

Telugu / తెలుగు Tēlugu

romanization: UN 1972/77 + KNAB modifications

I. Independent vowel characters

1	అ	a	5	ఇ	u	9	ఋ	ě	13	ఔ	o
2	ఏ	ā	6	ఊ	ū	10	ఎ	e	14	ఓ	au
3	ి	i	7	ఒ	ṛ	11	ఐ	ai			
4	ఉ	ī	8	ఔ	ṝ	12	ఋ	ং			

II. Consonant characters

1	క	ka	10	ఖ	ñna	19	ధ	dha	28	ల	la
2	ఖ	kha	11	చ	ṭa	20	చ	na	29	వ	va
3	గ	ga	12	ఛ	ṭha	21	ప	pa	30	శ	sha
4	ఘ	gha	13	ఙ	ḍa	22	ఫ	pha	31	ష	ṣha
5	ం	ñna	14	ం	ḍha	23	బ	ba	32	స	sa
6	చ	cha	15	ణ	ṇa	24	భ	bha	33	హ	ha
7	చు	chha	16	త	ta	25	మ	ma	34	ళ	la
8	జ	ja	17	థ	tha	26	య	ya			
9	యు	jha	18	ం	da	27	ర	ra ^A			

^A Variant: ఉṛa.

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

1	s	a	6	š	ū	11	š	o ^C	16	š:	h
2	š	ā	7	š	r	12	š	o ^D	17	š	(F)
3	š	i ^A	8	š	ě	13	š	au			
4	š	í	9	š	e	14	š	ṁ, n ^G			
5	š	u ^B	10	š	ai	15	š	ṁ ^E			

^A Variations: ଚି chi, ନି ni, ଯୀ yi, ଲି li, etc

^B Variations: ജി ju, പി pu, വി vu, etc.

^c Variations: ಮು mō, ಯು yō.

^D Variations: ಮೊ mo, ಯೊ yo.

^E Signified a historic nasal sound, now obsolete.

^F End-of-syllable mark (pronunciation without a vowel): ରଙ୍ଗପୁର୍ ରଙ୍ଗପୁର୍ Raṅgapūr.

^G Before ch, d, d, g, j, k, n, n, s, s, t, t and y.

IV. Subscript consonant characters (§ stands for any base character)

1	\S_U	k	4	\S_E	m^A	7	\S	1
2	\S	t	5	\S_J	y	8	\S_S	v
3	\S_Q	n	6	\S	r			

^A A variant glyph may be marked with a sub-macron: m.

Notes

- Abbreviated vowel characters are written next to the base character, i.e. consonant character, except ପ୍ରୁଁ ppu, ପ୍ରୁଁ ppū, ପ୍ରୁଁ pphu, ପ୍ରୁଁ pphū.
 - The end-of-syllable mark (*virāma*) is generally not romanized. In order to maintain reversibility middle dot (·) is added:

- a. if the end-of-syllable mark is immediately followed by an independent vowel character;
 - b. if the end-of-syllable mark is followed by an independent consonant character (not part of a ligature).
3. In the UN romanization $\acute{n} \rightarrow \bar{m}$, $\underline{m} \rightarrow m$, $\underline{r} \rightarrow r$, middle dot is omitted.

Pronunciation

ch [tʃ] / [ts]^A, j [dʒ] / [dz]^A, n̄ [ŋ], r/ɻ [r]^B

^A Before *a*, *o* and *u* in genuine Telugu words.

^B The alveolar *r* was earlier marked by *ɻ*.