

Representation of Tulu alphabet in IAST:

The **International Alphabet of Sanskrit Transliteration (IAST)** is a transliteration scheme that allows the lossless romanization of Indic scripts as employed by Sanskrit and related Indic languages. It is based on a scheme that emerged during the nineteenth century from suggestions by Charles Trevelyan, William Jones, Monier Monier-Williams and other scholars, and formalized by the Transliteration Committee of the Geneva Oriental Congress, in September 1894. **IAST** makes it possible for the reader to read the Indic text unambiguously, exactly as if it were in the original Indic script. It is this faithfulness to the original scripts that accounts for its continuing popularity amongst scholars.

VOWELS

ಅ	ಆ	ಇ	ಀ	ಁ
a	ā	i	ī	u
ಉ	ಊ	ಋ	ೠ	ಏ
u	ū	r̥	r̄	e
ಐ	ಊ	ಋ	ೠ	ಓ
ē	è	é	ai	o
ಒ	ಓ	ಅಂ	ಅಃ	
ō	au	aṁ	aḥ	

CONSONANTS

ಕ ka	ಖ kha	ಗ ga	ಘ gha	ಙ ṅa
ಚ ca	ಛ cha	ಜ ja	ಝ jha	ಞ ña
ಟ ṭa	ಠ ṭha	ಡ ḍa	ಢ ḍha	ಣ ṇa
ತ ta	ಥ tha	ದ da	ಧ dha	ನ na
ಪ pa	ಫ pha	ಬ ba	ಭ bha	ಮ ma
ಯ ya	ರ ra	ಲ la	ವ va	ಶ śa
ಝ ṣa	ಸ sa	ಹ ha	ಳ ḷa	ಠ ṭa
ಱ ḷa				

Gunitaakshara:

ಕ ka	ಕ1 kā	ಕಿ ki	ಕೀ kī	ಕು kū
ಕು ku	ಕು kū	ಕೃ kr̥	ಕೃ kr̄	ಕೆ ke
ಕೆ kē	ಕೆ kè	ಕೆ ké	ಕಾ kai	ಕಾ ko
ಕಾ kō	ಕಾ kau	ಕಾ kaṃ	ಕಾ kaḥ	

Double consonants or conjuncts:

ಕ kka	ಕ್ಖ khkha	ಗ್ಗ gga	ಘ್ಘ ghgha	ಢ್ಢ ṇṇa
ಘ್ಘ cca	ಚ್ಚ chcha	ಜ್ಜ jja	ಜ್ಞ jhjha	ಞ್ಞ ñña
ಠ್ಠ ṭṭa	ಠ್ಠ ṭhṭha	ಢ್ಢ ḍḍa	ಢ್ಢ ḍhḍha	ಢ್ಢ ṇṇa
ಠ್ಠ tta	ಠ್ಠ ththa	ಢ್ಢ dda	ಢ್ಢ dhdha	ಢ್ಢ nna
ಪ್ಪ ppa	ಫ್ಫ phpha	ಬ್ಬ bba	ಬ್ಬ bhbha	ಮ್ಢ mma
ಯ್ಢ yya	ರ್ರ rra	ಲ್ಲ lla	ವ್ವ vva	ಃಃ śśa
ಃಃ ṣṣa	ಶ್ಶ ssa	ಹ್ಹ hha	ಃಃ lla	

FEW RULES TO FOLLOW:

Anusvāra always indicates a nasal(anunāsika) sound. At the end of a word, it is always pronounced as an **m/ṃ**.

In other case it is pronounced as the nasal letter in the same row(varga) of the Tulu alphabet as the consonant that immediately follows it.

E.g:

- Anusvāra before **ka, kha, ga, gha** and **ṇa** is written as **ṅ**

ತಾಂಕ	taṅka
ಮಾಂಗೆ	maṅge
ಸಾಂಘ	saṅgha

- Anusvāra before **ca, cha, ja, jha** and **ñā** is written as **ñ**

ಅಣ್ಣಾ	añca
ಮಾಣ್ಣಿಲು	mañjolu

- Anusvāra before **ṭa, ṭha, ḍa, ḍha** and **ṇa** is written as **ṇ**

ಸುಂಠಾಣ್	sūṇṭāṇ
ಪುಂಢಿ	puṇḍi

- Anusvāra before **ta, tha, da, dha** and **na** is written as **n**

ಸಂತ	santè
ನಂದಲ	nandala
ಗಂದ	gandha

- Anusvāra before **pa, pha, ba, bha** and **ma** is written as **m**

ತಾಂಪು	tampu
ಜುಂಬುಲಿ	jumbuli

EXAMPLES:

Tulu	IAST	Meaning
ಕಂಢ	kaṇḍa	Agricultural field
ಪುಂಞ	puñca	Anthill
ಅಂಗಾರೆ	aṅgāre	Name of a person
ಒಲೆ	uḷè	The earth
ಸೀರೆ	sīrè	saree
ಏಮೆ	émè	tortoise
ಏಕ್ಕಾಟೆ	èkkatè	hiccup