

Proposal to encode Chak script in the Universal Character Set

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1 Introduction

This is a proposal to encode the Chak script in the Universal Character Set. The script is used in Bangladesh and Myanmar for writing Chak/Sak language.

2 People

The Chak people are an ethnolinguistic group who live in a remote area straddling the Bangladesh-Myanmar border. In Bangladesh, some 3,000 Chak people inhabit the southern reaches of the Chittagong Hill Tracts (specifically Baishari, Naikhongchchari, and Dochchari areas of Bandarban district). In Myanmar, about 10,000 Chak speakers¹ live around the far westerly seaboard region of Rakhine State around Sittwe (Maungdaw, Buthidaung, Ponnagyun, Rathedaung, and Mrauk U areas).

3 Naming

The people are known as চাক (Chak or Cak) in Bangladesh and as သဲတ္ထ (Sak) in Myanmar. In Burmese pronunciation this comes out as /θet/, which can be romanised as 'Thet'.

The Chak/Sak people refer to themselves as 'Asak' /ʔácaʔ~ʔésaʔ/.

4 Language²

Though the Chak in Bangladesh and Sak in Myanmar share the same native language, the geographical spread means that different groups have absorbed loanwords from Bengali, Arakanese (Rakhine), Burmese and Marma, creating dialectical differences that hinder mutual intelligibility.

The Chak/Sak (ISO 639-3 ckh) language is classified as a member of Luish (Asakian) branch of the Tibeto-Burman language group. Sangdong (2012), quoting Maggard (2007), notes the Chak people are distinct from Chakma, whereas he recognizes a close linguistic connection between Sak/Chak and the Kadu (ကုဒ္ပါး) language (ISO 639:3 zkd) spoken by 40,000 people in Myanmar's Sagaing Region. Indeed, Kadu also call themselves 'Asak'³; it is unlikely that the script under current discussion can be used for Kadu⁴, which would need to mark four tones.

1 according to the Chak Language Council

2 from Huziwara (2019)

3 Sangdong (2012)

4 At least three other scripts have been devised for Kadu; two are shown in Sangdong (2012).

5 Script creation

Chak/Sak language traditionally had no script of its own, and speakers were obliged to use Bangla or Burmese script, which lack some of the letters needed. Addressing this problem, writer and translator Mong Mong Chak worked from the early 1970s to 2011 to devise an appropriate script for the Chak language. This writing system follows the syllabic notation common to Indic scripts, while the script's letterforms relate to Mon-Burmese, Chakma and Tanchangya. The script is referred to as ဆၢာၢာၢာ /sə? əkhəra/ or ဆၢာၢာၢာၢာ /sə? ə?khəra/, from the Sanskrit अक्षर akṣara (script).

The first digital font for Chak was drawn by Mong Mong's younger brother Aung Khaing Chak in 2011.

6 Script adoption

Chak script was officially adopted in 2015 by the Chak Language Council (ဆၢာၢာၢာ ၈၂။၃၁၃၂), an umbrella association of Chak/Sak people in both countries based in New Gulshan, Bandarban.

Bandarban's Small Ethnic Cultural Institute, operated by Bangladesh's Ministry of Culture runs a two-month Chak language course with the main objective of promoting Chak script and literature.

Various dictionaries and school textbooks have been published in Chak script (see references).

In Myanmar, a total of 17 schools teach the Sak language from KG to class 2 levels. In those schools, it is taught exclusively in the Chak script. Currently 35 teachers are employed and 1171 students are learning.

7 Script details

Chak is an abugida following the Brahmic model. Like related scripts, it is written left to right and consonants have an inherent vowel; in Chak it is typically /a⁵. A consonant's inherent vowel can be muted by adding a virama (၁), and conjuncts may be formed by stacking consonants vertically.

Here, we propose 72 characters for encoding: 10 independent vowel letters, 34 consonant letters, nine dependent vowel signs, three combining medial signs, five other signs, ten digits and two punctuation marks. The following tables present each character with their Burmese, Chakma and Tanchangya counterparts for comparison.

⁵ Huziwarra informs us that in practice, the /a/ is often reduced to /ə/ before morpheme boundaries.

Phonemic transcriptions in the following tables are taken from Huziwara (2015). Exact phonetic values differ by region.

While Huziwara (2019) identifies a number of shortcomings in the orthography, it is unclear to what degree his suggested improvements have been adopted by communities. The following encoding works either way.

