

BENGALI, ASSAMESE & MANIPURI

Script: Bengali*

| | ISO 15919 2001 ^(1.0) | UN 1977 ^(2.0) | ALA-LC 1997 ^(3.0) |
|---------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Vowels | | | |
| অ | ā | a | a |
| আ | ā | ā | ā |
| ই | i | i | i |
| ঈ | ī | ī | ī |
| উ | u | u | u |
| ঊ | ū | ū | ū |
| ঋ | r̄ | r̄ | r̄ |
| ঌ | r̄ | — | r̄ |
| এ | ē | — | ē |
| ঐ | ai | ai | ai |
| ও | o ^(1.1) | o | o |
| ঔ | au | au | au |
| অ্যা | a:yā | — | — |

Nasalizations

| | | | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------|----|-------------------------|
| ং | <i>anunāsika</i> | m̄ ^(1.2) | m̄ | m̄ |
| ঁ | <i>candrabindu</i> | m̄ ^(1.2) | m̄ | m̄, m̄ ^(3.1) |

Miscellaneous

| | | | | |
|---|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ঃ | <i>bisarga</i> | ḥ | ḥ | ḥ |
| ্ | <i>hasanta</i> | <i>vowelless</i> | <i>vowelless</i> | <i>vowelless</i> |
| ঃ | <i>abagraha</i> ② | :ʔ ^(1.3) | — | ʔ |
| ঁ | <i>isshara</i> | — | — | — |

Consonants

| | | | |
|---|-----|------|-----|
| ক | ka | ka | ka |
| খ | kha | kha | kha |
| গ | ga | ga | ga |
| ঘ | gha | gha | gha |
| ঙ | ṅa | ṅa | ṅa |
| চ | ca | cha | ca |
| ছ | cha | chha | cha |
| জ | ja | ja | ja |
| ঝ | jha | jha | jha |
| ঞ | ña | ña | ña |
| ট | ṭa | ṭa | ṭa |
| ঠ | ṭha | ṭha | ṭha |
| ড | ḍa | ḍa | ḍa |
| ঢ | ḍha | ḍha | ḍha |
| ণ | ṇa | ṇa | ṇa |
| ত | ta | ta | ta |

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| থ | tha | tha | tha |
| দ | da | da | da |
| ধ | dha | dha | dha |
| ন | na | na | na |
| প | pa | pa | pa |
| ফ | pha | pha | pha |
| ব | ba | ba | ba ^(3.2) |
| ভ | bha | bha | bha |
| ম | ma | ma | ma |
| য | ya | ja | ya |
| র | ra | ra | ra |
| ৱ | ra | ra | ra |
| ল | la | la | la |
| ৱ | va | va | wa |
| শ | śa | sha | śa |
| ষ | ṣa | ṣha | sha |
| স | sa | sa | sa |
| হ | ha | ha | ha |
| ড় | ṛa | ra | ṛa |
| ঢ | ṛha | ṛha | ṛha |
| য় | ya | ya | ya |
| জ | za | — | — |
| ঝ | wa | — | — |
| ক | qa | — | — |
| খ | <u>kha</u> | — | — |
| গ | ga | — | — |
| ফ | fa | — | — |

Adscript consonants

| | | | | |
|-----|------------------|----------------------|-----|----|
| ্যা | <i>ya-phala</i> | -ya ^(1.4) | -ya | ya |
| তা | <i>khanda-ta</i> | -t | -t | ṭa |
| রা | <i>repha</i> | r- | r- | r- |
| ভা | <i>baphala</i> | -b | -b | -b |
| রা | <i>raphala</i> | -r | -r | -r |

Vowel ligatures (conjuncts)^C

| | | | |
|----|-----|----|-----|
| গু | gu | | |
| রু | ru | রূ | rū |
| বু | ru | বু | rū |
| সু | śu | | |
| হু | hṛ | | |
| হু | hu | | |
| তু | tru | তু | trū |
| নু | ntu | | |
| লু | lgu | | |

