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संस्कृत अक्षराः (वर्णमाला)

*saṁskṛta-akṣarāḥ (varṇamālā)*

**Saṁskṛitaṁ Alphabets**

**PRONUNCIATION GUIDE OF SAMSKRITAM LETTERS  
EQUIVALENT SOUNDING LETTERS IN ENGLISH**

अ a (a as in woman). आ ā (ā as in all),

इ i (i as in it), ई ī (ī sounds as in eat),

उ u (u as in put), ऊ ū (ū as in room)

ए e (e as in where), ऐ ai (ai as kite or ripe)

ओ o (o as in go or as in boat), औ au (au as in house or mouse)

ऋ = r̥ (r̥ as in Kṛ shṇa), अं = an̄, अः = aḥ

क = ka, (ka as in king), ख = kha (kha is the aspirated sound of ka)

ग = ga (ga as in good girl), घ = gha (gha is the aspirated sound of ga)

ङ = ṅa (ṅa sound like ng as in ring, king),

च = ca (ca as in chair), छ = cha (cha is the aspirated sound of ca)

ज = ja (ja as in jungle), झ = jha (jha is the aspirated sound of ja)

ञ = ña (ña as in Soñya or पञ्च pañca = means five in Sanskritam.)

ट = ṭa (ṭa as in tool or timber), ठ = ṭha (ṭha is the aspirated sound of ṭa)

ड = ḍa (ḍa as in dog or dig), ढ = ḍha (ḍha is the aspirated sound of ḍa)

ण = ṇa (ṇa sound is not in the English vocabulary), like in word Brahmaṇa.

त = ta (ta as thing or thumb), थ = tha (tha is the aspirated sound of ta)

द = da (as in the or there), ध = dha (dha is aspirated sound of da)

न = na (na as in nail or name)

प = pa (pa as in pen), फ = pha (pha is the aspirated sound of pa)

ब = ba (ba as in ball), भ = bha (bha is aspirated sound of ba)

म = ma (mā as in mother)

य = ya (ya as in yellow), र = ra (rā as real or ready),

ल = la (la as in love), व = va (vā as in valley or as in Victor)

श = śa (śa as in Śhiva), ष = ṣa (ṣa as in ruṣh), स = sa (sa as in sun)

ह = ha (hā as in hall or hill), क्ष = kṣa (kṣa as in Lakṣmi or kṣatriya)

रामं (ँ as in rāmaṁ) र्म ( र्म as chum) is called *anusvāra*.

रामः (ः as in rāmaḥ) is called *visarga*.

राम् = rām. The down stroke at 45 degrees at bottom of the letter म् is called

**हलन्त halanta**, म = ma without अ a becomes म् m.

ऽ ' This symbol is called *avagraha* which represents ( ½ अ ) and is

employed to mark elision of a short अ a after (ए e or ओ o)

Examples (1) ते + अपि = तेऽपि or te + api = is written as te'pi and is pronounced as tepi means: **They also.**

(2) कालः + अस्ति = कालो + अस्ति = कालोऽस्ति  
kāalaḥ+asti = kalo + asti = kālo'sti and is  
pronounced as kālo'sti means: **Time is.**

(3) नमः + अस्तु + ते = नमो + अस्तु + ते = नमोऽस्तुते

namaḥ + astu + te = namo + astu + te = namo'stute  
and as is pronounced as namostute means: **Salutations to**  
you.

| || These signs are called विराम *virāma*. The first one with only one vertical line denotes the end of a sentence or the first half of a shloka and later with two vertical lines is to denote the close of a shloka.