Independent vowels

	Glyph	Unicode name	Phoneme	Burmese	Chakma	Tanchangya	S Brahmi ⁶
xx00	၁	CHAK LETTER A	/?ə/	၃။	၂	၂	ᬁ
	၁။	CHAK LETTER AA	/?a/	၃။၃		၂။	ᬁ၃
xx01	၃	CHAK LETTER I	/?í/	၃	၄	၄	ᬁ
xx02	၃။	CHAK LETTER II	/?i/	၃။၃		၄။	ᬁ၃
xx03	၅	CHAK LETTER U	/?ú/	၅	၆	၆	ᬁ
xx04	၅။	CHAK LETTER UU	/?u/	၅။၅။		၆။	ᬁ၅
xx05	၇	CHAK LETTER O	/?ó/	၇		၇	ᬁ
xx06	၇။	CHAK LETTER OU	/?o/	၇။၇။			ᬁ၇
xx07	၉	CHAK LETTER E	/?e/	၉	၈	၈	ᬁ
xx08	၉။	CHAK LETTER EU	/?u/				
xx09	ၪ	CHAK LETTER VOCALIC V	/y/				

The distinction between 'short' and 'long' vowel letters is actually a tonal distinction (high and low tones) in Chak language⁷. For loan words and/or writing other languages (e.g Pali) in Chak script, these letters would likely be parsed as short and long vowels.

As in Burmese, CHAK LETTER A can function as a syllable-initial vowel carrier (zero consonant). For example, ဘာနီ or ဘာနီ /?a?í ~ ?ə?í / (grandmother), ဘီးဂေါ် or ဘီးဂေါ် /?ígo? ~ ?ígo/ (slowly), ဘာ၍ဗုံးသာ /?ú?sa/ (old man).

CHAK LETTER AA need not be encoded atomically; it can be stored as CHAK LETTER A followed by CHAK VOWEL SIGN AA, the same way as Burmese ၃။.

CHAK LETTER VOCALIC V represents /y/ or /vu/. This phoneme can also be written as ၪ (CHAK LETTER BHA with CHAK VOWEL SIGN VOCALIC V).

⁶ Southern Brahmi is the preferred term for what is colloquially known as 'Pallava' (see Griffiths 2015 pp989–990). The script shows huge variation by location and period; the letterforms presented in this document are based on inscriptions from the 6–7th centuries across mainland Southeast Asia.

⁷ Huziwara 2019. 'Cak does not distinguish long and short vowels'

Consonants

	Glyph	Unicode name	Phoneme	Burmese	Chakma	Tanchangya	S Brahmi
xx0A	၁၂	CHAK LETTER KA	/ka/	က	କ	କ	କ
xx0B	၃၄	CHAK LETTER KHA	/kʰa/	ခ	ଖ	ଖ	ଖ
xx0C	၂၅	CHAK LETTER GA	/ga/	ဂ	ଗ	ଗ	ଗ
xx0D	၃၆	CHAK LETTER GHA	/g̥a/	ଘ	ଘ	ଘ	ଘ
xx0E	၃၇	CHAK LETTER NGA	/ŋa/	င	ଙ	ଙ	ଙ
xx0F	၁၀	CHAK LETTER CA	/ca/	ଠ	ୟ	ୟ	ୟ
xx10	၁၁	CHAK LETTER CHA	/cʰa/	ଢ	ୟ	ୟ	ୟ
xx11	၂၈	CHAK LETTER JA	/ja/	ଝ	ୟ	ୟ	ୟ
xx12	၁၆	CHAK LETTER JHA	/j̥a/	ଣ	ୟ	ୟ	ୟ
xx13	၂၉	CHAK LETTER NYA	/ɳa/	ଣ୍ୟ	ୟ	ୟ	ୟ
xx14	၂၀	CHAK LETTER TTA	/ta/	ତ	ୟ	ୟ	ୟ
xx15	၂၁	CHAK LETTER TTHA	/tʰa/	ତ୍ତ	ୟ	ୟ	ୟ
xx16	၂၂	CHAK LETTER DDA	/da/	ଦ	୰	୰	୰
xx17	၂၃	CHAK LETTER DDHA	/d̥a/	ଦ୍ଧ	୰	୰	୰
xx18	၂၄	CHAK LETTER NNA	/na/	ନ	ନ	ନ	ନ
xx19	၂၅	CHAK LETTER TA	/ta/	ତ	ତ	ତ	ତ
xx1A	၂၆	CHAK LETTER THA	/tʰa/	ତ୍ତ	ତ	ତ	ତ
xx1B	၂၇	CHAK LETTER DA	/da/	ଦ	ଦ	ଦ	ଦ
xx1C	၂၈	CHAK LETTER DHA	/d̥a/	ଦ୍ଧ	ଦ	ଦ	ଦ
xx1D	၂၉	CHAK LETTER NA	/na/	ନ୍ୟ	ନ୍ୟ	ନ୍ୟ	ନ୍ୟ
xx1E	၂၀	CHAK LETTER PA	/pa/	ପ	ପ	ପ	ପ
xx1F	၂၁	CHAK LETTER PHA	/pʰa/	ଫ	ପ୍ର	ପ୍ର	ପ୍ର
xx20	၂၂	CHAK LETTER BA	/ba/	ବ	ବ	ବ	ବ
xx21	၂၃	CHAK LETTER BHA	/va/	ବ୍ର	ବ୍ର	ବ୍ର	ବ୍ର
xx22	၂၄	CHAK LETTER MA	/ma/	ମ	ମ	ମ	ମ
xx23	၂၅	CHAK LETTER YA	/ya/	ଯ	ଯ	ଯ	ଯ
xx24	၂၆	CHAK LETTER RA	/ra/	ର	ର୍ବ	ର୍ବ	ର୍ବ
xx25	၂၇	CHAK LETTER LA	/la/	ଲ	ଲ	ଲ	ଲ
xx26	၂၈	CHAK LETTER WA	/wa/	ଓ	ଓ	ଓ	ଓ
xx27	၂၉	CHAK LETTER SA	/sa/	ଶ	ଶ	ଶ	ଶ
xx28	၂၀	CHAK LETTER SHA	/ʃa/	ଷ			ଷ
xx29	၂၁	CHAK LETTER HA	/ha/	ହ		ହ	ହ
xx2A	၂၂	CHAK LETTER DDDA	/d̥a/				
xx2B	၂၃	CHAK LETTER BBA	/bá/	ବା			ବା