Half consonants and ligatures (conjuncts)^C

| | | | | | | | |
|----|-------------------|----------|------|--------|------|-----------|------|
| ক্ | k- | ক | kka | ক্খ | kṭa | কত | kta |
| | | ক্ন | kna | ক্ন | kma | ক্ল | kla |
| | | ক্র | kra | ক্শ | kṣa | ক্শ্ন | kṣṇa |
| | | ক্শ্ম | kṣma | ক্স | ksa | | |
| খ্ | kh- | | | | | | |
| গ্ | g- | গ | gga | গ্ধ | gdha | গ্ন | gna |
| | | গ্ম | gma | গ্ন | gla | | |
| ঘ্ | gh- | ঘ্ন | ghna | | | | |
| ঙ্ | ṅ- | ক্ঙ | ṅka | ক্ঙ | ṅga | ক্ঙ, ক্ঙা | ṅma |
| চ্ | c- | ক্চ | cña | ক্চ | cna | | |
| ছ্ | ch- | | | | | | |
| জ্ | j- | জ্জ | jjha | জ্ণ | jña | | |
| ঝ্ | jh- | | | | | | |
| ঞ্ | ñ- | ক্ঞ | ñca | ক্ঞ | ñcha | ক্ঞ | ñja |
| | | ক্ঞ | ñjha | | | | |
| ট্ | ṭ- | ট্ | ṭṭa | ট্ | ṭma | | |
| ঠ্ | ṭh- | | | | | | |
| ড্ | ḍ- | ড্ | ḍma | | | | |
| ঢ্ | ḍh- | | | | | | |
| ণ্ | ṇ- | ণ্ | ṇṭha | ণ্, ড্ | ṇḍa | ণ্ | ṇṇa |
| | | ণ্ম | ṇma | | | | |
| ত্ | t- | ত | tta | ত্থ | ttha | ত্ন | tna |
| | | ত্ম | tma | ত্ৰ | tra | ত্ন | tla |
| থ্ | th- | | | | | | |
| দ্ | d- | দ | dda | দ্ধ | ddha | দ্ন | dna |
| | | দ্ব | dba | দ্ব | dbha | | |
| ধ্ | dh- | দ্ব | dhna | দ্ব | dhma | | |
| ন্ | n- | ন্ | nṭha | ন্ | nḍa | ন্ | nta |
| | | ন্থ | ntha | ন্ধ | ndha | ন্থ | nna |
| | | ন্ব | nba | ন্ব | nma | ন্ব | nsa |
| | | ন্ব, ন্ব | nra | | | | |
| প্ | p- | প্ | pta | প্ | pna | প্ | ppa |
| | | প্ম | pma | প্ম | pla | প্স | psa |
| ফ্ | ph- | ফ্ | phṭa | ফ্ | phla | | |
| ব্ | b- | ব্ | bja | ব্ | bda | ব্ | bdha |
| | | ব্ন | bna | ব্ | bbha | ব্ন | bla |
| ভ্ | bh- | ব্ভ | bhra | ব্ভ | bhla | | |
| ম্ | m- | ম্ | mta | ম্ | mda | ম্, ম্ম | mna |
| | | ম্ব | mba | ম্ | mbha | ম্ব | mma |
| | | ম্, ম্ম | mla | | | | |
| য্ | y- | | | | | | |
| ৰ্ | ṛ- ^(A) | | | | | | |
| ল্ | l- | ল | lka | ল্ | lta | ল্ | ldha |
| | | ল্ম | lma | ল্ম | lla | | |
| স্ | ś- | স্ | śta | স্ | śna | স্ম | śma |
| | | স্ম | śla | | | | |
| ষ্ | ṣ- | ষ | ṣka | ষ্ | ṣṭa | ষ্ | ṣṭha |
| | | ষ্ | ṣṇa | ষ্ম | sma | | |

| | | | | | | | |
|----|----|----------|-----|-----|------|----------|-----|
| স্ | s- | স্ক | ska | স্খ | skha | স্ট | sṭa |
| | | স্ত | sta | স্ধ | stha | স্ন | sna |
| | | স্ব | sba | স্ম | sma | স্র, স্র | sra |
| | | স্ল, স্ল | sla | | | | |
| হ্ | h- | হ্ন | hṇa | হ্ন | hna | হ্ম | hma |
| | | হ্ল, হ্ল | hla | | | | |