स्वराः (अचः) svarāḥ (acah)

VOWELS

अ a आ ā इ i ई ī उ u ऊ ū ऋ ṛ ॠ ṝ लृ ḷ

ए e ऐ ai ओ o औ au अं am अः aḥ

व्यञ्जनानि (हलः) vyañjanāni (halah)

CONSONANTS

क k	ख kh	ग g	घ gh	ङ ṅ कण्ठ्य kaṅṭhya
च c	छ ch	ज j	झ jh	ञ ñ तालव्य tālavya
ट t	ठ th	ड d	ढ dh	ण ṇ मूर्धन्य mūrdhanya
त t	थ th	द d	ध dh	न n दन्त्य dantya
प p	फ ph	ब b	भ bh	म m ओष्ठ्य oṣṭhya
य y	र r	ल l	व v	श ś
ष ṣ	स s	ह h	क्ष kṣa	

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ङ ṅ	ञ ñ	ण ṇ	न n	म m soft nasal
ह h	य y	र r	ल l	व v semi vowels
ः ḥ	श ś	ष ṣ	स s	silibants

क ka	ख kha	ग ga	घ gha	ङ ṅa
का kā	खा khā	गा gā	घा ghā	--
कि ki	खि khi	गि gi	घि ghi	--
की kī	खी khī	गी gī	घी ghī	--
कु ku	खु khu	गु gu	घु ghu	--
कू kū	खू khū	गू gū	घू ghū	--
कृ kr	खृ khṛ	गृ gr	घृ ghr	--
के ke	खे khe	गे ge	घे ghe	--
कै kai	खै khai	गै gai	घै ghai	--
को ko	खो kho	गो go	घो gho	--
कौ kau	खौ khau	गौ gau	घौ ghau	--
कं kam	खं kham	गं gam	घं gham	--
कः kaḥ	खः khaḥ	गः gaḥ	घः ghaḥ	--

च ca	छ cha	ज ja	झ jha	ञ ña
चा cā	छा chā	जा jā	झा jhā	जा ñā
चि ci	छि chi	जि ji	झि jhi	ञि ñi
ची cī	छी chī	जी jī	झी jhī	जी ñī
चु cu	छु chu	जु ju	झु jhu	ञु ñu
चू cū	छू chū	जू jū	झू jhū	जू ñū
चृ cr	छृ chr	जृ jr	झृ jhr	ञृ ñr
चे ce	छे che	जे je	झे jhe	जे ñe
चै cai	छै chai	जै jai	झै jhai	जै ñai
चो co	छो cho	जो jo	झो jho	जो ño
चौ cau	छौ chau	जौ jau	झौ jhau	जौ ñau
चं cam	छं cham	जं jam	झं jham	जं ñam
चः caḥ	छः chaḥ	जः jaḥ	झः jhaḥ	जः ñaḥ

ट ṭa	ठ ṭha	ड ḍa	ढ ḍha	ण ṇa
टा ṭā	ठा ṭhā	डा ḍā	ढा ḍhā	णा ṇā
टि ṭi	ठि ṭhi	डि ḍi	ढि ḍhi	णि ṇi
टी ṭī	ठी ṭhī	डी ḍī	ढी ḍī	णी ṇī
डु ṭu	ठु ṭhu	डु ḍu	ढु ḍhu	णु ṇu
डू ṭū	ठू ṭhū	डू ḍū	ढू ḍhū	णू ṇū
ट्र ṭr	ठ्र ṭhr	ड्र ḍr	ढ्र ḍhr	ण्र ṇr
टे ṭe	ठे ṭhe	डे ḍe	ढे ḍhe	णे ṇe
टै ṭai	ठै ṭhai	डै ḍai	ढै ḍhai	णै ṇai
टो ṭo	ठो ṭho	डो ḍo	ढो ḍho	णो ṇo
टौ ṭau	ठौ ṭhau	डौ ḍau	ढौ ḍhau	णौ ṇau
टं ṭam	ठं ṭham	डं ḍam	ढं ḍham	णं ṇam
टः ṭaḥ	ठः ṭhaḥ	डः ḍaḥ	ढः ḍhaḥ	णः ṇaḥ



त ta	थ tha	द da	ध dha	न na
ता tā	था thā	दा dā	धा dhā	ना nā
ति ti	थि thi	दि di	धि dhi	नि ni
ती tī	थी thī	दी dī	धी dhī	नी nī
तु tu	थु thu	दु du	धु dhu	नु nu
तू tū	थू thū	दू dū	धू dhū	नू nū
तृ tr	थृ thr	दृ dr	धृ dhṛ	नृ nr
ते te	थे the	दे de	धे dhe	ने ne
तै tai	थै thai	दै dai	धै dhai	नै nai
तो to	थो tho	दो do	धो dho	नो no
तौ tau	थौ thau	दौ dau	धौ dhau	नौ nau
तं taṁ	थं thaṁ	दं daṁ	धं dhaṁ	नं naṁ
तः taḥ	थः thaḥ	दः daḥ	धः dhaḥ	नः naḥ