Vowel signs

	Glyph	Unicode name	Phoneme	Burmese	Chakma	Tanchangya	S Brahmi
xx2C	၁၁	CHAK VOWEL SIGN AA	/a:/	၁၁	'	၁၁	া
xx2D	၁၂	CHAK VOWEL SIGN I	/i/	၁၂	၁၂	၁၂	ি
xx2E	၁၃	CHAK VOWEL SIGN II	/i:/	၁၃	၁၃	၁၃	ি
xx2F	၁၄။	CHAK VOWEL SIGN U	/u/	၁၄	၁၄	၁၄	ি
xx30	၁၅။	CHAK VOWEL SIGN UU	/u:/	၁၅	၁၅	၁၅	ি
	၁၆၁	CHAK VOWEL SIGN O	/o/	၁၆	၁၆	၁၆	ি
	၁၆၃	CHAK VOWEL SIGN OU	/ou/	၁၆၃		၁၆၃	ি
xx31	၁၇	CHAK VOWEL SIGN E	/e/	၁၇	၁၇	၁၇	ি
xx32	၁၈	CHAK VOWEL SIGN Y	/t/				
xx33	၁၉	CHAK VOWEL SIGN EU	/u/				
xx34	၁၀	CHAK VOWEL SIGN VOCALIC V	/v/				

Vowel signs O and OU are not proposed for encoding atomically. Instead they can be stored like Burmese ၁၆ and ၁၆၃ as sequences of encoded characters, namely xx31 xx2C and xx31 xx2C xx35 respectively.

Vowel sign E is pronounced as [e] in open syllables and [ai(ŋ/?)] in closed syllables.

Fonts need to ensure that xx35 ၁၉ CHAK SIGN VIRAMA takes the curved form ၁၉ when placed above xx2C ၁၁ CHAK VOWEL SIGN AA, as shown in the sequence ၁၆၃ ၁၉ OU. (This reflects the shape of the above component in xx06 CHAK LETTER OU ၁၉.)

Vocalic V occurs only after initial consonants (and not in the coda position at the end of a syllable, despite some sources' transliterations). It can be followed by vowel signs, which would be stored after the [v]. Examples include:

- ▶ ၁၉ represents [vu] as in ၁၉၁၁ /kəvú/ 'monkey'⁸;
- ▶ ၁၀ represents [vi] as in ၁၉၁၀၁၁ /təvítəváiŋ/ 'cakes';
- ▶ ၁၇ represents [ve] in open syllables or [vai(ŋ/?)] in closed syllables, as in ၁၇၁၁ /vé/ 'rain' and ၁၇၁၁၁ /vaiŋ/ 'come/fire'.

