A Dravidian decipherment of Indus script

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This publication is for feedback and further elucidation on the basic decipherment for larger community of enthusiast out there in the world. Important documents for understanding Indus script is the corpus created by Asko Parbola and Iravadham Mahadevan's concordance work (here on refered to as M77). We also need the Dravidian Etymological Dictionary (DED) by Burrow and Emaneau. Please download the two PDFs from Internet Archive and you should be ready. There are two excellent software versions of these PDFs: Iravadham Mahadevan's concordance maintained by Roja Muthiah Research Library and Dravidian Etymological Dictionary maintained by Digital South Asia Library of the Chicago University. Another rich source of conjectures and data is the great work of Bryan Wells: The Archaeology and Epigraphy of Indus Writing, Archaeopress, 2025, who also has an excellent online database.

There is also a very rich tradition in the Russian school, especially Alexander Dubyanski, who sadly passed away due to Covid-19. Yuri Knorozov is another great scholar in this tradition and his collected works is here, which includes an attempt at decipherment of IVC signs.

If you want to write documents with Indus signs then you need Asko Parbola's NFM Indus Script font. This document was written in that font, a lovely gift from MVB to me. Now on to the beautiful discovery of the decipherment.

The decipherment became possible with the arrival of the splendid work by MVB in Sasanam: M.V. பாஸ்கர் (Bhaskar), அன்றைய தலைப்பு செய்திகள் (Yesterday's headlines), சிந்துவெளி நாகரீக சிறப்பு வெளியீடு (Indus Valley Civilization Special Issue), கிருஷ்ணகிரி மாவட்ட வரலாற்று ஆய்வு மைய்யம் (Krishnagiri District History Research Center), சாசனம் (Sasanam), 2025.

This laid down the map that lead to all the linkage between graphics and the text, building this beautiful journey of discovery enabled by M.V. Bhaskar, with whom I have been working for the past several years. My learning in art, Brahmi and Indus Script derived from his interactions.

What is decipherment?

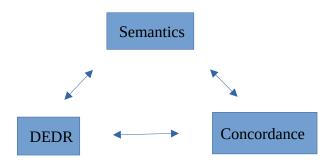
According to Fairservis (1992; page 23-24)¹ decipherment can be summarised as follows:

- 1. Categorize the signs (Topology)
- 2. Find a lexeme in Dravidian which is an ancient root word (DED)
- 3. Should make sense in the context of IVC (Semantics)

¹ The Harappan Civilization and Its Writing: A model for the decipherment of the Indus script. Delhi: Oxford & IBH.

- 4. Should have multiple homophonic possibilties (Rebus)
- 5. Should also make sense in other context as well (concordance)
- 6. Orthography must be noted to consider variations of meaning or as scribal habits (polyvalency)

Key to decipherment is studying the topology of the signs and discovering the rebus principles. Once that is discovered then further on it can be looked on pedantically as the commutative diagram:



Of course, a lot of hard work and walking on three legs. We use M77 to denote Mahadevan's sign numbers, but the glyphs are provided by Asko Parbola's NFM Indus Script font.

Skilled artistry of Indus script

At the core of Indus script lies the mastery of a skilled metallurgist (%?). We will illustrate this with these few examples:

$$\mathcal{T}$$
 $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{T} \mathcal{A} + \mathcal{T} = \text{vēl-aņi-nuran-ūr} = வேல்அணிநுழனூர்}$

The semantic meaning being the town with tailors, jewellery and hunting professions.

The semantic meaning being the mighty great guardian of the township (elevated to kings and gods at later times).

Some important places and townships

This is just indicative of the various kinds of townships and professions, and a deeper quantitaive study is required to obtain their relative importance. What is interesting is that the third one is farmer's town, which doesn't count really as a town, but in Dravidian languages, the term "ūr" seems to cover what we call "village" also.

The symbol for "ūr" ^U is the most important sign in Indus script and it probably derives from the fact that tilling of land melts ("uruku", DEDR 661) the soil through tilling ("uru"). From our deciphered here IVC seems to consider the first and foremost guardian of town is the tiller or the farmer. We envisage everything else developing around it, with other professions being developed around it. The other one "nāṭu" (DEDR 3638) with sign ½ is a region that should be considered

structured entity or place in opposition to "kāṭu" (DEDR 1438), the wild forest or jungle. However. "nāṭu" or "ūr" seems to include hunter's town/country and trapper's town/country, which seems to be part of what is generally considered forest or jungle. So one has to be carefull as to what constitutes a "ūr" or "nāṭu".

| M77 Sign | Glyph | Syllable | DEDR | Description | Tamil |
|----------|-------|------------------|------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| 402 | A | nāṭu | 3638 | country | நாடு |
| 342 | U | ūr | 752 | town | ஊர் |
| 15 | 恭 | uravūr | 688 | working, farming town | உழவூர் |
| 347 | υÜ | vēlūr | - | hunter's town | வேலூர் |
| 358 | UU | chevūr | - | bronze worker town | செவ்வூர் |
| 351 | UV | vēl-nuran-ūr | - | hunter-cloth worker town | வேல்நுழவூர் |
| ? | U\$ | che-palla-ūr | - | bronze-elephant worker town | செவப்பல்லூர் |
| 355 | UW | vēl-palla-ūr | - | hunter-elephant worker town | வேல்பல்லூர் |
| 361 | US | che-ko-ūr | - | herder-bronze worker town | செங்கோவூர் |
| 372 | U | vēl-aṇi-nuran-ūr | - | hunter-jeweller- tailor town | வேல்அணிநுழனூர் |
| 176 | E | añcal, anjīh | 54, 56 | resting place | அஞ்சல், அஞ்சி |
| 254 | þ | paṭṭi | 3848, 3850 | place | பட்டி |
| 245 | | tațți | 3036 | place | தட்டி |
| 137 | X | cēri | 2007 | assembly | சேரி |
| 190 | Ш | pāļaiyam | 4117 | tribal hamlet | பாளயம் |

Numbers

Numbers are treated separately, but they are just like other glyphs, easily welded and affixed to other glyphs, producing a plethora of possibilities.

| M77 Sign | Glyph | Syllable | DEDR | Description | Tamil |
|----------|-------|--------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 86 | | mutal, -al | 4950 | one, primary | முதல், -ல் |
| 87 | | -ar, -ir, iru- | 474, 481 | big, great, eminent, two | ரண்டு, -இர், -ர், இரு- |
| 89 | | mū-, mūn-, mun | 5052, 5020 | mature, in front, eminence, three | மு-, மூன்-, முன்- |
| 95 | | nal-, -nāl, nalla- | 2912 | good, four | நல்−, −நால், நல்ல− |
| 96 | IIII | -ai | 2826 | unite, five | - ஐ |
| 108 | | aru-, -ar | 2485 | river, fort, six | ஆறு, அறு |
| 110 | | eru-, -eru | 910 | rise, fertile, | ஏழு, -எழு |

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| | | | | seven | |
| | Application of | above phonemes | | | |
| 109 | 111 | mumū, mummuram | 4966 | quick | மும்மூ, மும்முரம் |
| 114 | 1111 | nalnal, mummuram | 2912 | very good | மும்மூ, மும்முரம் |
| 112 | 1111 | nalam, ñālam, munnāl | 2913 | land, healthy, before | நலம், நாலம், முன்னால் |
| 116 | 1111 | nallai, nellai | - | rice-field | நல்லை, நெல்லை |
| 121 | 1111 | nal.nel.āl | - | good rice person | நல்நெல்லாள் |
| 120 | ;;; | mū-munamum | - | three generations back | மும்முன்னோனும், மும்முன்னமும் |
| 119 | <i></i> % | i <u>r</u> umāmu | 526 | elated, exulted | இருமாமு |
| 107 | 111 | mūri, mūrā | 5041 | bullock, buffalo | மூரி, மூரா |
| 93 | 11/ | mutalvar | 4950 | chief | முதல்வர் |
| 94 | // | iral, irāl | - | - | -இரல், -இராள் |
| 177 | ‡ | nal-mutal, nalāl | - | good chief, good worker, hard worker | நல்முதல்-, நல்லாள் |

Clitics

Clitics provide sentence structure (the subject and the object). The default reading order is right to left, but before the clitic $\frac{\pi}{2}$ (sign 99), the reading is left to right.

