clearly a misunderstanding. The independent analysis of the writing of Chantyal using Devanagari given by Noonan provides further evidence here.

N4322 proposed that where vowels could be written in two distinct forms the precomposed forms should be excluded, but in encodings of Brahmi derived scripts the practice has been established that both representations are included, as is done in N4184, and this established practice will be followed with the ambiguity resolved in normalisation and collation algorithms.

3.2 The Akkha script for the Magar Language

The Magar are the 7th largest linguistic community in Nepal, with 770,116 mother tongue speakers recorded in the 2001 census. But unlike the Newars, the Magar have no written tradition, though today they do recognise the importance of writing and have looked back in history to claim Brahmi as their original writing, to replace the use of Devanagari which has been be used by default. This is described in

Anshuman Pandey 2011-05-01 Introducing the Magar Akkha Script. N4036

which contains extracts from a larger document setting out the Magar case for the script they call "Akkha" (which means "script"). See Appendix A2.2 for an extract from this document.

Pandey correctly points out that Akkha is Brahmi, but I suggest that it would not be appropriate for the Magar community to use this script in its ancient form – over the past two thousand years both scripts and languages have evolved significantly and the Magar people deserve to benefit from this evolution. The Akkha scripts of the Magar people needs to be further developed as a font for the Himalayish code block, this code block will cover everything that they need.

3.3 The Khambu Rai and Kirat Rai scripts for the Bantawa language

This is a relatively large linguistic community of mother tongue speakers of the Bantawa language, 371,056 in the 2001 census. Two scripts are described in:

Anshuman Pandey 2011-04-13 *Introducing the Khambu Rai Script.* N4018 Anshuman Pandey 2011-05-01 *Introducing the Kirat Rai Script.* N4037

See Appendix A2.3 for examples of the scripts.

Pandey points out that Khambu Rai, the first of these, is in one-to-one correspondence with Devanagari, though it does also include three conjuncts <tra>, <ksha> and <gya> frequently treated as distinct letters of the Devanagari alphabet within the Nepalese educational system. Khambu Rai must be viewed as an alternative font for Devanagari, though it would be useful to know how long it has been in use and for what purposes.

Kirat Rai is quite different, and though Pandey says it probably evolved from Khambu Rai, it is hard to see this. As can be seen from the Appendix it is very close to the Tikamuli script for Sunuwar in what has been chosen to create characters for, the only significant differences being that Tikamuli includes a glottal stop and a trill.

3.4 The Jenticha and Tikamuli scripts for the Sunuwar language

The Sunuwar (Sunwar) is a relatively small linguistic community of 26,611 mother tongue speakers, definitely large enough to warrant a distinct style of writing. The writing of Sunuwar is reported in three documents covering two scripts.

Anshuman Pandey N3962 2011-01-25 Preliminary Proposal to Encode the Jenticha Script in ISO/IEC 10646.

Anshuman Pandey N3963 2011-01-25 Preliminary Proposal to Encode the Tikamuli Script in ISO/IEC 10646.

Anshuman Pandey N4028 2011-05-31 *Proposal to Encode the Jenticha Script in ISO/IEC 10646*.

See Appendix A2.4 for examples of the scripts.

Pandey reports Sunuwar as an official language of Sikkim in India, though Ethnologue records no Sunuwar community in India. Pandey gives two alternative names, Mukhiya and Koits, but neither of these names appear in Ethnologue, though Ethnologue does record a small language Koi spoken in eastern Nepal. This discrepancy needs further investigation, the community in Sikkim must use some other name or some other closely related language.

Jenticha is the older of the two scripts, though created relatively recently in 1942. It is reported as the official script in Sikkim – see note above for the open question here. Tikamuli has clearly been created recently, though no dates or sources are given.

The two scripts do have significant differences. Tikamuli is much closer to Devanagari in its choice of consonants, and we must wonder about the influence here. Both include a trill and glottal stop. They both only have a single set of vowels, not distinguishing between the independent and dependent forms, with Jenticha preferring the independent forms while Tikamula prefers the dependent forms.

This choice of only one form of the vowels makes us wonder whether the distinction is necessary in any Brahmi script – modern fonts could distinguish what needs to be rendered from context and select the independent or dependent form as appropriate.

