

Bengali / বাংলা Bāmlā

romanization: UN 1972/77 + KNAB modifications

I. Independent vowel characters

1	অ a ^A	4	ঈ ī	7	ঞ র̄	10	ও o
2	আ ā	5	উ u	8	এ e ^A	11	ওঁ au
3	ই i	6	ঊ ū	9	ঃ ai		

^A Combinations with subscript form of y: অ্য a·yā; এ্য e·yā.

II. Consonant characters

1	ক k	10	ঢ় ña	19	ধ dha	28	ল la
2	খ x	11	ট় t̄a	20	ন na	29	শ sha
3	গ g	12	ঢ়় ḡha	21	প pa	30	ষ sha
4	ঘ gha	13	ড় d̄a ^A	22	ফ pha	31	স sa
5	ঙ n̄a	14	ঢ়় d̄ha ^A	23	ব ba	32	হ ha
6	চ ch	15	ণ̄ n̄a	24	ভ bha		
7	ছ chha	16	ত̄ ta	25	ম ma		
8	জ ja	17	থ̄ tha	26	য̄ ja ^A		
9	ঝ jha	18	দ̄ da	27	ৱ̄ ra		

^A Dotted variants of the characters: ঢ়̄ r̄a; ঢ়̄ īha; য̄ ya.

III. Abbreviated vowel characters and other symbols (ক stands for any consonant character)

1	ক a	5	কু u ^A	9	কৈ ai	13	কঁ m̄
2	কা ā	6	কু় ū ^B	10	কো o	14	কঃ h
3	কি i	7	কু় র̄ ^C	11	কৌ au	15	ক় " (D)
4	কী ī	8	কে e	12	ক় ম̄, ন̄E		

^A Variations: গু gu; রু ru; শু shu; হু hu; ন্তু ntu; স্তু stu.

^B Variation: রু rū.

^C Variation: হৃ hr̥.

^D Pronunciation without a vowel; special form: ট t.

^E Before ch, d, ð, g, j, k, s, t, ð, y.

IV. Ligatures

Adscript forms of some consonants

Example

r-: র্ক rka

-r: র্গ gra

-y: র্য tya

To distinguish: র্জ → rja, র্য → rya (the latter in Unicode: r + U+200D + U+09CD + j).

Other ligatures (the list is not complete)

ক	ক্ত	ক্তি	ক্তি	ক্তি	ক্তি	ক্তি	ক্তি	ক্তি	ক্তি	ক্তি	ক্তি	ক্তি
kka	kṭa	kta	kna	kma	kra	kla	kva	kṣha	kṣhna	kṣhma	kṣhva	
আ	া	া	া	া	া	া	া	া	া	া	া	া
ksa	gga	gda	gdha	gna	gma	gra	gla	ghra	ṅka	ṅga	chcha	
ছ	ছ্ছ	ছ্ব	ছ্জ	ছ্ব	ছ্জ	ছ্জ	ছ্জ	ছ্জ	ছ্	ছ্	ছ্	ছ্
চচ্ছা	চচ্ছবা	চচ্ছবা	জ্জা	জ্জবা	জ্জবা	জ্জবা	জ্জবা	জ্জবা	ঞচ্ছা	ঞজ্জা	ঞজ্জা	ঞজ্জা
ট্	ঠ্	ঠ্	ঠ্	ঠ্	ঠ্	ঠ্	ঠ্	ঠ্	ঠ্	ঠ্	ঠ্	ঠ্
t̥ta	d̥da	n̥ta	n̥tha	n̥da	tta	ttva	ttha	tna	tma	tra	tla	
ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ
tva	dda	ddva	ddha	ddhva	dna	dva	dbha	dma	dra	dla	dhra	
ঢ	ঢ	ঢ	ঢ	ঢ	ঢ	ঢ	ঢ	ঢ	ঢ	ঢ	ঢ	ঢ
n̥tha	n̥da	nka	nta	ntra	ntha	nda	ndra	ndha	nna	nma	nva	
ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ
pna	pta	ppa	pra	pla	phra	bja	bda	bdha	bba	bra	bhra	
ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ
mpa	mba	mbha	mbhra	mma	mra	mla	lka	lta	l̥da	l̥ma	lla	
ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ	ষ
shcha	shchha	shta	shna	shma	shra	shla	shva	shka	শ্হ্তা	শ্হ্তা	শ্হ্তা	শ্হ্তা

ଶ୍ରୀ										
ଶ୍ରୀନା	ଶ୍ରୀପା	ଶ୍ରୀଫା	ଶ୍ରୀକା	ଶ୍ରୀକା	ଶ୍ରୀଟା	ଶ୍ରୀଟା	ଶ୍ରୀନା	ଶ୍ରୀମା	ଶ୍ରୀମା	ଶ୍ରୀମା
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Notes

1. In order to maintain reversibility middle dot (·) is added:
 - a. if a consonant character is followed by an independent vowel character;
 - b. if a consonant character without an inherent vowel is followed by another independent consonant character (not part of a ligature).
2. In the UN romanization ñ → m̄, middle dot and " are omitted.

Pronunciation

a	[ɔ]	generally	ହ	-	lengthens the following consonant: ଦୁଃଖ duhkha
	[o]	1) if the next syllable contains <i>i</i> , <i>ī</i> , <i>u</i> , <i>ū</i> or a ligature with <i>y</i> : ପରି pari [pori], ବନ୍ୟା banyā [bonna];	ି	[i]	
		2) in some monosyllabic words: ବନ ban [bon];	ଜ	[dʒ]	
		3) in the 2nd syllable of polysyllabic words: ନିରବତା nirabatā [nirobata];	ଜିନ୍	[g̚g̚]	
		4) word-finally if the inherent vowel is pronounced: ପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ pūra [puro];	m	-	word-medially as the 2nd character of a ligature lengthens the preceding sound
		5) before <i>ksh</i> .	-	-	not pronounced word-initially after a consonant
-		- is not pronounced at the end of most words, excl. if the word ends with a ligature or <i>h</i> , or the previous syllable has <i>m̄</i> or <i>h̄</i>	s	[ʃ]	generally
				[s]	before <i>d</i> , <i>l</i> , <i>n</i> , <i>r</i> , <i>t</i>
ai	[oi]		sh		(like <i>s</i>)
au	[au]		ଶ		(like <i>s</i>)
a·yā	[æ]		ୁ	[u]	
ā	[a]		v	[b]	generally
e·yā	[æ]		-	-	word-medially as the 2nd character of a ligature lengthens the preceding sound
hm	[m̄]		y	[w]	between <i>i</i> and <i>a</i> or <i>o</i> and <i>a</i>
hn	[n̄]			-	word-medially as the 2nd character of a ligature lengthens the preceding
hl	[l̄]				
hr	[r̄]				

- sound: অন্ন anyā [onno] pronounced [æ], e.g. ন্যায় nyāy [næj], ব্যায় byay [bæj]
- not pronounced word- initially after a consonant, excl. *ya*, *yā* that is

Assamese / অসমীয়া Asamīyā

Characters as in Bengali, except:

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|----|---|----|--|
| 27 | ର | ra | (= Bengali ର) |
| 29 | ବ | va | (absent in Bengali; শ <i>sha</i> is No. 30, etc., altogether in the Assamese table
33 characters) |