| M77 No. | Glyph | Syllable | Tamil |
|------------|--------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 97 | 1 | -il, -da, -ta, -in | -ட, -டு, -த, -து, -இல், -இன் |
| 99 | 11 | -ra, -ru | -ர, -ரு, -ற, -று |
| 123 | ^y | -yar, -yin | -யர், -யார், யின் |
| 344 | ₩. | ūr-ār | ஊரார் |
| 343 | ij | ūr-il | ஊரில் |

Learn through pun

Following are an indication of the pun that abounds in Indus script, which is termed as the "rebus principle". Of course, it only makes sense if your language is close to ancient Dravidian. For deeper understanding you may have to refer to some of the sign values below this in the section on

"Syllabic development". We only sketch a few, but the Indus script syllabary abounds in such pun. The reduction of number of glyphs required for a writing system for Dravidian language is very much dependent on prudently choosing glyphs that provide highest possible homophony.

| M77 Sign | Glyph | Syllable | DEDR | Description | Tamil |
|----------|---|---|-------------------|--|----------------------|
| 298 |))))) | valai = vala+ai | - |) = vala+5 | ഖல+ഇ=ഖഌെ |
| | "valai". "vala" i | is is "vala" (curves s curves, as well a co,)))) can be furth | s "right", which | fits well with des | cription of right |
| 62 | (₺) | valai-kanni | 5379 | scabbard fish with fang-like teeth | வாளை கன்னி (மீன்) |
| | drawn at the top | is known as the s to elucidate the l he phonetic value | earning. This ex | - | |
| 295 |)} | eri-valai | 902 | Another sharp tooth fish | ஏரி வாளை (மீன்) |
| | | nark, <u>Wallago attu</u> tion: "vālai" ≈ "v leading to one m | alai". The prefix | "eri" comes fron | |
| 63 | (4 ♦) | kanni-pori-valai | - | Trapping of birds | கன்னி-பொறி- வலை |
| | _ | ablet defines the ng it through a po "valai" . The "ka | olysyllabic pun a | | |
| 64 | " (Q4) | valai-kanni | - | The clitic reverses reading order | கன்னி-பொறி- வலை |
| | The clitic sign 6 defines that. | 4 reverses the rea | ding order to the | e right of it. This | learning script |
| 376 | • | pal | - | teeth | பல் |
| | A teeth is in | dicated by the pro | otruding teeth ef | fect, just like in tl | ne fish teeth. |
| 57 | \$ | irumpu | 486 | iron | இரும்பு |
| | Now we have | e triple pun: iru-p | u (two insects) គ | ë erumpu (ant) ≈ | irumpu (iron) |
| 181 | (NF | kottu | 2065, 2064 | pour (sting) | கொட்டு |
| | homophones | ee pincler claws as in Dravidian "ko | ottu". The stingi | ng honey-bee also | is supposed |
| 310 | B | vila-vila | 5424 | tremble with fear | മിഖമിഖ |
| | This cognates with "vavvāl" (DEDR 5370), probably a long-tailed fruit bat, with an eerie shivering scene that it creates. | | | | |

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|----------|-------|-----------|--------------------|--|----------|
| 303 |)(| iţa, | 432 | cleft, gap, split, crack open , slit, breach, chasm | <u> </u> |
| | | Also work | s as "iṭaveḷi" ≈ " | ʻiṭai-valai". | |

Aglutinative logo-graphic structures in Indus script and proof of decipherment

One the simplest assumptions one can enforce in a script is to associate a unique syllable to each sign. The next easy asssumption to make is to consider complex signs through an aglutination of simple base signs. In a society that makes brick & mortar constructions and tinkering of bronze structures, such a process is natural.

There are atleast 417 signs in the Indus script as described in M77 [1]. In this work we shall construct a morphological approach to these ideograms to show how a substantial portion of the signs can be constructed through aglutination of the base signs.

Proof of decipherment is the application of Occam's razor, according to which the most appropriate theory is the one that fits the data with the least underlying principles and core signs. More than this principle, the proof of decipherment is in the pudding, i.e., it should lead to a meaningful semantic reading of the lines without any failure (almost say 95% success, a R.A.Fisher significance value). We shall provide such a proof of decipherment after introducing the signs and their syllabic values.

Base signs

| | M77 Sign | Glyph | Syllable | DEDR | Description | Tamil |
|----------|----------|-------|----------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| M77 Base | | | | | | |
| B 1a | 86 | I | mutal, -al | 4950 | one, primary | முதல், -ல் |
| B 1b | 237 | | mutal | 4951 | base, foot, stump | முதல் |
| B 1c | ? | / | vāļ | 5376 | sword, sharp | வாள் |
| B 1d | ? | \ | cuțți | 2656 | crest, tuff, smart | சுட்டி |
| B 1e | 86-87 | l, Y | nil | 3675 | stand | நில் |
| B 2a | 87 | | -ar, -ir, iru- | 474, 481 | big, great, eminent, two | ரண்டு, -இர், -ர், இரு- |
| B 2b | 124 | 人 | ēr | 2815 | plough | ஏர் |
| B 2c | 125 | λ | ē <u>r</u> u, e <u>r</u> u | 916, 863 | climb, mount, full, strong | ஏறு, எறு |
| B 2d | 126 | λ | cēr | 2814 | join, unite, mingle | சேர் |
| B 2e | 161 | Υ | vilaku | 5423 | diverge | <u></u> ബിலகு |
| B 2f | 365 | V | viri | 5411 | spread, expand, blossom | விரி |

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|----------|----------|---------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| B 2g | 137 | X | cēri | 2007 | village street, assemblage, hamlet | சேரி |
| ВЗа | 89 | Ш | mū-, mūn- | 5052 | mature, three | மு-, மூன்- |
| B 3b | 233 | ₿ | mūmalai | 5052 | three mountain range | மும்மலை |
| В 3с | 230 | М | mumalai | 5052 | three mountain range | மும்மலை |
| B 4 | 95 | III | nal-, -nāl, nalla- | 2912 | good, four | நல்-, -நால், நல்ல |
| B 5 | 96 | IIII | -ai | 2826 | unite, five | - ஐ |
| В6 | 108 | IIIII | aru-, -ar | 2485 | river, fort, six | ஆறு, அறு- |
| В 7 | 110 | IIIIIII | eru-, -eru | 910 | rise, fertile, seven | ஏழு, -எழு |
| B 8a | 1 | * | an | 131, 132 | person | அன் |
| B 8b | 12 | 焚 | uravan | 688 | farmer | உழவன் |
| В9 | 162 | Ψ | vēļ, vēl | 5545, 5536 | chief, spear, trident | ි ඛණ |
| B 10 | 374 | O | -n, no- | 3779, 1159b, 3621, 3621a | minute, thin, night, bug | நொ, நொவு, நொசி, நீர் (துளி) (ப)னி, நள், நல்லு |
| B 11a | 299 | (| ida, idai | 449 | hip, left | இட-, இடை |
| B 11b | 287 |) | vala-, vaļai | 5313, 5314, 5288 | bent, trap, right, net | ഖര, ഖണ, ഖതര, ഖതണ |
| B 11c | 304 | D | vil, viļ | 5422, 5421, 5432, 5433 | bow, call out, sell | ബിல் |
| B 11d | 311 | D | yār, eril | 5156 | harp, music, beauty | யாழ், இசை, எழில், |
| B 11e | 296 | D | vari | 5297 | way | வழி |
| B 11f | 149 | ** | nālvaŗi | 5297 | cross-road | நால்வழி |
| B 12 | 312 | \cap | kuți, kuțai | 1655, 1660 | house, family, lineage, hollow, cavity, penetrate | குடி, குடை |
| B 13 | 328 | U | u, ū | 557, 651, 761 | that, thing, ooze, mortar | ഉ, ഉണ |
| B 14 | 373 | 0 | pa | 3805, 4016, 4124, | sun, pot | பகல், பள்ளம், பானை, பண் |

