ROMANIZATION SYSTEM FOR NEPALI
BGN/PCGN 1964 System

The BGN and the PCGN jointly adopted the following system in 1964 for use in romanizing Nepali names for which Roman-script spellings are not available in materials produced by the Survey of India or by the government of Nepal.

CONSONANT CHARACTERS

	Nepali	Romanization			Nepali	Romanization	
1	क	k	ka	18	द	d	da
2	ख	kh	kha	19	ध	dh	dha
3	ग	g	ga	20	न	n	na
4	घ	gh	gha	21	प	p	pa
5	ङ	ng	nga	22	फ	ph	pha
6	च	ch	cha	23	ब	b	ba
7	छ	chh	chha	24	भ	bh	bha
8	ज	j	ja	25	म	m	ma
9	झ (भ्र)	jh	jha	26	य	y	ya
10	त्र	ñ	ña	27	र	r	ra
11	ट	ṭ	ṭa	28	ल	l	la
12	ठ	ṭh	ṭha	29	व	w	wa
13	ड ^{2}	ḍ	ḍa	30	श	ś	śa
14	ढ ^{2}	ḍh	ḍha	31	ष	ṣ	ṣa
15	ण (ण)	ṇ	ṇa	32	स	s	sa
16	त	t	ta	33	ह	h	ha
17	थ	th	tha				

VOWEL CHARACTERS

	Nepali		Romanization
	Initial	Medial	
1	ऋ (अ)		a
2	ऋा (आ)	ा	ā
3	इ	ि	i
4	ई	ी	ī
5	उ	◌ु	u
6	ऊ	◌ू	ū
7	ऋ	◌ृ	ri (ir in word-medial position)
8	ॠ	◌ॄ	rī (īr in word-medial position)
9	ए	◌े	e
10	ऐ	◌ै	ai
11	ऒ (ओ)	◌ो	o
12	ऋौ (औ)	◌ौ	au

OTHER SYMBOLS

◌ः : is rendered ḥ.

◌̆ and ◌̇ are rendered by ṅ after the vowel letter(s) affected.

◌̊ is rendered by r at the end of the preceding syllable.

◌੍ indicates absence of the inherent short [a] vowel. This symbol, called the *halanta*, is not normally written in Nepali except in the verb system and in the case of unabbreviated first elements in conjuncts. Knowledge of the pronunciation of Nepali names is necessary for the proper treatment of the inherent short [a] vowel.

NUMERALS

०	१	२	३	४	५	६	७	८	९
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

NOTES

1. Only the isolated forms of the characters are given in the consonant table. See any grammar of Nepali (or other language using the Devanagari alphabet) for variant forms used in conjunct characters.

2. These two consonant characters appear sometimes to represent $\underset{\cdot}{r}$ (cerebral r), e.g., पहाड → pahā$\underset{\cdot}{r}$ instead of pahāḍ. At one time they were written with dots below, i.e., as ड़ and ढ़, though this is no longer normal practice in Nepali. The romanizations $\underset{\cdot}{r}$ and $\underset{\cdot}{r}$h, respectively, are optional for documentary purposes if such dots appear in Nepali writing.