Proposal for a Grantha Character Name – Ligating Prepausal Virama at U+1134F

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In the Review document (L2/10-299), it is recommended on Chillu Code Point, 1134F
"Based on the above comment, we recommend that 1134F GRANTHA SIGN CHILLU
(which is contained in the chart in L2/10-265) be renamed to GRANTHA SIGN
LIGATING VIRAMA."

"We note that if this recommendation is taken for the Grantha encoding, Grantha would
have two viramas encoded -- a situation which is not unprecedented. There are other
instances in the Unicode Standard in which because of presentation issues for a Brahmi-
based script, both a virama and a killer (or two types of viramas) have been encoded."

This is perfectly fine. If the name Chillu is a problem for S. Sharma, renaming U+1134F
as "LIGATING VIRAMA" is OK to represent the Chillu forms of consonants in Grantha
script. These consonants are called Prepausal Consonants in Literature on the Grantha
script (Reference: R. Gruenendahl). To facilitate teaching of the Grantha script using
Unicode, I request UTC to consider naming the second virama sign as “LIGATING
PREPAUSAL VIRAMA”. This name will be more apt and user community will be able
to distinguish it from the standard virama and the purpose of the second virama sign.

Reference for Prepausal Consonants in Grantha script:

R. Gruenendahl, 2001, South Indian Scripts in Sanskrit Manuscripts and Prints
Grantha Tamil – Malayalam – Telugu – Kannada – Nandinagari
O. Harrassowitz, Wiesbaden, page 16.