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|-----------|----------|------------|--|---|--|------------------------|
| WITT Dase | | | | 3884 | | |
| B 15 | 186 | Ħ | kū <u>r</u> u, kuru | 1924, 1921, 1782 | section/division/ share, to proclaim, brilliant | கூறு |
| B 16 | 254 | þ | pați, pațți | 3848, 3850, 3868 | hamlet, village, settlement, rest, roost, step gradee, rank | படி, பட்டி |
| B 17 | 216 | \bowtie | ta (tandi, tondi, tavalai) | 2946, 3110, 3549 | earthen pot | தண்டி, தோண்டி, தவளை |
| B 18 | 59 | \$ | kaṇ, kanni | 1159a, 1166, 1168, 1417, 1483 | eye, bamboo raft, trap, trapper | கண், கன்னி |
| B 19 | 78 | 凌 | pori, puri, pu <u>r</u> ā, pu <u>r</u> a, pū <u>r</u> | 4286, 4334, 4374, 4603 | courage, pride, chicken, pigeon, dove, quail, pheasant | புரி, பொரி, புறா, |
| B 20 | 319 | 6 | muri, mu <u>r</u> i | 4977, 5010, 5008 | twist, twine, tender leaf, shoot, sprout, break, perish | முரி, முறி |
| B 21 | 132 | W | ala, alai | 240 | wave, commotion | அல, அலை |
| B 22a | 134 | \wedge | peru, pēr | 4411 | big, large | பெரு, பேர்- |
| B 22b | 204 | A | meruku, mēruve | 5074, 5094 | shining, pyramid | மெருகு, மேரு |
| B 22c | 205 | A | nal-kompu, nāmpu | 2115, 3649 | good clever, sprout of millet | நால்கொம்பு, நாம்பு |
| B 22d | 261 | \Diamond | kō | 2177, 2178 | mountain, gentry | கோ, கோட்டை |
| B 22e | 201 | | vāyil, vāyal, vācal | 5354 | doorway, entrance | வாயில், வாசல் |
| B 22f | 244 | | a <u>r</u> u, <u>ārr</u> u, a <u>r</u> ai, araņ | 317, 407, 322, 201 | strong, dwellment, camp, room, castle | அறு, ஆறு, அறை, அரண் |
| B 22g | 242 | 田 | māṭi, māḷikai, māṭam | 4796a | mansion, terrace, hall | மாடி, மாளிகை, மாடம் |
| B 22h | 197 | Л | mē, mēṭu, mettai | 5086, 5058, 5069 | top, terrace | மேல், மெத்தை |
| B 22i | 202 | Н | mēṭṭu, mēḍu, metta | 5058, | height, | மேட்டு, மேடு, |

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|------------|----------|-----------|--|------------------------|---|---|
| iii / Busc | | | | 5069 | eminence, hillock, upper storey, storied house | மெத்த |
| B 23 | 245 | ▦ | tațți, tațțu, tațțā <u>n</u> | 3036, 3039 | cloth, wooden frame, hammer, tap | தட்டி, தட்டு, தட்டான் |
| B 24 | 155 | + | ampi | 177 | boat, raft, ship | அம்பி |
| B 25 | 211 | Î | anuppu (ampu), a <u>n</u> pu | 329 (178), 330 | send, love | அனுப்பு, அன்பு |
| B 26 | 83 | *** | irakkam, irappu, irakkam, irappu | 501, 514 | death | இழக்கம், இழப்பு, இறக்கம், இறப்பு |
| В 27а | 50 | À | ațu, āțu | 78, 79, 347, 5152 | be fit, join together, dynamic, enjoy, play, dance, goat | அ டு, ஆடு |
| B 27b | 184 | # | ampalam, aṭaikkaḷam | 173, 79 | village assembly, storage, deposit | அம்பலம், அடைக்கலம் |
| B 28 | 47 | 2 | araṇ, araṇa, araṇai | 201, 203, 204 | fortress, gift, squink | அரண், அரண, அரணை |
| B 29a | 49 | Ĵ | ku <u>r</u> umpu, kulampu | 1844, 1829 | chieftain (ku <u>r</u> umba tribe) | குறும்பு, குளம்பு |
| B 29b | 51 | \$ | māru, mārru, mārri , māran, cira- konṭai-māran- kurumpu | 4834 | barter, strong leader | மாறன், சிற- கொண்டை- மாறன்-குறும்பன் |
| B 29c | 302 | Ϋ́ | mā <u>rr</u> al, mā <u>r</u> u-koļ | 4834 | exchange | மாற்றல், மாறுகொள் |
| B 29d | 129 | ^ | koļ | 2151 | seize, acquire | கொள் |
| B 30 | 127 | 7 | alaku, alanku, aragu | 239, 240, 246, 255 | beak, beauty, grains of paddy | அலகு, அழகு |
| В 30 | 180 | M | koţţu, koţţam | 2063, 2064, 2066 | pour, sting | கொட்டு (தேன்), கொட்டம் |
| B 31 | 249 | 4 | māṭṭu | 4801, 4802 | fasten, put in, fasten, hook, kindle, fire | மாட்டு |
| B 32 | 325 | Ω | ila | 497 | leaf | இ ல |
| B 33 | 54 | * | pu | 4345 | flower, insect, flourish, bloom, create | பூ (பூச்சி) |
| B 34 | 240 | | cil | 1577 | small | சில் |
| B 35 | 257 | 1 | cutti, cuttiyal | 2668 | small hammer | சுத்தி, சுத்தியல் |

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|----------|----------|------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| B 36 | 192 | M | paḷḷi | 4018 | hamlet, herdsman's village | பள்ளி |
| В 37а | 190 | III | toţţi, pāļaiyam | 3485, 4117 | fence, army camp, village surrounded by hillocks | பாளயம் |
| B 37b | 189 | Ш | toţţi, tōţţi, ţōţal, ţōŗnā | 3485, 3547 | fence, rake | தொட்டி, தோட்டி, தோடல், தோர்னா |
| В 38а | 76 | 34 | cē, cēval | 1931, 2818 | red, bronze, cock | சே, செம்மை, சேவல், |
| B 38b | ? | | cē, cēviran | 1977 | red, ear, red- eared hare | சே, செவி, செவியன் |

Syllabic development

We outline from top to bottom how the syllabary is slowly developed from simple to complex glyphs. Happy journey!

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|-------------|---------------|---------------|--|------------|--|--|
| 1 | 大 | B8a | an | 131, 132 | person | அன் |
| | 大大 | B8a+B8a | an(n)-an | 131, 132 | brother | அண்ணன் |
| 2 | 太 | B1+B8a+B1 | kāvalan | 1417, 1416 | security guard | காவலன் |
| 25 | 利 | B8a.B1 | mutalvan | 4950 | chief | முதல்வன் |
| 26 | l X ll | B4.B1a.B8a | nal-mutalvan | - | good chief | நல்முதல் வ ன் |
| 3 | * | B8a.B1a | aṇṇal, āḷ | 110, 399 | great man, servant, slave, soldier, messenger | அண்ணல், ஆள் |
| 4 | * | (B10.B1a).B8a | nāṭaṇ, nāṭṭān | 3638 | ruler, country man | நாட்டன், நாட்டான் |
| 5 | 霁 | B10.B8a.B5 | nāṇmai (nāṭanႍ-ai) | 3639 | relationship | நாண்மை |
| 6 | 失 | B1c.B8a | cuţţi-a <u>n</u> | 2656, 2655 | intelligent person | சுட்டியன் |
| 7 | * | B1c.B8a | valian, vallavan, vallān, vallāļan | 5276 | strong, skilled man | ഖலിயன், ഖல்லவன், ഖல்லான், ഖல்லாளன் |
| 18 | # | B1*.B8a | valiyan, vallavan, vallān, vallāļan | 5276 | strong, skilled man | வலியன், வல்லவன், வல்லான், வல்லாளன் |

