

We request your kind notice about our comments on the Proposals:

1. L2/09-141 (Dated; 2009-08-06): Proposal to Encode the Grantham script (revised) by Naga Ganesan, and L2/09-277 which asks for Tamil–Grantham unification.
2. L2/10-256 (Dated; 2010-07-26): Proposal by Sri ramana Sharma to include 26 Grantham characters for “Extended Tamil” in Tamil Unicode
3. L2/09-372 (Dated; 2009-10-27): Proposal by Sri ramana Sarma to Encode the Grantham Scripts.
4. L2/10-426 (Dated; 2010-10-22) – Proposal by Government of India to encode the Grantham script in Unicode.

Comments:

1. On the Proposal L2/09-141 to Encode the Grantham script (revised) by Naga Ganesan (2009-08-06) and L2/09-277 which asks for Tamil–Grantham unification (see Annexure 3 and 4) and Unicode Consortium to include 5 exclusive Tamil Scripts (௪, ஔ, ஐ, ஞ, ள) into the Grantham Scripts:
 - 1.1. In his proposal, Naga Ganesan had openly declared that “*But it is ONLY Tamils who will use the Grantham script. Unicode Consortium will be pleased in a few years’ time, many Tamil script e-mails, e-lists, blogs; newspapers will have words written in Grantha script. So, Tamils will use Grantha script mixing it with Tamil even though Tamil will be more compared to Grantha words/sentences in a Web page*”. Thus, he openly acknowledges his aim to Sanskritize Tamil.
 - 1.2. If Grantham mixed with Tamil scripts, a lot of confusion would arise, for example, similar scripts in Tamil and Grantham, viz., “va” (வ) sounds as “va” in Tamil, and the same “va” (व) sounds as “pa” in Grantham. The student community who are the future torch bearers of their mother tongue Tamil, would be the most affected due to these confusions. Some scripts for example, “ka’ (க), ‘ya’ (ய), ‘ta’ (ட)” etc., produce the same sound in these two languages, would also lead to the confusion of propriety. Even now, some religious fanatics are claiming that the Tamil numerals (௪, ௫, ...) are their belonging, because already Grantham using the whole Tamil numerals and many Tamil scripts.
 - 1.3. If 5 special letters of Tamil included in Grantham, in future, they claim Tamil itself is a branch of Sanskrit, and then they easily Sanskritize everything of Tamil, viz., Scripts, Grammar, literature, etc.
2. On the Proposal L2/10-256 (Dated; 2010-07-26) to include 26 Grantham characters as “Extended Tamil” in Tamil Unicode by Sri ramana Sharma:
 - 2.1. The proposed characters of Sri Ramana Sarma as claimed by himself (5a.), are in current use in Tamil are false. Grantham-based Sanskrit religious texts are never in use.
 - 2.2. There are 110 millions of Tamils spread all over the world. According to Sri ramana Sharma (Sec. C. 4a), “Common in the context of Sanskrit religious books printed in Tamil Nadu used by 10000 persons”, but really they are in thousands only and even these meager amount of persons never use Sanskrit for speaking or writing. Sanskrit books are only in Devanagai and not in Grantham.
 - 2.3. Sanskrit religious books printed in Grantham before 80 years, and were not in use. Grantham itself contains 80% Tamil scripts and 20% of symbols or characters. These 20% of Grantham symbols were specially made to note Sanskrit sounds, which may be equalized by supersets i.e., Tamil scripts with symbols like ostrich etc., when needed for research or reprint.