3.5 The Khema script for the Gurung language

The Gurung is a large linguistic community with 338,925 mother tongue speakers recorded in the 2001 census. Ethnologue documents two distinct dialects not recognised in the 2001 census. A single document:

Anshuman Pandey N4019 2011-04-13 Introducing the Khema Script for Writing Gurung.

introduces the recently created Khema script, see Appendix A2.5 for examples of the Khema script. A second script is noted, but no details are given.

Here we have an independent phonology documented by Noonan and have compared the two within the table in the Appendix. The Khema script has the usual diphthongs not required by the phonology, and more consonants than required, indicating perhaps an undue influence of Devanagari in the Khema script.

Taking the phonology as setting the requirements for writing, we see that there is a need for four tone markers, but otherwise the needs of Gurung are well catered for by the requirement laid down by other scripts and languages.

3.6 The Dham script for Dhimal.

The Dhimal linguistic community is relatively small at 17,308 in the 2001 census. A recently created scripts is recorded in:

Anshuman Pandey 2011-09-29 Introducing a Script for Writing Dhimal. N4140

See Appendix A2.6 for examples of the script.

The total alignment with Devanagari makes this appear to be a proposal for an alternative font for Devanagari, though clearly if such a font existed it could equally well be mapped to the Himalayish code block.

4. Unwritten languages

4.1 Writing Tamang

At 1,179,145 mother tongue speakers, Tamang is the largest of the Himalayish language communities in Nepal. With their strong Buddhist traditions, there has been a movement to write Tamang in the Tibetan script, but equally well for administrative purposes writing in Devanagari has been acceptable. The writing of Tamang in Devanagari is described by Noonan, who notes the need for 4 tones.

4.2 Writing Thangmi (Thami)

The Thami or Thangmi linguistic community has 18,991 speakers recorded in the 2001 census, and has been written in an extension of Devanagari for the purposes of documenting the language. From Noonan's phonology we see that it needs fewer vowels, most of the standard consonants, and a glottal stop.

4.3 Writing Chantyal

The Chantyal language community is small at 5,912 speakers. Its writing needs are similar to those of Nepal Bhasa including the breathy nasals and other breathy consonants not present in Devanagari. As noted by Noonan, there are distinct words with the breathy consonants and with the consonant followed by the <ha>, making it not possible to represent the breathy consonant by a conjunct of the consonant and <ha>.

4.4 Writing Sherpa

Sherpa with 31,500 mother tongue speakers would fit well within the Himalayish code block, requiring 2 tone markers in addition to most of the standard characters. A scholar from East Asia has been developing a script for the Sherpa community, but we do not have access to details of this.

5. Other languages

5.1 Issues regarding the writing of Limbu

Limbu with 333,633 mother tongue speakers has a traditional writing system Sirijanga which has been coded in Unicode but there must be some questions about this encoding. It is Brahmi writing system, encoded using a limited form of the subjoined model of Tibetan, without a virama but with a similar character sa-i which could take on the full virama role (Boyd Michailovsky, private communication). The potential need for this has been raised by the recent proposal

Anshuman Pandey 2011-01-14 *Proposal to Encode the Letters GYAN and TRA for Limbu in the UCS* ISO/IEC JTC1/SC2/WG2 N3975

where the characters <gya> and <tra> would normally be rendered as a conjunct, not currently possible for Limbu as it currently stands.

5.2 Writing of non-Nepalese languages

As has been noted in the documents on Nepal Bhasa, the Nepal Lipi scripts have been used for Sanskrit, Maithili, and even Tibetan. A number of the characters shown in the Appendix for Nepal Lipi are clearly there only for this purpose, notably diphthongs and syllabic liquids (vocalics). A group of the consonants (TTA to NNA) are not used in Nepal Lipi, but are needed for other Himalayish languages and should be included in the main part of the code block.

6. The proposed Code Block

A code block of just under 100 characters is needed.

Independent Vowels: A, AA, I, II, U, UU, E, O. Dependent forms subject to review.

Diphthongs: Al, AU and dependent forms, subject to review.

Syllabic liquids: VOCALIC R, VOCALIC RR, VOCALIC L, VOCALIC LL and dependent forms included for old documents in Sanskrit etc.