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| 162 | Ψ | В9 | vēļ, vēl | 5545, 5536 | chief, spear, trident | ි ඛණ |
| 8 | * | B9.B8a | vēlan, vēṭan | 5545, 5368, 5527 | chief, lance fighter, hunter | வேலன், வேடன் |
| 21 | 犬 | B9.B8a | vēlan, vēṭan | 5545, 5368, 5527 | chief, lance fighter, hunter | வேலன், வேடன் |
| 176 | וחחו | B5.B1a | vanjī, anjih, añcal | 5265, 56, 54 | paddy, rice, to take on shoulder, resting place | வஞ்சி, அஞ்சி, அஞ்சல் |
| 19 | \# | (B5.B1a).B8a | añcalan | 56, 54 | transport worker | அஞ்சலன் |
| 20 | *** | (B5.B1a). (B8a.B1a) | añcalāļ | 56, 54 | transport worker | அஞ்சலாள் |
| 21 | <u>ڳ</u> | B9.B8a | vēlan, vēṭan | 5545, 5368, 5527 | chief, lance fighter, hunter | வேலன், வேடன் |
| 22 | * | B3.B8a | munnavan | 5020 | the first one | முன்னவன் |
| 23 | ∤* | (B3.B1).B8a | mutalvan | 4950 | chief | முதல்வன் |
| 24 | ** | (B3.B1) ² .B8a | mutal-mutalvan | 4950 | first chief | முதல்-முதல்வன் |
| 38 | 衆 | (B5.B1a).B8a | añcalan | 56, 54 | transport worker, dancer/entert ainer? | வஞ்சியன் |
| 9 |)*() | B11b.(B9.B8a) | valai-vēlan, valaiyan | 5288 | animal trapper | வலையன் |
| 12 | 夾 | B8b | uravan | 688 | farmer | உழவன் |
| 13 | 办 | B8b.B1a | uravāļ | 688 | farm worker | உழவாள் |
| 14 | 众 | B22a.B8b | pēr-uṛavan | 688 | big farmer | பேர் உழவன் |
| 15 | 恭 | B8b.(B13.B2) | uravūr | 688 | working, farming town | உழவூர் |
| 27 | ** | B11a.B8a | valaiyan | 5288 | trapper, fisherman | ഖതാധങ് |
| 35 | 知 | (B13.B2).B8a | uravan | 688 | farmer | உழவன் |
| 37 | 刘 | B11a*.B8a | valaiyan | 5288 | trapper, fisherman | வலையன் |
| 39 | 夫 | B1c.B8a | aṇṇal | 110 | great man, chief | அண்ணல் |
| 41 | な | B22a*.B8a | kīṛān, ciruvan | 1621, 1594 | poor, boy | கீழான், சிறுவன் |
| 42 | \$ | (B15.(B1) ²).B8a | pallan | 3986a | mahout | பல்ல(ഖ)ன் |
| 43 | ₩ | B8a.B1b | aṭiyavana, aṭiyāna, aṭiyōna, mutalvan | 72, 4951 | slave, chief | அடியன், முதல்வன் |

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| 54 | * | B33 | pu | 4345 | flower, insect, flourish, bloom, create | பூ (பூச்சி) |
| 55 | * | B33.B1a | pol | 4550 | flowering, flourishing, blooming, creating | பொலி, பொலிவு |
| 374 | 0 | B10 | -n | 1159b, 3621, 3621a | night, bug | நீர் (துளி), (ப)னி, நள், நல்லு |
| 410 | 8 | B10.B10 | ñāṇ, nān | 2908, 3639 | string, me | நாண், நான் |
| 415 | 8 | (B10) ³ | nānnan | 2908, 3639 | twiner | நாணன் |
| 417 | 8 | (B10.B1a) ³ | nalnelāļ | - | good farmer | நல்நெல்லாள் |
| 412 | 8- | (B10) ² .B16 | nāṅkuru | 2906 | earthworm | நாண்குழு |
| 186 | Ħ | B15 | kū <u>r</u> u, kuru | 1924, 1921, 1782 | section/ division/ share, to proclaim, brilliant | கூற <u>ு</u> |
| 299 | (| B11a | ida, idai | 449 | hip, left | இட-, இடை |
| 301 | (| B11a.B10 | idayan | 450 | herder, herdsman | இடையன் |
| 287 |) | B11b | vala-, vaļai | 5313, 5314, 5288 | bent, trap, right, net | ഖര, ഖണ, ഖതര, ഖതണ |
| 288 |) | B11b.B1* | valacal | 5278 | emigration, flight | வலச்சல் |
| 298 |))))) | B11b+B5 | valaicci, valaiyacci | 5288 | surround, trap, hunter | வளைச்சி, வலையச்சி |
| 293 |) | B11b+B10 | valaiyan | 5288 | animal trapper (short form) | வலை வேலன், வலையன் |
| 303 |)(| B11b+B11a | ița, ițavai | 432, 434 | narrow way | இட, இடவை |
| 187 | Ħ) | (B11a+B1).B15 | kutai-kuru | 1714 | notch at end of bow | குதைகூரு |
| 312 | ^ | B12 | kuți, kuțai | 1655, 1660 | house, family, lineage, hollow, cavity, penetrate | குடி, குடை |
| 313 | ନ | (B12) ² | kuțir | 1655 | house, family | குடிர் |
| 314 | UCU | (B12) ³ | kuṭima | 1655 | house, family | <u>சு</u> ம |
| 315 | Gest Cos | (B12) ⁷ | kuți-ē <u>r</u> u | 1655 | immigration | குடிஏறு |
| 316 | Ĥ. | B15*.B13 | kurhu-kuți | 1785-1655 | deer/ | குர்ரு-குடி |

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| 3 | | | | | antelope- shelter | |
| 317 | $\langle \cdot \rangle$ | (B3.B2).B12 | mūri-kuṭi | 5041-1655 | buffalo- shelter, barn | மூரி-குடி |
| 318 | A | B11f.B22a .B12 | nāl-vari-peru-kuți | 1655 | cross-way- big-shelter | நால்வழி-பெருங்குடி |
| 395 | Å | B3.(B12.B4) | mu-kūṭal | 1882 | three-way- river-join | முக்கூடல் |
| 328 | U | B13 | u/ū | 651, 761 | other, thing, ooze, mortar | உ, ஊ, உரல், உறி |
| ? | U | B13.B1 | uļ | 697, 698 | to have, inside | உள், உள்ள |
| 32 | ☆ ∪ | B13.B8a | uvan | ? | person between two | உவன் |
| 32 | 划 | (B1.B13).B8a | uḷḷava <u>n</u> | 698 | rich | உள்ளவன் |
| 330 | U | B13.B3 | mū-ū(r) | - | triple-town | மூவூ |
| 338 | D | B13.B3 | mū-ū(r) | - | triple-town | மூவூ |
| 339 | ভ | B22h.(B13.B3) | mēl-mū-ū(r) | - | up triple- town | மேல் மூவூ |
| 332 | * | B13.B5 | oy, uy- | 984 | forward, guide, send (boat) | உய் |
| 336 | W | B13.B1.B10 | uṭaṇ | 945 | with, consent, immediately | உடன் |
| 337 | Ж | (B13.B1.B10).B5 | uṭantai | 945 | union, alliance, | உடன்தை |
| 333 | Ж | B13.B2 | ūm | 748 | swim, wind | உளம் |
| 334 | Ŷ | B22a.B13.B3 | per-ūm | 945 | windy | பெரு-ஊம் |
| 335 | Ж | B13.B1.B5 | ūṭṭam | 600 | food - birds, animals | உளட்டம் |
| 342 | U | B13.B2 | ūr (ural, u <u>r</u> i) | 752 (651, 708) | town, village | ஊர் (உரல், உறி) |
| 347 | Ű | B9.B13 | vēlūr | - | hunter's town | வேலூர் |
| 358 | P. | B38b.B13 | cevūr | - | bronze worker's town | செவ்வூர் |
| 344 | Ü | (B13.B2).B2 | ūr-ar | - | important sign with clitics | ஊரார் |
| 343 | Ţ | (B13.B2).B1 | ūr-il | - | important sign with clitics | ஊரில் |
| 32 | | B13.B8a | uvan | - | youth | யுவன் |

