

To: Unicode Technical Committee

Forwarded by: Vaishnavi Murthy

Subject: Two letters of support for the Tulu-Tigalari proposal by Vaishnavi Murthy and Vinodh Rajan

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To,

The Unicode Consortium

Subject : In support of encoding the Tulu-Tigalari Script into Unicode.

Dear members of the Unicode Technical Committee,

This is a letter on behalf of the National Mission for Manuscripts (NMM), Ministry of Culture, Government of India. The NMM was launched by the Ministry of Culture in 2003 with the aim to preserve the knowledge enshrined in the manuscript heritage of India. As you are aware, India is the repository of an astounding belt of ancient knowledge belonging to different periods of history dating back to thousands of years. This knowledge has been preserved and been handed down from one generation to the other both in the oral and written forms. In written form, this vast corpus of literature is spread across different languages and scripts, and is available to us on different kinds of materials like birch bark, palm leaf, cloth, wood, stone and paper. India perhaps has the largest collections of manuscripts in the World. A significant part of Indian collection includes several ancient and rare manuscripts in the **Tulu-Tigalari Script**. The ultimate aim of the Mission is to decipher these manuscripts, initiate multidisciplinary research, validate the output scientifically and contextualize it based on today's requirements to improve the life-style of the people, universally. This can be achieved only with the help of the technology of the day.

We are writing this letter to the Unicode Technical Committee to support the encoding of the Tulu-Tigalari Script as submitted by Ms. Vaishnavi Murthy and Mr. Vinodh Rajan. Our Scholars, who read the manuscripts have gone through their work and have found the characters shown in their documents to be a good representation, very close to the characters seen in majority of the manuscripts.

It will greatly benefit the Scholars and Researchers, if this Script is encoded at the earliest as there is an ever increasing number of people who are studying these manuscripts. Having a Unicode font for **Tulu-Tigalari Script** will enable us to digitize the manuscripts and store them in a format that will be useful for future researchers.

We extend our support to Vaishnavi and Vinodh's work and wish them the very best.

With regards,

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To,
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Ref. No. SVRF/ 29/07/2021

From,
Sri Vadiraja Research Foundation
Udupi, Karnataka, India

Subject : In support of encoding the Tulu-Tigalari Script into Unicode.

Dear members of the Unicode Technical Committee,

This is a letter on behalf of Sri Vaidraja Research Foundation, Udupi. Our institution was set-up as a part of the Sri Puthige Mutt, belonging to the Udupi Ashta Mathas order to conserve and study the large manuscript collection held for centuries to our temples. Our organisation is recognised by the National Mission for Manuscripts, New Delhi.

We have several ancient and rare manuscripts in our collections in the **Tulu-Tiaglari script**. Over the years, we have worked on preventive and curative conservation of most manuscripts in our collection and in the private collections of individuals in this region. We also have a large body of Sanskrit scholars who actively engage in studying the ancient teachings present in these manuscripts.

We are writing this letter to the Unicode Technical Committee to support the encoding of the **Tulu-Tigalari script** as submitted by **Vaishnavi Murthy and Vinodh Rajan**. Our scholars who read the manuscripts have gone through their work and have found the characters shown in their documents to-be a good representation. **Very close to the characters seen in majority of the manuscripts.**

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We extend our support to Vaishnavi and Vinodh's work and wish them the very best.

Thanking you

yours truly,

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