प pa	फ pha	ब ba	भ bha	म ma
पा pā	फा phā	बा bā	भा bhā	मा mā
पि pi	फि phi	बि bi	भि bhi	मि mi
पी pī	फी phī	बी bī	भी bhī	मी mī
पु pu	फु phu	बु bu	भु bhu	मु mu
पू pū	फू phū	बू bū	भू bhū	मू mū
पृ pr	फृ phr	बृ br	भृ bhr	मृ mr
पे pe	फे phe	बे be	भे bhe	मे me
पै pai	फै phai	बै bai	भै bhai	मै mai
पो po	फो pho	बो bo	भो bho	मो mo
पौ pau	फौ phau	बौ bau	भौ bhau	मौ mau
पं paṁ	फं phaṁ	वं baṁ	भं bhaṁ	मं maṁ
पः paḥ	फः phaḥ	बः baḥ	भः bhaḥ	मः maḥ

य ya	र ra	ल la	व va
या yā	रा rā	ला lā	वा vā
यि yi	रि ri	लि li	वि vi
यी yī	री rī	ली lī	वी vī
यु yu	रु ru	लु lu	वु vu
यू yū	रू rū	लू lū	वू vū
यृ yr	--	लृ lr	वृ vr
ये ye	रे re	ले le	वे ve
यै yai	रै rai	लै lai	वै vai
यो yo	रो ro	लो lo	वो vo
यौ yau	रौ rau	लौ lau	वौ vau
यं yaṁ	रं raṁ	लं laṁ	वं vaṁ
यः yaḥ	रः raḥ	लः laḥ	वः vaḥ

श śa	ष ṣa	स sa	ह ha	क्ष kṣa
शा śā	षा ṣā	सा sā	हा hā	क्षा kṣā
शि śi	षि ṣi	सि si	हि hi	क्षि kṣi
शी śī	षी ṣī	सी sī	ही hī	क्षी kṣī
शु śu	षु ṣu	सु su	हु hu	क्षु kṣu
शू śū	षू ṣū	सू sū	हू hū	क्षू kṣū
शृ śṛ	षृ ṣṛ	सृ sṛ	हृ hṛ	क्षृ kṣṛ
शे śe	षे ṣe	से se	हे he	क्षे kṣe
शै śai	षै ṣai	सै sai	है hai	क्षै kṣai
शो śo	षो ṣo	सो so	हो ho	क्षो kṣo
शौ śau	षौ ṣau	सौ sau	हौ hau	क्षौ kṣau
शं śam	षं ṣam	सं sam	हं ham	क्षं kṣam
शः śaḥ	षः ṣaḥ	सः saḥ	हः haḥ	क्षः kṣaḥ

## THE CONJUNCT CONSONANTS

### संयुक्ताक्षराणि

samyuktākṣarāṇi

- क् + क = क्क अक्का k + ka = kka as in akkā (kka) means mother.
- क् + त = क्त भक्तः k + ta = kta as in bhaktaḥ means devotee.
- क् + म = क्म रुक्मम् K + ma = kma as in rukmam means gold.
- क् + य = क्य वाक्यम् K + ya = kya as in vākyaṃ means sentence.
- क् + र = क्र वक्रम् k + ra = kra as in vakram means crooked.
- क् + ल = क्ल शुक्लम् k + la = kla as in śuklam means white.
- क् + व = क्व पक्वम् K + va = pakvam means ripe.
- क् + ष = क्ष दक्षः k + ṣa = kṣa as in dakṣaḥ means expert.
- क्ष + ण = क्षण तीक्ष्णः kṣ + ṇa = kṣṇa as in tikṣṇaḥ means sharp.
- क्ष + म = क्ष्म सूक्ष्मम् kṣ + ma = kṣma as in sūkṣmam means minute.
- क्ष + य = क्ष्य लक्ष्यम् kṣ + ya = kṣya as in lakṣyaṃ means aim.
- ख् + य = ख्य सख्यम् kh + ya = khya as in sakhyaṃ means friendship.
- ग् + ध = क्ध मुक्धः g + dha = kdha as in mukdhaḥ means fool.
- ग् + न = ग्न मग्नम् g + na = gna as in magnam sunk, immersed.
- ग् + र = ग्र उग्रम् g + ra = gra as in ugram means cruel.
- घ् + न = घ्न विघ्नः gh + na = ghna as in vighnaḥ means obstacle.
- घ् + र = घ्र शीघ्रम् gh + ra = ghra as in śighram means quickly.