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| 34 | 灿 | (B13.B1).B8a | uḷḷavaṇ | 697 | rich | உள்ளவன் |
| 373 | 0 | B14 | pa | 3805, 4016, 4124, 3884 | sun, pot | பகல், பள்ளம், பானை, பண் |
| 375 | 0 | B14.B1 | pal, pala | 3986a | teeth, many | ഥ ര്, ഥര |
| 386 | ① | B14.B1* | poli, poļi | 4550, 4560 | prosperous, chisel | பொலி, பொளி |
| 379 | 0 | B14.B3 | pammu, pollam | 3934, 4554 | to baste, to yarn, stitch, joining | பம்மல், பொல்லம் |
| 324 | \$ | (B14) ² * | piṇṇu | 4207 | entwine, plait, weave | பின்னு |
| 384 | ♦ | B14.B1* | pallā | 3986a, 1045 | elephant | பல்லா (யானை) |
| 391 | ⊗ | B14.B1* | pallā | 3986a, 1045 | elephant | பல்லா (யானை) |
| | Depicted | by the ornamental o | val-shaped plate that is fixe | ed on it's forehead | 1 | |
| 392 | ; ⊕; | B4.(B14.B2) | nal-pallar (nalla- palla-iru) | - | good mahout | நல் பல்லர் |
| 393 | A | (B14.B2).B12 | pallar-kuți | 1655 | mahout hamlet | பல்லர்குடி |
| 403 | 00 | B14.B2 | pa <u>r</u> ai, pa <u>rr</u> u | 4031, 4032, 4034 | announcemen t (sale) with a drum beat | பறை, பற்று |
| 407 | ₩ | B14.B3 | pulam, pollam, pollar | 4303, 4554 | arable land, stitching, tailor | புலம், பொல்லம், பொல்லர் |
| 406 | ₩ | (B14.B1) ² | paļapaļa | 4012 | glittering, well-oiled | பளப்பள |
| 404 | :00: | B4.(B14.B2) | nal-pa <u>r</u> ai | | good announcemen t | நல்ல பறை |
| 387 | Ψ | B9.B14 | vēlappa | | worker, hunter | வேலப்பன் |
| 389 | ② | B14.B3* | pañ-nilam | 3837 | ploughed land | பண்னிலம் |
| 254 | þ | B16 | pați, pațți | 3848, 3850, 3868 | hamlet, village, settlement, rest, roost, step gradee, rank | படி, பட்டி |
| 216 | \bowtie | B17 | ta (tandi, tondi, tavalai) | 2946, 3110, 3549 | earthen pot | தண்டி, தோண்டி, தவலை/தவளை |
| 217 | \bowtie | B17.B17 | toṭal, todu, toṭu | 3480, 3482 | touch, begin, join, to wear, dress-up | தொடல், தொடு |
| 53 | 000 | B17.B10 | taņ, tāvu | 3045, 3177 | grace, love, | தன், தாவு, தவளை |

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| | | | | | jump, luxuriant, tread gently | |
| 219 | % | B17.B5 | tai | 3473 | stitch, weave, nail, join | தை |
| 221 | K | B17.B1 | taiyal | 3475 | beauty, woman | தையல் |
| 222 | × | B17.B1 | taļ, tadu, toļ | 3123, 3105, 3516 | obstruct, stop beat, crush, old, ancient | தள், தொள் |
| 223 | N\$ | (B3.B3).B17 | mumuta | 4954 | grand-parent | மும்மூத |
| 229 | K | B17.B12c | tar, tāri | 3178 | bow down | தாழு, தாழி |
| 36 | ** | B17.B8a | -tan | _ | thy/thine | -தன் |
| ? | 0 | B14.B10 | pān | 4068 | song, melody | பாண் |
| 396 | 9 | B14.B10.B1 | pāṇal | 4071 | rice-field | பாணல் |
| 31 | ‡ © | B14.B10.B8a | pāṇan | 4068 | tamil bard | பாணன், பாடுபவன் |
| 40 | 太 | (B14.B2).B8a | pa <u>r</u> aiya <u>n</u> | 4032 | drummer | பறையன் |
| 59 | \$ | B18 | kaṇ, kanni | 1159a, 1166, 1168, 1417, 1483 | bamboo raft, trap, trapper | கண், கன்னி |
| 60 | 烩 | B4.B18 | nalla-kanni | - | good vehicle, good trapper | நல்ல கன்னி |
| 67 | À | B19* | kondu, kõnda, gõnde | 2053, 2216 | bull, with | கொடு (கொண்டு), கோண்டே, கொண்டே, கொண் ட |
| 72 | \$ | B18.B1* | kōl | 2238 | boat, raft | கோல் |
| 70 | | B18.B1 | kāl | 1483 | cart | கால் |
| 65 | \$ | B22a.B19 | peru-kanni | | big boat, big | பெருங்கன்னி |
| 75 | Q | B22a.(B19.B5) | peru-ka <u>n</u> ai | 1404 | intense, abundance | பெருங்கனாய் |
| 69 | ¥ | B18.B4 | kannal | 1305, 1415 | vessel, ship | கண்ணல் |
| 66 | 谂 | B4.(B22a.B18) | nal-peru-kanni | - | great good gentleman | நல்பெருங்கன்னி |
| 58 | Ŷ | B18* | muttu | 4959, 4932, 4957 | pearl, excellent, praiseworthy | முத்து |
| 78 | A | B19 | pori, puri, pu <u>r</u> ā, pu <u>r</u> a, pū <u>r</u> | 4286, 4334, 4374, 4603 | courage, pride, chicken, pigeon, dove, quail, pheasant | புரி, பொரி, புறா, |

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| 77 | Å | B19.B10 | paraņ- | 4020 | bird farming, sustainer | பரண்- (பறந்தூர்) |
| 79 | Ā | B1d.(B19.B8a) | cuțți-paraņ | 2655-4020 | crested pheasant | சுட்டி பரண்- (பறந்தூர்) |
| 80 | ¥ | B19.B19 | paraparaṇ | 3949 | bird farming, pigeon messenger? | பறப்பரன் |
| 81 | (4) | B11b.B19 | valai-pori | - | trapping bird | வலைபொரி |
| 319 | 6 | B20 | muri, mu <u>r</u> i | 4977, 5010, 5008 | twist, twine, tender leaf, shoot, sprout, break, perish | முரி, முறி |
| 134 | \land | B22a | peru, pēr | 4411 | big, large | பெரு, பேர்- |
| 204 | A | B22b | meruku, mēruve | 5074, 5094 | shining, pyramid | மெருகு, மேரு |
| 205 | A | B22c | nal-kompu, nāmpu | 2115, 3649 | good clever, sprout of millet | நால்கொம்பு, நாம்பு |
| 206 | T | B3.B22b | mū-mēññal, mū- mēval | 5097, 5096 | long-lasting plough/desire | மூமேன்னல், மூமேவல் |
| 207 | ¦ ∆ ; | B4.(B3.B22b) | nal-mū-mēññal, nal-mū-mēval | 5097, 5096 | good long- lasting plough/desire | நல்மூமேன்னல், நல்மூமேவல் |
| 209 | Δ | B22b*.B1 | mēval | 5096 | join, unite | மேவல் |
| 210 | A | B22b.B1 | mēyccal | 5093 | grazing, pasture | மேய்ச்சல் |
| 261 | \Diamond | B22d | kō | 2177, 2178 | mountain, gentry | கோ, கோட்டை |
| | | | e the Gond people (gōnde, having kings in Sumeria | DED 2216) of the | mountains, reinforce | d by the West |
| 30 | 於 | B22d.B8a | kōvan | | herder, herdsman, gentry | கோவன் |
| | Cattle clas | ss that eventually be | comes the ruling gentry | | | |
| 267 | \Display | B22d.B22d* | kōṭṭa, kōṭu | 2207, 2053, 2203, 2200 | gift, munificence, fort, gentry (west wind, western practice of having kings in Sumeria), horn | கொட, கோட்ட, கொடு, கொம்பன் |
| 272 | Ö | B22d.B5 | kōṭai, koṭai | 2207, 2049 | fort, gift | கோட்டை |
| 271 | ♦ | B22d.B3 | kōṭṭam | 2058 | cattle-shed | கோட்டம் |
| 277 | \Diamond | B22d.B1 | kōṭṭāḷ | - | fort guard | கோட்டாள் |