With the exception of the vocalic v, other vowel signs cannot be combined. Though some sources show graphemic clusters such as ၁၉၁၁, ၁၉၁၁၁၁, ၁၉၁၁၁၁, or ၁၉၁၁၁၁၁, there are no phonemic diphthongs in Chak, and such spellings are not recommended⁹.

8 Huziwarā's suggested orthography would render the word as ၁၉၁၁, using ၁၉ for /v/

9 From email with Huziwarā, 17 Jan 2023

Medials

Like Burmese and Tanchangya, Chak uses medial consonants:

Glyph	Unicode name	Phoneme	Burmese	Chakma	Tanchangya	S Brahmi
xx35	ᬁ	CHAK CONSONANT SIGN MEDIAL YA	/-j/	ᬁ	ᬁ	ᬁ
xx36	ᜃ	CHAK CONSONANT SIGN MEDIAL RA	/-r/	ᜃ	ᜃ	ᜃ
xx37	ᜄ	CHAK CONSONANT SIGN MEDIAL WA	/-w/	ᜄ	ᜄ	ᜄ

Medials may be combined: ᜃᜃ as in ᜃᜃp /kywa/, 'fry with oil'; and ᜄᜄ as in ᜄᜄᜄᜄ [?úŋhrwái?], 'a kind of spoon for taking coconut kernels'.

Other signs

Glyph	Unicode name	Phoneme	Burmese	Chakma	Tanchangya	S Brahmi
xx38	ᜇ	CHAK SIGN APHUNG NGAPOQ	ᜇ	ᜇ	ᜇ	ᜇ
xx39	ᜈ	CHAK SIGN AMEQ TAQ	ᜈ	ᜈ	ᜈ	ᜈ
xx3A	ᜉ	CHAK SIGN APHUNG DANG	ᜉ	ᜉ	ᜉ	ᜉ
xx3B	ᜊᜋ	CHAK SIGN NIN PHVA KWANG	ᜊᜋ	ᜊᜋ	ᜊᜋ	ᜊᜋ
xx3C	ᜌᜍ	CHAK CONJUNCT OPERATOR	ᜌᜍ	ᜌᜍ	ᜌᜍ	ᜌᜍ

APHUNG NGAPOQ (ଅଫୁଙ୍ଗ ନାପୁକୁ) ᜇ acts as a virama to mute the inherent vowel of a consonant and mark the final consonant of a syllable.

AMEQ TAQ (ଅମେକ ତାକ) ᜈ is written below a syllable to mark glottalisation [?]. It may be combined with the virama ᜇ as ᜈᜇ, which represents [ɔ] specifically in Bengali loanwords, as in ୱୁର୍ଦ୍ଧାର୍ଥ [kɔlɔm] 'pen'.

APHUNG DANG (ଅଫୁଙ୍ଗ ଦାଙ୍କ) ᜉ is cognate with the anusvara of other scripts and denotes the final nasal /ŋ/, though Huziwar recommends using ᜊᜋ instead. Aphung dang is positioned above vowel marks and should be stored after them:

ଏ [aŋ] ୟେ [iŋ] ୟେ [iŋ] ୟେ [uŋ] ୟେ [uŋ] ୟେ [ɪŋ]
ୟେ [oŋ] ୟେ [ɔŋ] ୟେ [aiŋ] ୟେ [auŋ]

NIN PHVA KWANG (ନିନ ଫଵା କ୍ଵାଙ୍କ) ᜊᜋ marks high tone (low tone is unmarked).

Like Burmese or Chakma, from which some Chak writers have absorbed this principle, CONJUNCT OPERATOR ᜌᜍ is the suggested mechanism for forming stacked conjuncts.