Consonants: KA, KHA. GA, GHA, NGA, NGHA, CA, CHA, JA, JHA, NYA/NJA, NYHA/NJHA. TTA, TTHA, DDA, DDHA, NNA, NNHA, TA, THA, DA, DHA, NA, NHA, PA, PHA, BA, BHA, MA, MHA, YA, YHA, RA, RHA, RRA, LA, LHA, VA/WA, VHA, SHA, SSA, SA, HA, glottal stop

Various signs: CANDRABINDU, VISARGA, VIRAMA, TRILL, 4 TONES; and for Sanskrit etc: ANUSVARA, AVAGRAHA

Invocations: OM and other invocations and graphics as required.

Punctuation: DANDA, DOUBLE DANDA, WORD BREAK; and if really required:

COMMA, FULL STOP.

Digits: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

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Appendix 1.

Aligning and comparing the proposed encodings for the writing of languages in the Himalayish group in Nepal.

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Appendix 2. Extracts from the WG2 proposals

A2.1 Ranjana N3649, Newar N4184, and Nepaalalipi N4322

A2.1.1 Ranjana

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Independent vowels

- 11800 **3** RANJANA LETTER A
- 11801 ■ RANJANA LETTER AA
- 11802 RANJANA LETTER I
- 11803 ďβ RANJANA LETTER II
- 11804 3 RANJANA LETTER U
- 11805 🔞 RANJANA LETTER UU
- 11806 **1** RANJANA LETTER VOCALIC R
- 11807 **₹** RANJANA LETTER VOCALIC RR
- 11808 ◀ RANJANA LETTER VOCALIC L 11809 ◀ RANJANA LETTER VOCALIC LL
- 1180A **₹** RANJANA LETTER E
- 1180B T RANJANA LETTER AI
- 1180C 🐧 RANJANA LETTER O
- 1180D 🐧 RANJANA LETTER AU

Consonants

- 1180E RANJANA LETTER KA
- 1180F 🍓 RANJANA LETTER KHA
- 11810 **T** RANJANA LETTER GA
- 11811 ₹ RANJANA LETTER GHA
- 11812 **3** RANJANA LETTER NGA
- 11813 **4** RANJANA LETTER CA
- 11814 **3** RANJANA LETTER CHA 11815 S RANJANA LETTER JA
- 11816 **1** RANJANA LETTER JHA
- 11817 **1** RANJANA LETTER NYA
- 11818 🗗 RANJANA LETTER TTA
- 11819 **Q** RANJANA LETTER TTHA
- 1181A 3 RANJANA LETTER DDA
- 1181B ₹ RANJANA LETTER DDHA
- 1181C **1** RANJANA LETTER NNA
- 1181D 🐧 RANJANA LETTER TA
- 1181E RANJANA LETTER THA 1181F ₹ RANJANA LETTER DA
- 11820 RANJANA LETTER DHA
- 11821 RANJANA LETTER NA 11822 **4** RANJANA LETTER PA
- 11823 🔻 RANJANA LETTER PHA
- 11824 **3** RANJANA LETTER BA
- 11825 **₹** RANJANA LETTER BHA
- 11826 🖣 RANJANA LETTER MA
- 11827 🌂 RANJANA LETTER YA
- 11828 RANJANA LETTER RA
- 11829 RANJANA LETTER LA
- 1182A 🖣 RANJANA LETTER WA
- 1182B 🐧 RANJANA LETTER SHA
- 1182C **4** RANJANA LETTER SSA 1182D ₹ RANJANA LETTER SA
- 1182E 🐧 RANJANA LETTER HA

Various signs

- 1182F 🍦 RANJANA SIGN CANDRABINDU
- 11831 → RANJANA SIGN VISARGA

Dependent vowel signs

- 11832 RANJANA VOWEL SIGN AA
- 11833 🐧 RANJANA VOWEL SIGN I
- 11834 RANJANA VOWEL SIGN II

- 11835 © RANJANA VOWEL SIGN U
- 11836 🍳 RANJANA VOWEL SIGN UU
- 11837 2 RANJANA VOWEL SIGN VOCALIC R
- RANJANA VOWEL SIGN VOCALIC RR 11838
- 2 RANJANA VOWEL SIGN VOCALIC L 11839
- RANJANA VOWEL SIGN VOCALIC LL 1183A
- 1183B RANJANA VOWEL SIGN E
- RANJANA VOWEL SIGN AI 1183C
- 1183D 'l RANJANA VOWEL SIGN O
- 1183E ୀ RANJANA VOWEL SIGN AU