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| 201 | | B22e | vāyil, vāyal, vācal | 5354 | doorway, entrance | வாயில், வாசல் |
| 244 | | B22f | a <u>r</u> u, ā <u>rr</u> u, a <u>r</u> ai, araņ | 317, 407, 322, 201 | strong, dwellment, camp, room, castle | அறு, ஆறு, அறை, அரண் |
| 242 | 田 | B22g | māṭi, māḷikai, māṭam | 4796a | mansion, terrace, hall | மாடி, மாளிகை, மாடம் |
| 243 | ΗU | B22g.B13 | māṭu | 4798 | ox | மாடு |
| 197 | П | B22h | mē, mēṭu, mettai | 5086, 5058, 5069 | top, terrace | மேல், மெத்தை |
| 198 | A | B22h.B3 | mē-mū | 5086 | higher maturity | സേന |
| 199 | 出 | B22h.B9 | mē-vēl | 5086 | excellent hunter | மேவேல் |
| 200 | <u>_</u> | B4.B22h | nal-mēl | 5086 | good excellence | நல்மே |
| 402 | A | (B10-B4).B1* | nāṭu | 3638 | country (as a contrast to forest) | நாடு |
| 245 | III | B23 | tațți, tațțu, tațțā <u>n</u> | 3036, 3039 | cloth, wooden frame, hammer, tap | தட்டி, தட்டு, தட்டான் |
| 246 | <u> </u> | B23.B1 | taṭṭiyal | 3036 | smithey | தட்டியல் |
| 296 | D | B11c | vari | 5297 | way | வழி |
| 149 | | B11d | nālva <u>r</u> i | 5297 | cross-road | நால்வழி |
| 297 | ð | B6.B11c | aruva <u>r</u> i | 5297 | six-way crossing | அறுவழி, ஆறுவழி |
| 135 | \wedge | B22a.B11c | peruvari | 5297 | big way | பெருவழி |
| 136 | | B5.B22a.B11c | aim perumva <u>r</u> i | 5297 | five big way | ஐம் பெருவழி |
| 153 | Ŷ | B22a.B1 | poruļ, poruļi, poraļ | 4544 | rich, wealthy, high position, handsome | |
| 155 | + | B24 | ampi | 177 | boat, raft, ship | அம்பி |
| 156 |)+(| B12b.B24.B12a | iṭa-ampi | 432, 177 | furrowing boat, power boat | இடஅம்பி |
| 211 | Ŷ | B25 | anuppu (ampu), a <u>n</u> pu | 329 (178), 330 | send, love | அனுப்பு, அன்பு |
| 212 | 쒸 | B24*.B25 | mitavai-anuppu | 4841 | send boat | மிதவை அனுப்பு |
| 195 | A | B22i.B8a | mēlan | 5086 | superior | மேலன் |

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| 196 | | B22i.B22i.B8a | mēl-mēlan | 5086 | excellent | மேன்மேலன் |
| 213 | 平 | (B25.B24)* | varu-ampi | 5270, 177 | receive boat | வரு அம்பி |
| 83 | *** | B26 | irakkam, irappu, irakkam, irappu | 501, 514 | death | இழக்கம், இழப்பு, இறக்கம், இறப்பு |
| 50 | À | B27a | ațu, āțu | 78, 79, 347, 5152 | be fit, join together, dynamic, enjoy, play, dance, goat | அ டு, ஆடு |
| 184 | | B27b | ampalam, aṭaikkaḷam | 173, 79 | village assembly, storage, deposit | அம்பலம், அடைக்கலம் |
| 124 | λ | B2b | ēr | 2815 | plough | ஏர் |
| 125 | Χ | B2c | ē <u>r</u> u, e <u>r</u> u | 916, 863 | climb, mount, full, strong | ஏறு, எறு |
| 126 | Х | B2d | cēr | 2814 | join, unite, mingle | சேர் |
| 161 | Υ | B2e | vilaku | 5423 | diverge | ഖിலகு |
| 137 | X | B2x | cēri | 2007 | village street, assemblage, hamlet | சேரி |
| 138 | ♦ | B22a.B2x | perum-cēri | 2007 | big assemblage | பெரும் சேரி |
| 139 | ∇ | B22i.B2x | mēl-cēri | 2007 | high assemblage | மேல் சேரி |
| 140 | ","" | (B4.B2).B2x | nal-iru-cēri | - | good big assemblage | நல்லிருச்சேரி |
| 141 | * | B2x.B11e | cēri-va <u>r</u> i | - | road to assemblage | சேரிவழி |
| 142 | ** | B22i.B2x.B11e | mēl-cēri-va <u>r</u> i | - | road to high assemblage | மேல்சேரிவழி |
| 143 | ".X". | (B4.B2). (B2x.B11e) | nal-iru-cēri-va <u>r</u> i | - | road to good big assemblage | நல்லிருச்சேரிவழி |
| 144 |)**(| B11b.B2x.B11e.B1 1a | ițai-cēri-va <u>r</u> i | - | road to herder assemblage | இடைச்சேரிவழி |
| 145 | ₩. | (B2x.B11e). (B5.B1) | cēri-vari-vanjih | - | road to assemblage resting place | சேரிவழிவஞ்சி |
| 146 | 38 | B2x.B10 | nān-cēri | - | thread maker assemblage | நாண்சேரி |
| 147 | * | B2x.B10 | nān-cēri? | - | thread maker | நாண்சேரி? |

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| | | | | | assemblage | |
| 158 | X | B2x.B1 | nēr-cēri | 2007 | just assembly | நேர்-சேரி |
| 159 | * | B22a.(B2x.B10) | perum-cēral | 2007 | great assemblage | பெரும் சேரல் |
| 160 | 4 | (B2x.B10).(B10- B4.B1*) | cēral-nāţu | 2007 | country assembly | சேரல் நாடு |
| 47 | 2 | B28 | araṇ, araṇa, araṇai | 201, 203, 204 | fortress, gift, squink | அரண், அரண, அரணை |
| 48 | N ₌ | B4.B28 | nal-araṇ, araṇ- nal-, a <u>r</u> a-nal- | - | good defence, good fort, good gift | நல் அரண், அரநல்-, அறநல்- |
| 48-1187 | 2 | B28.B3 | a <u>r</u> am | 311 | virtue, moral duty | அறம் |
| 113 | (!!!) | B11a.(B4.B3).B11b | viļai-ñālam | 5437, 2913 | fertile land | விளை நாலம் |
| 415 | 8 | (B10.B1) ³ | mū-pala | 7- | important many | முப்பல |
| ? | E | B4.B1 | nal-inai, nāl-inai | - | good joining, joining four | நல்லிணை, நாலிணை |
| 49 | Î | B29a | ku <u>r</u> umpu, ku <u>l</u> ampu | 1844, 1829 | chieftain (kurumba tribe) | குறும்பு, குளம்பு |
| 51 | B | B29b | māru, mārru, mārri , māran, cira- konțai-māran- kurumpu | 4834 | barter, strong leader | மாறன், சிற- கொண்டை-மாறன்- குறும்பன் |
| 302 | ĸ | B29c | mā <u>rr</u> al, mā <u>r</u> u-koļ | 4834 | exchange | மாற்றல், மாறுகொள் |
| 129 | ^ | B29d | koļ | 2151 | seize, acquire | கொள் |
| 130 | 1 | B29d.B1 | koļal | 2151 | exchange, buy/sell | கொள்ளல், கொள்முதல் |
| 148 | 55 | B2x.(B29d.B1) | cērukoļal | 5297, 2151 | exchange together | சேர்ந்துகொள்ளல் |
| 237 | | B1b | mutal | 4951 | base, foot, stump | முதல் |
| 238 | В | B1b.B11e | mutal-vari | 4951 | eminent way | முதல்வழி |
| 239 | E | B1b.(B34.B2) | mutal-ci <u>r</u> a | 4951, 2589 | first eminent | முதல் சிற |
| 304 | D | B11c | vil, viļ | 5422, 5421, 5432, 5433 | bow, call out, sell | ഖിல் |
| 305 | (° | B11c.B5 | viļai | 5437 | productive, mature | ഖിഞ്ഞ |
| 127 | ٦ | B30 | alaku, alanku, aragu | 239, 240, 246, 255 | beak, beauty, grains of paddy | அலகு, அழகு |
| 306 | F | B30.(B11c.B3) | araku- v ilam | - | good home | அழகு வி இல்லம் |

