Gautami Thamizh/Tamil

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This is **NOT** an alphabetic keyboard. It follows the traditional Brāhmī akṣara-based orthographic practice of omitting the inherent அ/schwa in a consonant, e.g. பகடி is keyed in as **pkTi**, not **pakaTi**. It is a mnemonic keyboard with intuitive, easy-to-remember key assignments. Use LeftCtrl + LeftShift + T to turn this keyboard on or off, and LeftAlt + LeftShift + K to invoke or revoke an on-screen keymap.

Here are the latest versions of Keyman for [Windows](), [macOS](), [Android, iphone/ipad]() & [Linux]().

Vowels

Akṣara	Key	Akṣara	Key	Akṣara	Key	Akṣara	Key
அ	a[1]	ஆ	A a[2]	இ	i[1]	ஈ	I i[2]
உ	u[1]	ஊ	U u[2]	எ	e[1]	ஏ	e[2]
ஐ	E	ஒ	o[1]	ஓ	o[2]	ஔ	O

Key	Akṣara	Key	Akṣara	Key	Akṣara	Key	Akṣara
a[1] a[2]	அ ஆ	A	ஆ	i[1] i[2]	இ ஈ	I	ஈ
u[1] u[2]	உ ஊ	U	ஊ	e[1] e[2]	எ ஏ	E	ஐ
		o[1] o[2]	ஒ ஓ	O	ஔ		

CONSONANTS

Akṣara	Key	Akṣara	Key	Akṣara	Key	Akṣara	Key	Akṣara	Key
க	k			ங	m[2]			கூ	X
ச	c	ஜ	j	ஞ	n[3]			ழ்ரீ	z
ட	T			ண	N				
த	t			ந	n[1]	ன	n[2]		
ப	p			ம	m[1]				
ய	y	ர	r	ற	R	ல	l[1]	ழ	l[2]
ள	L	வ	v	ஸ	s[1]	ஶ	s[2]	ஷ	S
ஹ	h	ஃ	H	Soft/hard ◌	.[1-2] \[1-2]	Anusv ◌	x.	ஜ	M
I II	I[1] I[2]	₹$€£(ரூபாஎவ	$[1-7]	நீயாகூ	#[1-4]	உமீஹூ	@[1-3]	ஸை	bkqu

Key	Akṣara	Key	Akṣara	Key	Akṣara	Key	Akṣara	Keys	Akṣara
c	ச	H	ஃ	h	ஹ	k	க	L	ள
l[1] l[2]	ல ழ	M	ஜ	m[1] m[2]	ம ங	N	ண	n[1] n[2]	ந ன
p	ப	R	ற	r	ர	S	ஷ	s	ஸ ஶ
T	ட	t	த	v	வ	x	deadkey	y	ய
$[1-7]	₹$€£(ரூபாஎவ	#[1-4]	நீயாகூ	@[1-3]	உ மீ ஹூ	bkqu	ஸை	I[1] I[2]	I II
		\	Pulli ◌			.[1] .[2]	◌ ◌		

x is a dead key. It yields no output, but breaks a toggle cycle and moves the cursor on to the next character, e.g. **ii** > ஈ but **ixi** > இஇ.

Pressing down and holding the **Right-Alt** key switches the keyboard back to Roman, e.g. **kmla** > கமலா, but typing the same sequence of keys while holding down the **Right-Alt** key yields **kmla**.

[1-7] These are toggle keys. The superscript numbers indicate the position of the akṣara in the toggle cycle, e.g. pressing **n** twice yields the akṣara ன. Press each of these keys several times in a row to see how it works.