Punctuation

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Numerals

| | |
|---|---|
| ০ | 0 |
| ১ | 1 |
| ২ | 2 |
| ৩ | 3 |
| ৪ | 4 |
| ৫ | 5 |
| ৬ | 6 |
| ৭ | 7 |
| ৮ | 8 |
| ৯ | 9 |

Other signs

| | | |
|---|---|------------------------------------|
| ৳ | | <i>rupee mark</i> |
| ট | | <i>rupee sign</i> |
| ৳ | A | <i>currency numerator one</i> |
| ৳ | A | <i>currency numerator two</i> |
| ৳ | A | <i>currency numerator three</i> |
| ৳ | A | <i>currency numerator four</i> |
| ৳ | A | <i>currency numerator one less</i> |
| ৳ | A | <i>currency numerator sixteen</i> |

Notes

* Characters used only in: ① Assamese, ② Bengali, ③ Manipuri.

A Ancient or obsolete character.

B Characters used for representing Perso-Arabic.

c Only ISO 15919 transliteration.

1.0 International Standards Organization. (<http://www.iso.ch>).

General notes:

i. A number of sophisticated options have been omitted in this presentation. Please the the standard for a full description.

ii. A number of options are to be applied when using the ISO 15919 transliteration system. See the following notes.

iii. A colon (:) is used for resolving ambiguities: বই *ba:i* / বে *bai*.

1.1 NON-UNIFORM VOWEL OPTION: The vowels *e* and *o* will not be marked long, as usual for scripts not having short *e* and *o*.

UNIFORM VOWEL OPTION: The vowels *e* and *o* will be marked long, uniform with the transliteration of scripts having both long and short *e* and *o*.

- 1.2 SIMPLIFIED NASALIZATION OPTION: *Anunasika* is transliterated *m̃* and *candrabindu* *m̃̇*.

STRICT NASALIZATION OPTION:

a) *Anunasika* before a stop or class nasal is transliterated as the class nasal: *n* before *k, kh, g, gh, ṅ; ñ* before *c, ch, j, jh, ñ; ṇ* before *t, ṭh, ḍ, ḍh, ṇ; n* before *t, th, d, dh, n; m* before *p, ph, b, bh, m*.

b) *Candrabindu* representing vowel nasalization is transliterated as a tilde above the transliterated vowel. In the case of the digraphs *ai, au*, the tilde is attached to the second vowel (*aĩ, aũ*). Note that *candrabindu* reduces to a dot after a vowel extending above the line.

- 1.3 The form *·* is used in modern texts to distinguish it from Latin punctuation *’*.

- 1.4 After ঞ transliterated as *ya*. Unexpected use of secondary *ya* is rendered as *:ya*. Examples: রূপার *r:yāpāra*, অ্যা *a:yā*.

- 2.0 United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN). (<http://www.eki.ee/wgrs>).

- 3.0 American Library Association/Library of Congress.

- 3.1 Transliterated *ñ* before *ka, kha, ga, gha, ṅa, ca, cha, ja, jha, ña, ṭa, ṭha, ḍa, ḍha, ṇa, ta, tha, da, dha, na, ṛa, ṛha*; otherwise transliterated *m̃*.

- 3.2 Bengali only: When ব occurs as the second consonant of a consonant cluster, it is transliterated *va*. ব্ব is transliterated *bba*.

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