Various signs

1183F 🍳 RANJANA VIRAMA

Digits

- 11840 Nana digit zero
- 11841 **S** RANJANA DIGIT ONE
- 11842 § RANJANA DIGIT TWO
- 11843 **§** RANJANA DIGIT THREE
- 11844 **\$** RANJANA DIGIT FOUR
- 11845 S RANJANA DIGIT FIVE
- 11846 S RANJANA DIGIT SIX
- 11847 **1** RANJANA DIGIT SEVEN
- 11848 C RANJANA DIGIT EIGHT
- 11849 🏿 RANJANA DIGIT NINE

Punctuation

- 1184B 🖣 RANJANA OM
- 1184C 7 RANJANA YIG MGO
- 1184D | RANJANA DANDA
- 1184E 7 RANJANA DOUBLE DANDA
- 1184F **1** RANJANA VIRAM

A2.1.2 Newar N4184

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The script is also known as 'Nepal Lipi', 'Prachalit Lipi', 'Newah Akhah', and 'Newari'.

Independent vowels

- 11400 ্য NEWAR LETTER A 11401 ञा NEWAR LETTER AA
- 11402 NEWAR LETTER I 11403 NEWAR LETTER II
- 11404 उ NEWAR LETTER U
- 11405 NEWAR LETTER UU
- 11406 ¥ NEWAR LETTER VOCALIC R
- 11407 NEWAR LETTER VOCALIC RR 11408 NEWAR LETTER VOCALIC L
- 11409 NEWAR LETTER VOCALIC LL
- 1140A NEWAR LETTER E
- 3 1140B NEWAR LETTER AI
- 1140C 31 NEWAR LETTER O
- 1140D 3 NEWAR LETTER AU

Consonants

- 1140E **可** NEWAR LETTER KA
- 1140F ख NEWAR LETTER KHA
- 11410 ગ NEWAR LETTER GA
- 11411 ঘ NEWAR LETTER GHA
- 11412 2 NEWAR LETTER NGA
- 11413 च NEWAR LETTER CA
- 11414 ऋ NEWAR LETTER CHA
- 11415 ব্য NEWAR LETTER JA
- 11416 म NEWAR LETTER JHA
- 11417 NEWAR LETTER NYA
- 11418 ट NEWAR LETTER TTA
- 11419 NEWAR LETTER TTHA
- 1141A NEWAR LETTER DDA
- 1141B NEWAR LETTER DDHA 1141C
- NEWAR LETTER NNA 1141D NEWAR LETTER TA
- 1141E થ NEWAR LETTER THA
- 1141F द NEWAR LETTER DA
- 11420 NEWAR LETTER DHA
- 11421 न NEWAR LETTER NA
- 11422 NEWAR LETTER PA 11423
- NEWAR LETTER PHA 11424 NEWAR LETTER BA
- \overline{n} 11425 NEWAR LETTER BHA
- 11426 म NEWAR LETTER MA
- 11427 य NEWAR LETTER YA
- 11428 न NEWAR LETTER RA
- 11429 NEWAR LETTER LA 1142A NEWAR LETTER VA
- 1142B 84 NEWAR LETTER SHA
- 1142C ष NEWAR LETTER SSA
- स 1142D NEWAR LETTER SA
- ह NEWAR LETTER HA 1142E

Dependent vowel signs

- 1142F ্া NEWAR VOWEL SIGN AA
- 11430 െ 11431 ി NEWAR VOWEL SIGN I
- 11431 NEWAR VOWEL SIGN II
- 11432 NEWAR VOWEL SIGN U
- 11433 NEWAR VOWEL SIGN UU 11434 NEWAR VOWEL SIGN VOCALIC R
- 11435 NEWAR VOWEL SIGN VOCALIC RR
- 11436 NEWAR VOWEL SIGN VOCALIC L
- 11437 NEWAR VOWEL SIGN VOCALIC LL
- 11438 NEWAR VOWEL SIGN E
- 11439 NEWAR VOWEL SIGN AI
- ্য NEWAR VOWEL SIGN AU 1143A 1143B