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| 307 | B | B11c.B1 | viļampu | 5433, 5434 | proclaim openly, serve food | விளம்பு |
| 17 | * | B1c.B8a | villava <u>n</u> | 5422 | archer | മി ல்லவன் |
| 28 | X 0 | (B11c.B1c).B8a | viļampan | 5434 | one who superintends the distribution | விளம்பன் |
| 29 | SAD. | (B11c.B1c).B8a. (B11c.B1c) | viļamp.an.viļampu | 5434 | one who superintends the distribution | விளம்பன்விளம்பு |
| 310 | B | B11c.B11c* | vila-vila | 5424 | tremble with fear | <u>ର୍</u> ଗାରତ୍ରୀର |
| 397 | þ | B10.B1 | aṇi, aṇiyal, maṇi- | 116, 4672 | jewel, pearl necklace | அணி, அணியல், மணி, முத்து மாலை |
| 398 | \$ | B22a.(B10.B1) | peru-aṇi(yal) | 116 | big pearl necklace | பெரு அணி |
| 377 | ¦•• | B4.(B10.B1). (B14.B1) | nal-aṇi-pala | - | many good pearl necklaces | நல் அணி பல |
| 233 | B | B3b | mumalai | - | three mountain range | மும்மலை |
| 235 | \\\\ | B3b.B9 | mumalai-vēl | - | three mountain hunter | மும்மலை வேல் |
| 180 | (1) | B30 | koţţu, koţţam | 2063, 2064, 2066 | pour, sting | கொட்டு (தேன்), கொட்டம் |
| 181 | (AF | B30 | koţţu | 2063, 2064 | pour, sting | கொட்டு |
| 169 | Ÿ | B4*.B3 | nilam | 3676 | land, ricefield | நிலம் |
| 171 | " | B4*.B5 | nilai | 3675 | firm, stable | நிலை |
| 173 | # | B2.(B4*.B5) | irunilai | 3675 | very firm, stable | இருநிலை |
| 174 | | B2.(B4*.B3) | iru-nilam | 481, 3676 | great/vast land | இருநிலம் |
| 88 | | B4.B2 | nal-iru | 3610, 480 | fine life | நல்லி ரு |
| 176 | ш | B5.B1 | vanjī, anjih, añcal | 5265, 56, 54 | paddy, rice, to take on shoulder, resting place | வஞ்சி, அஞ்சி, அஞ்சல் |
| 166 | Ţ | B9.(B5.B1) | vēl-vanjī | - | hunter's lair | வேல்வஞ்சி |
| 167 | * | B9.B2 | vēļir | 5545 | chief | வேளிர் |
| 168 | # | B9.B7 | vevvē <u>r</u> u | 5548 | several | வெவ்வேறு |

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| 170 | F | B4.(B10-B4.B1*) | nal-nāṭu | 3638 | good country | நல்நாட <u>ு</u> |
| 249 | Ь | B31 | māṭṭu | 4801, 4802 | fasten, put in, fasten, hook, kindle, fire | மாட்டு |
| 253 | ф | B31.B1 | māṭṭal | 4802 | necklace | மாட்டல் |
| 252 | Ē | B31.B3 | mā <u>rr</u> am (māṭṭu + mū) | 4834 | exchange, barter | மாற்றம் |
| 182 |) M | B12a.B2, B12a.B11e.B2 | iṭaiyar, iṭa-vari-er | 450 | herder, guide | இடையர், இடவழியர் |
| 178 | A, | B*.B3 | kalappai, kalam | 1304 | plough, vessel, ship | கலப்பை, கலம் |
| 323 | ۵ | B32* | il, ila | 494, 497 | non- existence, leaf | இல் |
| 325 | \(\triangle\) | B32 | ila | 497 | leaf | D an |
| 326 | \$ | B32.B5 | ilai, iļai | 497, 496, 513 | leaf, young | இலை, இலஞ்சி |
| 327 | | B32. B11e.B8a | iļava <u>r</u> ian, ci <u>r</u> a- kontai-iļaiāl | - | excellent horticulturali st, excellent young chief | சிற-கொண்டை- இலையாள் |
| 76 | 7 | B38a | cē, cēval | 1931, 2818 | red, bronze, cock | சே, செம்மை, சேவல் |
| 311 | D | B11d | yār, eril | 5156 | harp, music, beauty | யாழ், எழில், இசை |
| 400 | × | B10.B1.B10 | nuran | 3714, 3715 | penetrate, stitch | நுழு-, நுழன், நுழம்பு, நுளம்பு |
| 219 | X | B17.B5 | tai (ta + kaccai) | 3473 | sew, stitch | தை |
| 214 | M | B2.B17 | irutai | 481, 3473 | strong stitch, good tailor | இருதை |
| ? | 4 | B34* | cī, cīpu, cil, calli | 2599, 2622, 1577, 2382 | cleanse, wooden peg, splinter | சீ, சிப்பு, சில் |
| 240 | | B37 | cil | 1577 | small | 矛畝 |
| 241 | \Q | B2.B37 | ci <u>r</u> a | 2589 | eminent, illustrious | சிற- |
| 381 | ② | (B37.B2).B14 | ci <u>r</u> appu | 2589 | eminent, illustrious | சிறப்பு |
| 256 | 甲 | B1e.(B37.B2) | nērci <u>r</u> a | 3772 | just and eminent | நேர்சிற |
| 266 | • | (B4. (B37.B2)).B22d | nērci <u>r</u> a-kō | 2177 | just and eminent leader | நேர்சிற கோ |
| 215 | MA | B17*.B2.B18 | ci <u>r</u> antōr, ci <u>r</u> uttai | 2589, 2590 | great, | சிறந்தோர், சிறுத்த, |

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| | | | | | illustrious, panther, leopard | சிறுத்தை |
| 258 | | B34.B2.B5 | cīrmai | 2624 | excellence, greateness | சீர்மை |
| 257 | 1 | B35 | cutti, cuttiyal | 2668 | small hammer | சுத்தி, சுத்தியல் |
| 259 | 1 | B35 | cutti, cuttiyal | 2668 | small hammer | சுத்தி, சுத்தியல் |
| 192 | | B36 | paḷḷi | 4018 | hamlet, herdsman's village | பள்ளி |
| 193 | M | (B22a.B3).B36 | perum-puli | 4307, 4411 | big tiger | பெரும்புலி |
| 321 | 69 | B10.B10 | ñāṇ | 2908 | marriage string, necklace | நாண் |
| 322 | ŵ | (B10) ² .B1* | nēññil | 2907 | plogh-shaft | நென்னில் |
| 367 | 99 | (B10) ³ | nānan | 2908 | yarn maker | நாணன் |
| 82 | 3 | B?.B15 | ta <u>r</u> upu | 3142, 3169 | to join together, amass (wealth) | தறுப்பு (தாரா - வாத்து) |
| 247 | # | (B34.B1) ⁴ | ciļ-eṇal, ciļu-ciļ- eṇal | 2588 | noisy, bubbly, rainy | சிள்-எணல், சிளு- சிள்-எணல் |
| 248 | HE | (B34.B1) ⁴ .B1 | ciļ-eṇal, ciļu-ciļ- eṇal | 2588 | noisy, bubbly, rainy | சிள்-எணல், சிளு- சிள்-எணல் |
| 341 | 田 | B13.B2 | uru, uru(ku) | 689, 659, 661 | harrow, ship, tender, melt (as the heart), kind, glow with love | உழு, உரு(க்கு) |
| 177 | 丰 | B4.B1 | nal-mutal, nalāl | - | good chief, good worker, hard worker | நல்முதல்-, நல்லாள் |
| 409 | 010 | (B10) ² .B1e | nan-nil | 3588 | good standing | நன்னில் |
| 365 | V | B2g | viri | 5411 | spread, expand, blossom | விரி |
| 190 | Ш | В37а | pāļaiyam | 4117 | army camp, village surrounded | பாளயம் |

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| | | | | | by hillocks | |
| 189 | Ш | B37b | toţţi, tōţţi, ţōţal, ţōŗnā | 3485, 3547 | fence, rake | தொட்டி, தோட்டி, தோடல், தோர்னா |
| 191 | Ш` | B37b.B1 | toțțil | 3486 | cradle | தொட்டில் |
| 202 | Я | B22i | mēţṭu, mēḍu, metta | 5058, 5069 | height, eminence, hillock, upper storey, storied house | மேட்டு, மேடு, மெத்த |
| 203 | F | B22i*.B22i | mēl-mēţţu, mēl- mēḍu, mēl-metta | 5058, 5069 | height, eminence, hillock, upper storey, storied house | மேல்மேட்டு, மேல்மேடு, மேல்மெத்த |
| 188 | M | B22i.B4 | mett-enal, mell- enal | 5070, 5078 | gentle, soft | பெத்தெனல் |
| 366 | W | B13.B1.B1 | utaļ | 610 | goat | உதல் |
| 131 | $\overline{\nabla}$ | B22i*.B41 | mēl-ala | 240 | highly active | மேல்அல, மேல்அலை |
| 132 | W | B21 | ala, alai | 240 | wave, commotion | அல, அலை |
| 133 | ** | B2.B21 | iru-ala | 240 | big-wave, big- commotion | இருஅல, இருஅலை |
| 45 | ķ √ | B13.B2 (ideogrpahic) | ūr | 749 | crawl, creep | ஊர் |
| 46 | *************************************** | B13.B2.B3 (ideogrpahic) | u <u>r</u> umu, u <u>r</u> um | 718 | growl, grunt, roar, thunder | உறுமு, உறும் |

Signs and affixes

Just to give a flavor of the decipherment here we group few signs under base/affix geometry. In some cases there could be more than one affix.