- 2.4. Some commentaries (“Manipravalam”: A mixed language, 50% Tamil, 50% Sanskrit, and Written in 80% Tamil script and 20% Grantha) were fully transmitted to Tamil by the University of Madras.
 - 2.5. Inscriptions with Grantham letters can be published in Tamil with substituted supersets i.e., Tamil scripts with symbols like ostrich etc.
 - 2.6. In his proposal, the reference of Sri Ramana Sarmato Sankara Mutt of Kancheepuram and SCSVMV University, a University run by the mutt, and only 2 Sanskrit Scholars, who have no relevance and academic excellence to Tamil Language and its scripts!
 - 2.7. The Vedic scholars referred copiously in the proposals by Sriramana Sarma are masters in Devanagari Scripts and not in Grantham. We confirm that the medium of learning in the Sanskrit collages is only in Devanagari and not in Grantham. Even the names of the institutions referred by Sarma including, SCSVMV University run by Kanchi Sankar Mutt are in Devanagari Scripts.
 - 2.8. The temple priests are too unaware of Sanskrit and Devanagari as there is no requirement for their daily temple rituals. They chant “Mantras” only by recitation.
3. Two similar Proposals from Government and an Individual with vested interest!
- a. L2/09-372 (Dated; 2009-10-27) Proposal to Encode the Grantham Scripts by Sri ramana Sarma.
 - b. L2/10-426 Proposal to encode Grantham Scripts in Unicode by Government. Of India/Manoj Jain (Dated 2010-10-18/2010-10-22).
- 3.1 On 6th Septeber 2010, the proposal of Government of India without taking into account the sentiments of Tamils and without consulting the Tamil Scholars and the world Tamil community who are spread all over the world constituting 110 million people, sent proposal to Unicode Consortium without the knowledge of Tamil Nadu Government, asking for unification of 5 exclusive Tamil Scripts (எ, ஓ, ழ, ற, ள) into the Grantham Scripts as was done by Naga Ganesan.
- 3.2 Government Of India has sent the same proposal as a mixer of Sri ramana sarma’s and Naga Ganesan’s Proposals, to make a Grantham Unicode with Tamil’s specific 5 scripts.
- 3.3. Grantham is not at all a language and not in use. If admitted it will be used to pollute Tamil as openly declared by the first proposer Naga Ganesan.
4. We request the Consortium
- i. Not to include 5 Tamil’s specific scripts (எ, ஓ, ழ, ற, ள) into Grantham.
 - ii. Not to include 26 Grantham symbols into Tamil.
 - iii. Not to allot spaces for Grantham, which will be used to spoil Tamil.
- 4.1 The Sanskritization of Tamil by the attempt to include Sanskrit Phonemes through Grantham Scripts in Tamil Unicode will pollute our language.
- 4.2 Grantham is racially, culturally, historically, linguistically, grammatically, and diametrically opposite to our mother tongue Tamil.
- 4.3 Unused spaces of Tamil should not be allotted to Grantham.
- 4.4 It is a linguistically fact that the Sanskritization polluted Tamil which is resulted in the branching out of many dialects. Tamil became endangered language and a new language Malayalam was born recently (12th Century CE).
- 4.5 It is a historic fact that the sanskirtization of Tamil resulted in “Manipravaalam” (polluted language). The great Tamil Scholars fought vehemently and brought back Tamil to its pristine purity.

- 4.6 The unrelated Sanskrit Scripts i.e., Devanagari should not be imposed on Tamil, the most ancient and distinct language which has original scripts from as far back as 5000 years and more.
- 4.7 According to the “Tholkaappiyam” an ancient treatise of Tamil Grammar, the sounds and scripts of other languages should be extracted and substituted with equaling Tamil script, when using foreign words.
- 4.8 If you are allowed to mix Grantham with Tamil or vice versa, it will results in Polluted Tamil language. Over a period of time, Tamil would be superseded by Sanskrit and find place in the list of endangered languages as per UN norms.
5. We also request the consortium to rectify some mistakes already took place. It was made by some one else without the knowledge of Tamil Scholars.
- 5.1 Tamil vowels, consonants, and variants have Tamil names ‘Uyir, Mei, and Sarbu Ezhuththukkal’, whereas the Indian Government’s classification of Tamil Scripts into anuswara, visarga, and virma is based on the Sanskrit will be removed and to be named inTamil.
- 5.2 Even at the initial stage of introducing Tamil, Unicode, Grantham Scripts (ஜ (ja), ஸ (sa), ஶ (sha), ஹ (ha), க்ஷ (Ksha), and including “TAMIL LETTER SHA” with code: U+0BB6 and “Shri” (ஸ்ரீ) with code: U+0BB6/0BCD/0BB0/0BC0). Now, the Grantham Script: (“SHA”) code: U+0BB6 was kept by the Unicode as dormant, because it is not a Tamil letter. These 7 Grantham scripts should be removed.
- 5.3 The living language Tamil and its scripts have already been encoded in Unicode. But Grantham Script is not at all a language spoken by anyone. Grantham used Tamil Scripts and symbols to decipher Sanskrit. Now, Sanskrit is using Devanagari only. Tamil experienced for the past 500 years, polluted by Grantham which has handful of Grantham symbols other than Tamil scripts. After the tremendous work of great Tamil scholars, Grantham letters were removed. So it should not be allotted (SMP or BMP) space in Unicode.