Various signs

- 1143C NEWAR SIGN CANDRABINDU
 - = milaphuti
- 1143D ° NEWAR SIGN ANUSVARA
 - = sinhaphuti
- 1143E % NEWAR SIGN VISARGA
 - · Also used for marking vowel length
 - = lyaphuti
- 1143F Q NEWAR SIGN VIRAMA
 - = tutipala, halant

Additions for Sanskrit

11440 5 NEWAR SIGN AVAGRAHA

Invocation signs

- 11441 NEWAR OM
- 11442 NEWAR ANJI
 - Written at the beginning of a text
 - Represents Sanskrit "siddhirastu"
 - = bhin arambha, siddhi
- 11443 > NEWAR SVASTI

Punctuation

- 11444 | NEWAR DANDA
 - = dipu cinha
- 11445 NEWAR DOUBLE DANDA
 - = nidho dipu cinha
- 11446 NEWAR COMMA
 - · Phrase separator
- 11447 NEWAR FULL STOP
 - · Indicates end of text section
- 11448 \$ NEWAR PADA SANDHI MARK
 - · Indicates word break at end of line

Digits

- 11450 0 NEWAR DIGIT ZERO
- 11451 NEWAR DIGIT ONE
- ? 11452 NEWAR DIGIT TWO
- 11453 NEWAR DIGIT THREE 8
- 11454 NEWAR DIGIT FOUR 11455 গ NEWAR DIGIT FIVE
- 11456 દ NEWAR DIGIT SIX
- 11457 ባ NEWAR DIGIT SEVEN
- 11458 દ NEWAR DIGIT EIGHT
- 11459 NEWAR DIGIT NINE

A2.1.3 Nepaalalipi N4322

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XX02	96	NEPAALALIPI LETTER I
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XX03	ਰ	NEPAALALIPI MARK AI
		Vowel Letter
XX04	3	NEPAALALIPI LETTER U
		Vowel Diacritic
XX05	র	NEPAALALIPI VOWEL MARK AU
		Vowel Letters
XX06	ь	NEPAALALIPI LETTER E
XX07	31	NEPAALALIPI LETTER O
		Bā-ākha Letters
XX08	क	NEPAALALIPI LETTER KA
XX09	ख	NEPAALALIPI LETTER KHA
XX0A	ગ	NEPAALALIPI LETTER GA
XX0B	घ	NEPAALALIPI LETTER GHA
XX0C	2	NEPAALALIPI LETTER NGA
XX0D	ক্র	NEPAALALIPI LETTER NGHA
XX0E	व	NEPAALALIPI LETTER CA
XX0F	क्र	NEPAALALIPI LETTER CHA
XX10	<u>স</u>	NEPAALALIPI LETTER JA

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XX19	3	NEPAALALIPI LETTER DDA
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XX1B	ढ	NEPAALALIPI LETTER DDHA
XX1C	न	NEPAALALIPI LETTER NA
XX1D	13	NEPAALALIPI LETTER NNA
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XX1F	य	NEPAALALIPI LETTER PA
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XX21	व	NEPAALALIPI LETTER BA
XX22	ए	NEPAALALIPI LETTER BHA
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XX25	य	NEPAALALIPI LETTER YA
XX26	न	NEPAALALIPI LETTER RA
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XX2C	শ	NEPAALALIPI LETTER SHA
XX2D	ष	NEPAALALIPI LETTER SSA
XX2E	रू	NEPAALALIPI LETTER HA
		Functional Vowel Modifier
XX2F	08	NEPAALALIPI LONG SOUND MARK
		Vowel Modifier
XX30	ó	NEPAALALIPI NASAL SOUND MARK
		Vowel Diacritical Marks
XX31	ा	NEPAALALIPI VOWEL MARK AA
XX32	fo.	NEPAALALIPI VOWEL MARK I
XX33	Q	NEPAALALIPI VOWEL MARK U
XX34	Ö	NEPAALALIPI VOWEL MARK E
XX35	া	NEPAALALIPI VOWEL MARK O
		I

