

Grantha - 14 - Conjuncts III



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நஷ்டஜாமுா னி யெ ஸக்ஷா ஜாமுஃ லெஸெலி உக்ஷஃ
நயாஸி பௌஸிஃ தீரஃ தஸுமாத் சுஸுவி விநாயகஃ

नष्टमार्गा हि ये सत्त्वा मार्गं देशेमि उत्तमं

नयामि पारिमं तीरं तस्माद् अस्मि विनायकः

நஷ்டமார்கா' னி யே ஸத்த்வா மார்கம்' தேஸுமி உத்தமம்'

நயாமி பாரிமம்' தீரம்' தஸ்மாத்' அஸ்மி விநாயகஃ

To those beings who have lost their way I point out the Path supreme
And lead them to the farther shore, therefore I am *Vinayaka*

We had seen in the detail the Combining & Stacking Saṃyuktākṣara-s in the last series. Now, we will see the Conjunct forms of -y- and -r- as they deserve separate discussion.

-r- Conjunct

Post-Consonantal Form

Unlike other Consonants, when -r- occurs as the final part of the consonantal cluster i.e in the post consonantal position, it morphs itself into a special character.

pra ப்ர ர

வீ + ர → வு

gra க்ர ர

நீ + ர → நு

In Some cases, -r- conjunct may fuse with the /ta/ and /sha/ to form the Samyuktakshara.

śra ஸ்ர ஶ

ஸ்ர + ரா → ஶ்ர

Our own Tamil *Sri* /ஸ்ரீ/ is derived from this /shra/. However, sometimes the disjoint form ஶ்ர is also seen in print.

tra த்ர ற

த்ர + ரா → த்ர

For /tra/, the usual disjoint conjunct form த்ர is more usual in print.

Pre-Consonantal Form

-r- has also has a special form, when -r- appears in the first consonant of the cluster. It takes a position next to the Consonant.

rjha ர்ஜ ங

ர்ஜ + ங → ர்ஜ்

rgha ர்க் ள

ர்க் + ள → ர்க்

-y- Conjunct

Similar to -r- , -y- has also a special form when appearing in the post consonantal position of a cluster.

tya த்ய த்ய

தீ + ய → தீய

dhya டீய டீய

ஊ + ய → ஊய

When /ya/ occurs as the first consonant of the cluster, the cluster behavior is normal as usual. (ய்ய ய்ய ிய is an exception, we'll come to that later)

yka ய்க ய்க

யீ + கீ → யீகீ

Vowel Signs

Similar to other Samyukaksharas, -r-, -y- also act like a Single unit with Vowel Signs except with /i/ and /ii/

ப்³ர

ர்ல

ர்ய

ர

ர்

ர்ய

ர

ர்

ர்ய

ரா

ர்

ர்ய

ரூ

ர்

ர்ய

ரெ

ர்

ர்ய

ரெ

ர்

ர்ய

With /i/ and /ii/, the Vowel Sign is placed on top of the Consonant, rather than the -r-, -y- Conjunct sign.

ரி

ர்

ர்ய

ரீ

ர்

ர்ய

This covers the basics of Samyuktakshara formation in Grantha.

People must now be able to read the name of the Lipi itself.

ഗ്രന്ഥ ലിപി

grantha lipi | க்³ரந்த² லிபி | ग्रन्थ लिपि

We'll see some more complex conjunct formation further in the series. Another 5 more Lessons and this series should be over :-)

|| ധമൈഃ അക്ഷതി അക്ഷതഃ ||