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| ப (பகல்) | பல் | பற | பம்மு | நல்பற | பல்லா | வேலப்பா | பான் | சிறப்பு | பானல் | பானன் | நல்பல்லர <u>்</u> |

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| Affix | | | 0 | 0 | Y II | - | ×γγ |
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| ஊ (உரல்) | வள் | ஊர் | மூழ் | തഖ | உடன் | <u>உடை</u> | வேலூர் | செவ்வூர் | வேலணிநுழனூர் |

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| \bowtie | \bowtie | 000 | X | M | MA | K, | × | \bowtie | 炊 |
| ta (tandi) | taļ | tan | tai | irutai | ci <u>r</u> uttai | mumutai | tāŗi | todu, toțu | tan |
| த (தண்டி) | தள் | தன் | தை | இருதை | சிறுத்தை | மும்மூதை | தாழி | தொடு | தன் |

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| Affix Base | 1 | I | \wedge | \wedge | | III |
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| ♦ | \$ | \$ | Ŷ. | Ŷ | X | × |
| ka (kanni) | kāl | kōl | peru-kanni | peru-ka <u>n</u> ai | kōnda, gōnde | kalam |
| க (கன்னி) | கால் | கோல் | பெருங்கன்னி | பெருங்கணை | கொண்ட, கோண்டே | கலம் |

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| an | āļ | aṇṇa <u>n</u> | kāvalan | naṭṭan | uravan | kīŗān | mutalvan | nal-mutalvan |
| அன் | ஆள் | அண்ண ன் | காவலன் | நாட்டான் | உழவன் | கீழன் | முதல்வன் | நல்முதல்வன் |

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| kō | kōţţa, | kōṭai | kōṭṭam | nāl-vaŗi- | nērci <u>r</u> a-kō | pallar-kōṭṭa | kōṭai-vari |
| | kōţu | | | kōṭai | | | |
| கோ | கோட்ட, | கோட்டை | கோட்டம் | நல்வழி- | நேர்சிற-கோ | பல்லர் | கோட்டை வழி |
| | கொட்டு | | | கோட்டை | | கோட்டை | |

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| ഖതെ | இடை | வலையன் | இடையன் | இட | குடை | <u>ഉണ</u> | இருவிளை |
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| -n | nāṭu | aṇiyal, | nuḷḷāṇ, | ñāņ | nan | nannu, | nalnelāļ | nan-mutal | nāṅkuru |
| | | maṇi | nuran | | | nannan | | | |
| ன் | நாடு | அணியல், | நுளாண், | நாண் | -னன் | நன்னு, | நல்நெல்லாள் | நன்முதல் | நன்குழு |
| | | மணி | நுழன், | | | நன்னன் | | | |
| | | | நுழம்பு | | | | | | |

Logo-synonyms

| M77 Signs | Glyphs | Syllable | DEDR | Description | Tamil |
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| 37, 27, 293 | 划, 炒,) | valaiyan | 5288 | trapper | வலையன் |
| 230, 233, 89 | Ш, №, Ш* | mūmalai | - | tripple mountain | மூமலை |
| *345 | VIII, ♥, ₩ | mūmalai | - | tripple mountain town | மூமலையூர் |
| 87, 124, 125 | ∥ , ⋏ , ⋏ | iru, ēr, e <u>r</u> u | 481, 2815, 863 | vast, plough, full/complete | இரு, ஏர், எறு |

^{* -} sometimes used as a short form of mūmalai in mūmalai-ūr.

Common phrases

Here we list multiple logos (mostly pairs and triplets) that commonly occur together in IVC. We also list a few non-aglutinative entangled glyphs which we try to describe them as complex mixed states.

| M77 Signs | Glyph | Syllable | DEDR | Description | Tamil | | |
|-----------|--|----------|------|-------------|-----------|--|--|
| 321-336 | Ø₩. | uṭaṇ-ñāṇ | 2908 | marriage | உடன் நாண் | | |
| | | | | | (உடன்தை) | | |
| | Sign-336 U also has ideographic mortar & pestle marriage association as well | | | | | | |

| M77 Signs | Glyph | Syllable | DEDR | Description | Tamil |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---|---------------|---|--|
| 176-321- 336 | EOU | uṭan̯-ñāṇ-anjih | 2908 | marriage hall | உடன் நாண் அஞ்சி |
| 148 | फ्त = X+ √ | ma <u>r</u> ukoļal, cērkoļal | 5297, 2151 | barter, exchange, buy/sell | மாறுகொளல், சேர்ந்துகொளல் |
| 12-124 | | ēr-vuravan | - | farmer | ஏர் உழவன் |
| 169-124 | 学人 | ēr-nilam | - | farm land | ஏர் நிலம் |
| 113 | (':::') | viļai-nallam | 5437- 3613 | cultivable rich soil | விளை நல்லம் |
| 130-51 | √ § | maru-koļal, cira- konțai-māran- kurumpu-koļal | - | barter | மாற்று கொளல், சிற- கொண்டை-மாறன்- குறும்பன் கொளல் |
| 402-267 | A ♦ | koṭa-nāṭu | - | herder country | கொட நாடு |
| 402-293 | (b) | valaiyan-nāṭu | - | trapper's country | வலையன் நாடு |
| 402-76 | 6 30 | cē-nāṭu | - | red country, bronze country | சே நாடு |
| 67-65 | ※ 灸 | peru-kanni- kondu | - | with big vehicle | பெருங்கன்னி கொண்டு |
| 70-67 | Φ Χ | konda-kal | - | bullock cart | கொண்டா கல், கோண்ட கல், மாட்டு வண்டி |
| 70-67-65 | ◆ | peru-konda-kal | - | big bullock cart | பெரு கோண்ட கல், பெரு மாட்டு வண்டி |
| 176-307- 379 | ED 0 | pammū-vilambu- anji | - | bow stringer's resting place | பம்மு வில்லம்பு அஞ்சி |
| 402-379- 319 | № 00 | mura-pammū- nadu | - | yarn twisting country | முறபம்மு நாடு |
| 342-379- 398 | UØŶ | perum.aṇi- pammū-ūr | - | big necklace maker's town | பெரும் அணி பம்மூர் |
| 372 = 342+400+ 397+162 | 월 = 전성학 | vel-aṇi-nuran-ūr | - | town with hunters, pearl and cloth workers | வேல்திரள்நுழனூர் |
| 194 = 342+400+ 397+162 | ## = \ | mū-iru-mēl-per- ul | - | the mighty mēl-perul | மூவிரு மேல்பொருள் |
| 96-409 | ºp | nannilai (nannu- nil-ai) | 3588 | amiable | நன்னிலை |
| 94-409 | // W | nanniral (nannu- | 3672, | make orderly | நன்னிரல் |

| M77 Signs | Glyph | Syllable | DEDR | Description | Tamil |
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| | | niral) | 3673 | | |
| 99-350 | | veḷḷāḷar | 5507 | agriculturalist | வெள்ளாளர் |
| 315-108 | 6 | a <u>r</u> u-kuți-ē <u>r</u> u | | river flooding houses | ஆறு குடிஏறு |
| 87-89 | | mu <u>r</u> a | 5015 | custom | முற, முறை |
| 319-101 | 61 | mutal-mutal- mu <u>r</u> i | 5010 | first initial tender leaf | முதல் முதல் முறி |
| 342-403- 103 | U 00 '! | ī <u>r</u> al-para-ūr | 553 | grief (death) mesenger town | ஈறல் பறையூர் |
| 328-222 | U 🔀 | tāḍu, tallu | 3156, 3105 | butt with horns, gore, crush, beat | தாடு, தல்லு |
| 267-243 | ♦ EU | māţu-kōţţa | - | bison fort, buffalo fort | மாட்டு கோட்ட |