XX36	Q	NEPAALALIPI CONSONANTAL MARK							
		Syllabic Mark							
XX37	Q	NEPAALALIPI SYLLABIC MARK RRI							
		Syllable Letters							
XX38	मृ	NEPAALALIPI SYLLABIC LETTER RRI							
XX39	मृ	NEPAALALIPI SYLLABIC LETTER RRII							
XX3A	0	NEPAALALIPI SYLLABIC LETTER LRRI							
XX3B	g :	NEPAALALIPI SYLLABIC LETTER LRRII							
		Starting Symbol							
XX3C	3	NEPAALALIPI SIGN OM							
XX3D	9	NEPAALALIPI SIGN SIDDHA							
	1 2	Word Break Symbol							
XX3E NEPAALALIPI SIGN KHAGWA SWAPU									
Different Signs									
XX3F ## NEPAALALIPI SIGN									
		Full Stop Marks							
XX40	ı	NEPAALALIPI SIGN DIPU							
XX41	11	NEPAALALIPI SIGN DOUBLE DI							
XX42	IIXII	NEPAALALIPI SIGN FLOWER							
		NOTE: XX42 NEPAALALIPI SI							
		Numerals							
Code Poi	nt Charact	ter Character Name							
XX50	o	NEPAALALIPI DIGIT 0							
XX51	9	NEPAALALIPI DIGIT 1							
XX52 Q NEPAALALIPI DIGIT 2									
XX53	3	NEPAALALIPI DIGIT 3							
XX54 &		NEPAALALIPI DIGIT 4							
XX55	5)	NEPAALALIPI DIGIT 5							
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NEPAALALIPI DIGIT 8

NEPAALALIPI DIGIT 9 Code from XX43 to XX4Fand XX5A to XX5F are vacant space

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XX12 R

XX13 ক্স

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XX17 0 NEPAALALIPI LETTER JHA

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NEPAALALIPI LETTER NJHA

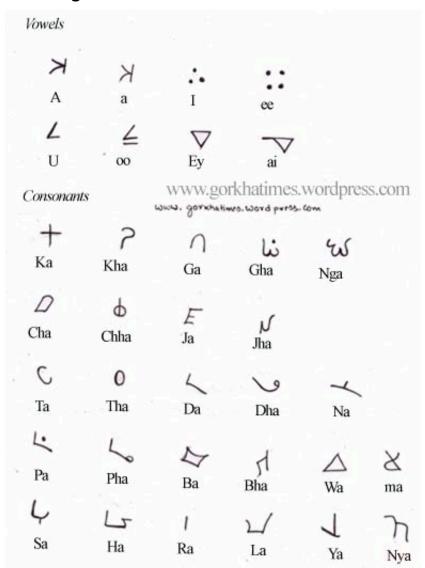
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A2.2 Magar N4036



A2.3 Khambu Rai N4018 and Kirat Rai N4037

A2.3.1 Khambu Rai N4018

7.09 Rai Script of Khambu-Rai:

The Khambu-Rai languages of 38 sub-tribes is written in Khambu-Rai script developed by Late Kripasalyan Rai in 1981-82 from the Devnagari script. The Khambu-Rai language (Bantawa language) is taught in schools up to the primary level ever since the Khambu-Rai language was recognized as one of the official languages of Sikkim in 1997.

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The Khambu-Rai script has the same letters as that of Devnagari with 14 vowels, 13 vowel signs, and 38 consonants (Rai, Krishnadas in Lipi Sangalo (ed) by Limboo, R.B. 1998:54-59).

A2.3.2 Kirat Rai N4037

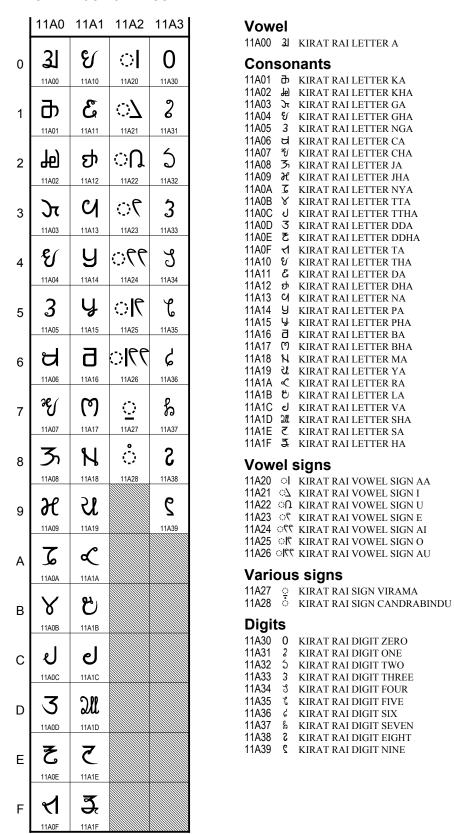


Figure 1: Proposed code chart and names list for the Kirat Rai script.