ङ् + क = ङ्क अङ्कः ṅ + ka = ṅka as in aṅkaḥ means number.

च् + च = च्च उच्चैः c + ca = cca as in uccaḥ means high.

च् + छ = च्छ गुच्छः c + cha = ccha as in guccaḥ means bunch.

च् + य = च्य वाच्यम् c + ya = cya as in vācyam means meaning.

ज् + ज्ञ = ज्ञ आज्ञा j + ña = jña as in ājñā (jñāa) means order.

ज् + य = ज्य राज्यम् j + ya = jya as in rājyam means kingdom.

ट् + य = ट्य नाट्यम् ṭ + ya = ṭya as in nāṭyam means dance.

ठ् + य = ठ्य पाठ्यम् ṭh + ya = ṭhya as in pāṭhyam means lesson.

त् + त = त्त चित्तम् t + ta = tta as in cittaṃ means mind.

त् + न = त्न रत्नम् t + na = tna as in ratnaṃ means jewel.

त् + र = त्र नेत्रम् t + ra = tra as in netraṃ means eye

थ् + य = थ्य रथ्यः th + ya = thya as in rathyaḥ means horse.

द् + ध = द्ध बुद्धः ḍ + dha = ḍdha as in buddhaḥ scholar or Buddha.

द् + म = द्म सद्म ḍ + ma = ḍma as in sadma means house.

द् + य = द्य पद्यम् ḍ + ya = ḍya as in paḍyam means poem.

द् + र = द्र मुद्रा ḍ + ra = ḍra as in muḍrā (ḍraa) means seal.

द् + र् + य = द्र्य दारिद्र्यम् ḍ + r + ya = ḍrya as in dāriḍryam poverty.

द् + व = द्व विद्वान् ḍ + va = ḍva as in vidvān (ḍvaa) means scholar.

ध् + य = ध्य मध्यः dh + ya = dhya as in madhyaḥ means middle.

न् + त = न्त सन्तः n + ta = nta as in santah great & noble person.

न् + न = न्न अन्नम् n + na = nna as in annam means food.

प् + र = प्र प्रतिमा p + ra = pra as in pratimā means image (idol).

ब् + द = ब्द अब्दः b + da = bda as in abdah means year.

ब्र + र = ब्र ब्रह्मा b + ra = bra as in brahmā means the Creator.

म् + व = म्ब अम्बा m + ba = mba as in ambā (mbaa) means Mother.

म् + भ = म्भ स्तम्भः m + bha = mbha as in stambhah means pillar.

म् + र = म्र ताम्रम् m + ra = mra as in tāmram means copper.

र् + म = र्म कर्म r + ma = rma as in karma means duty.

र् + व = र्व पर्वतः r + va = rva as in parvatah means mountain.

ल् + य = ल्य कल्याणम् l + ya = lya kalyāṇam (kalyaṇam) happiness.

श् + र = श्र मिश्रम् ś + ra = śra as in miśram means mixture.

स् + त + र = स्त्र शास्त्रम् ś + ta + tra = śtra as in śāstram science.

स् + म = स्म विस्मयः s + ma = sma as in vismayaḥ means wonder.

स् + र = स्त्र अस्त्रम् s + ra = sra as in asram means (eye) tear.

ह्र + न = ह्र चिह्नम् h + na = hna as in cihnam means symbol.

ह्र + य = ह्य गुह्य h + ya = hya as in guhya means secret.