## Characteristics of the Bengali Script – Two Differences from Devanagari

Bengali has a dead form of the consonant  $\overline{\circ}$  (t) written as  $\circ$  called khaNDA ta. For consonant clusters this creates a challenge because certain characters following might not combine but infer the dead form. This is shown in the following table.

	ta Replacement Table					
tk	tkh	tg	tgh	tG	khaNDa ta চিৎকার	
tc	tchh	tj	tjh	tJ	khaNDa ta *উৎচা উৎচা	
tT	tTh	tD	tDh	tN	khaNDa ta *উৎটা	
tt					no khaNDa ta উত্তর	
	tth				no khaNDa ta উত্থান	
		td	tdh		khaNDa ta *উৎদান	
				tn	no khaNDa ta প্রত্ন	
tp	tph				khaNDa ta তৎপর	
		tb	tbh		khaNDa ta *চিৎবাদ	
				tm	no khaNDa ta আত্মা	
ty	tr	tl	tv	tw	no khaNDa ta ত্যাগ ত্রাণ *পাত্লা ত্বক	
tsh	tS	ts	th		khaNDa ta কুৎসা *কুৎষা *কুৎষা	

In some cases, the æ vowel is written as  $\overline{\text{AM}}$  — after a consonant, this is written as rY and as an initial vowel with a nasal, as  $aY^{\sim}$ ,  $eY^{\sim}$ .

reph Replacement Table					
rts	ra + ta → khaNDa ta ভৰ্সনা				
rty	ra + ta + y-glide → no khaNDa ta মৰ্ত্য				
rtY	ra + ta + y-glide → khaNDa ta *আé্য়				
rY	*আর্যা র্য্যাদা ক্যালা				
ry	আর্যা				
aY~, eY~	অঁ্যা এঁ্যা				

Bengali Phonetic Typing HOWTO (with default key mapping table)								
Character	How to enter							
3ŏ	OM	Standalone OM symbol – two forms.						
Ğ	0~							
ę	t.	Directly entered khaNDa ta.						
ত্	t\	Directly entered ta with hasanta						
র্য্যাদা	rYaa~daa	ra + glide in some cases don't cause a <i>reph</i>						
আর্যা	aaryaa	reph inferred.						
ত্বক	twak, tvak	Note: not tbak						
*বিয়্যাঁক	biYYaa~k	Antastha-a form word-medial y-glide						