A2.4 Jenticha N4028 and Tikamuli N3963

A2.4.1 Jenticha N4028

	116D	116E	116F
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1	116D0	116E0	116F0
2	116D1	116E1 9	116F1
3	116D2	116E2	116F2
4	116D3	116E3	
4	116D4	116E4	
5	116D5	1 16E5	
6	116D6	2 116E6	1 16F6
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E	116DD	116ED	116FD
F	116DE 116DF	116EE	116FE 116FF

Vowels

116D0 9 JENTICHA LETTER A
116D1 2 JENTICHA LETTER AA
116D2 † JENTICHA LETTER I
116D3 2 JENTICHA LETTER U
116D4 ± JENTICHA LETTER E
116D5 0 JENTICHA LETTER O

Consonants

116D6 to JENTICHA LETTER KA 116D7 Π JENTICHA LETTER KHA 116D8 Y JENTICHA LETTER GA 116D9 3 JENTICHA LETTER NGA 116DA < JENTICHA LETTER CA 116DB **⋠** JENTICHA LETTER JA 116DC ス JENTICHA LETTER TTA 116DD **Z** JENTICHA LETTER TTHA 116DE à JENTICHA LETTER TA 116DF ъ JENTICHA LETTER THA 116E0 🕱 JENTICHA LETTER DA 116E1 7 JENTICHA LETTER NA 116E2 9 JENTICHA LETTER PA 116E4 **ታ** JENTICHA LETTER BA 116E5 π JENTICHA LETTER MA 116E6 **②** JENTICHA LETTER YA 116E7 N. JENTICHA LETTER RA 116E8 人 JENTICHA LETTER LA 116E9 N JENTICHA LETTER VA 116EA U JENTICHA LETTER SHA 116EB **≯** JENTICHA LETTER SA 116EC † JENTICHA LETTER HA 116ED 궛 JENTICHA LETTER HHA 116EE 5 JENTICHA LETTER GLOTTAL STOP

Various signs

116EF O JENTICHA SIGN VIRAMA

= sangmilu, halant

116F0 O JENTICHA SIGN CANDRABINDU

= taslathenk

116F1 O JENTICHA VOWEL LENGTH MARK

= gyosh, dirghata

116F2 O JENTICHA TRILL MARK

= sangrums

Digits

116F6 0 JENTICHA DIGIT ZERO 116F7 JENTICHA DIGIT ONE 116F8 JENTICHA DIGIT TWO 116F9 **1** JENTICHA DIGIT THREE 116FB **B** JENTICHA DIGIT FIVE 116FC **Z** JENTICHA DIGIT SIX 116FD **□** JENTICHA DIGIT SEVEN JENTICHA DIGIT EIGHT 116FE X 116FF JENTICHA DIGIT NINE

A2.4.2 Tikamuli N3963

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1	11001	11011	11021	11C31
2	11002	11012	11022	L 11C32
3	11003	2	11023	11C33
4	11004	Z	11024	11C34
5	11005	11015	11025	11035
6	7	11016	11026	11036
7	3 1	11017	11027	11037
8	11008	Ψ	\$ 11C28	Z
9	11000	7	11029	6
Α	11C0A	P	11023	11035
В	11C0B	()		
С	Z	0		
D	27	11C1C		
E	27	7		
F	7	11C1E		

Vowel

11C00 3 TIKAMULI LETTER A

Consonants

11C01 ₹ TIKAMULI LETTER KA 11C02 ₹ TIKAMULI LETTER KHA 11C03 7 TIKAMULI LETTER GA 11C04 & TIKAMULI LETTER GHA 11C05 7 TIKAMULI LETTER NGA 11C06 7 TIKAMULI LETTER CA 11C07 75 TIKAMULI LETTER CHA 11C08 ₹ TIKAMULI LETTER JA 11C09 🚁 TIKAMULI LETTER JHA 11C0A ₹ TIKAMULI LETTER TTA 11C0B 🔏 TIKAMULI LETTER TTHA 11C0C Z TIKAMULI LETTER DDA 11C0D Z TIKAMULI LETTER DDHA 11C0E 27 TIKAMULI LETTER NNA 11C0F ን TIKAMULI LETTER TA 11C10 " TIKAMULI LETTER THA 11C11 TIKAMULI LETTER DA 11C12 ₹ TIKAMULI LETTER DHA 11C13 2 TIKAMULI LETTER NA 11C14 Z TIKAMULI LETTER PA 11C15 Z TIKAMULI LETTER PHA 11C16 J TIKAMULI LETTER BA 11C17 3 TIKAMULI LETTER BHA 11C18 Y TIKAMULI LETTER MA 11C19 J TIKAMULI LETTER YA 11C1A T TIKAMULI LETTER RA 11C1B Ø TIKAMULI LETTER LA 11C1C 0 TIKAMULI LETTER VA 11C1D ≥ TIKAMULI LETTER SSA 11C1E 7 TIKAMULI LETTER SA 11C1F 2 TIKAMULI LETTER HA

Dependent vowel signs

11C20 3 TIKAMULI LETTER GLOTTAL STOP

11C21 TIKAMULI VOWEL SIGN AA 11C22 TIKAMULI VOWEL SIGN I 11C23 TIKAMULI VOWEL SIGN U 11C24 TIKAMULI VOWEL SIGN E 11C25 TIKAMULI VOWEL SIGN O

Various signs

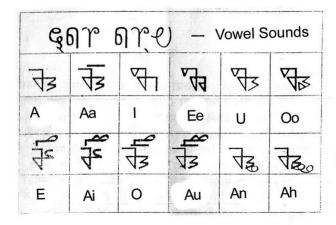
11C26 O TIKAMULI SIGN VIRAMA
11C27 O TIKAMULI SIGN DIRGHA
11C28 O TIKAMULI SIGN ATI DIRGHA
11C29 O TIKAMULI SIGN TRILL

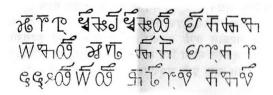
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A2.5 Khema N4019

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टखे	ठखे	डखे	ढखे	वखे
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A2.6 Dhimal N4140





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Figure 2: Vowel and consonant letters of Dhimal (from Dhimal 2008).

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A. Administrative

1. Title:	Proposal to Encode Nepal Himalayish Scripts in ISO/IEC 10646			
2. Requester's na	me: Patrick A V Hall			
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	characters attached?		NO	
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Submitters are inv	ited to provide any addi	lional information abol	ut Properties of the proposed C	naracter(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/reports/tr44/) and associated Unicode Technical Reports for information needed for consideration by the Unicode Technical Committee for inclusion in the Unicode Standard.

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C. Technical - Justification

1. Has this proposal for addition of c	haracter(s) been submitted before?	YES		
If YES explain Unifying proposals in N N3649, N3692, N3962, N3963, N4018, N4019, N4036, N403				
·	N4038, N4028, N4140, N4184, N4322			
2. Has contact been made to member	ers of the user community (for example: National Body,			
user groups of the script or cha		YES		
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ii 120, with whom.	Newar) - Sharad Kasahchhen (Chair) Suwarn			
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	Authors of N4322: Devdass Manandhar, Bishnu (Chitrakar, Sanir		
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	By email with encoding experts: Anshuman Pandey, Debo	orah Anderson		
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If YES, available releva				
	y for the proposed characters (for example:			
	on technology use, or publishing use) is included?	YES		
Reference: Yadava, Yo	ogendra P. (2003) Language Chapter 4. Population Monogra Kathmandu: Central Bureau of Statistics.2003 and U			
	previous WG2 documents cited in C1 above			
4. The context of use for the propose	ed characters (type of use; common or rare)	Common		
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in the BMP?		ideally		
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to, or could be confused with,	an existing character?	NO		
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