Digits and punctuation

	Glyph	Unicode name	Trans.	Burmese	Chakma	Tanchangya	S Brahmi
xx40	ၦ	CHAK DIGIT ZERO	ၦ	ၦ	ၦ	ၦ	၁
xx41	၁	CHAK DIGIT ONE	၁	၁	၁	၁	၂
xx42	ၨ	CHAK DIGIT TWO	ၨ	ၨ	ၨ	ၨ	၃
xx43	ၩ	CHAK DIGIT THREE	ၩ	ၩ	ၩ	ၩ	၄
xx44	ၪ	CHAK DIGIT FOUR	ၪ	ၪ	ၪ	ၪ	၅
xx45	ၫ	CHAK DIGIT FIVE	ၫ	ၫ	ၫ	ၫ	၆
xx46	ၬ	CHAK DIGIT SIX	ၬ	ၬ	ၬ	ၬ	၇
xx47	ၭ	CHAK DIGIT SEVEN	ၷ	ၷ	ၷ	ၷ	၈
xx48	ၮ	CHAK DIGIT EIGHT	ၮ	ၮ	ၮ	ၮ	၉
xx49	ၯ	CHAK DIGIT NINE	ၯ	ၯ	ၯ	ၯ	၁၂
xx4E	,	CHAK PUNCTUATION ACHAQ CHA	,	,	,	,	,
xx4F	॥	CHAK PUNCTUATION ACHAQ PRONG	॥	॥	॥	॥	॥

ACHAQ CHA (အားလုံး) , functions as a separator within sentences like the Latin comma. It is equivalent to 104A MYANMAR SIGN LITTLE SECTION or 0964 DEVANAGARI DANDA.

ACHAQ PRONG (အားလုံးဖြောင်း) ॥ is used as a full-stop to mark the end of a sentence. It is equivalent to 104B MYANMAR SIGN SECTION or 0965 DEVANAGARI DOUBLE DANDA.

Wordspaces are normally used between every word. Latin punctuation such as () ? ! " " ... are used.

8 Character properties

xxx00;CHAK LETTER A;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx01;CHAK LETTER I;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx02;CHAK LETTER II;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx03;CHAK LETTER U;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx04;CHAK LETTER UU;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx05;CHAK LETTER O;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx06;CHAK LETTER OU;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx07;CHAK LETTER E;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx08;CHAK LETTER EU;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx09;CHAK LETTER VOCALIC V;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx0A;CHAK LETTER KA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx0B;CHAK LETTER KHA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx0C;CHAK LETTER GA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx0D;CHAK LETTER GHA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx0E;CHAK LETTER NGA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx0F;CHAK LETTER CA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx10;CHAK LETTER CHA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx11;CHAK LETTER JA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx12;CHAK LETTER JHA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx13;CHAK LETTER NYA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx14;CHAK LETTER TTA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx15;CHAK LETTER TTHA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx16;CHAK LETTER DDA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx17;CHAK LETTER DDHA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx18;CHAK LETTER NNA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx19;CHAK LETTER TA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx1A;CHAK LETTER THA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx1B;CHAK LETTER DA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx1C;CHAK LETTER DHA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx1D;CHAK LETTER NA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx1E;CHAK LETTER PA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx1F;CHAK LETTER PHA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx20;CHAK LETTER BA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx21;CHAK LETTER BHA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx22;CHAK LETTER MA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx23;CHAK LETTER YA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx24;CHAK LETTER RA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx25;CHAK LETTER LA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx26;CHAK LETTER WA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx27;CHAK LETTER SA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx28;CHAK LETTER SHA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx29;CHAK LETTER HA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx2A;CHAK LETTER DDDA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx2B;CHAK LETTER BBA;Lo;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx2C;CHAK VOWEL SIGN AA;Mc;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx2D;CHAK VOWEL SIGN I;Mn;0;NSM;;;;N;;;;
xxx2E;CHAK VOWEL SIGN II;Mn;0;NSM;;;;N;;;;
xxx2F;CHAK VOWEL SIGN U;Mc;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx30;CHAK VOWEL SIGN UU;Mc;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx31;CHAK VOWEL SIGN E;Mc;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx32;CHAK VOWEL SIGN Y;Mn;0;NSM;;;;N;;;;
xxx33;CHAK VOWEL SIGN EU;Mn;0;NSM;;;;N;;;;
xxx34;CHAK VOWEL SIGN VOCALIC V;Mn;0;NSM;;;;N;;;;
xxx35;CHAK CONSONANT SIGN MEDIAL YA;Mc;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx36;CHAK CONSONANT SIGN MEDIAL RA;Mn;0;NSM;;;;N;;;;
xxx37;CHAK CONSONANT SIGN MEDIAL WA;Mn;0;NSM;;;;N;;;;

xxx38;CHAK SIGN APHUNG NGAPOQ;Mn;9;NSM;;;;N;;;;
xxx39;CHAK SIGN AMEQ TAQ;Mn;220;NSM;;;;N;;;;
xxx3A;CHAK SIGN APHUNG DANG;Mn;0;NSM;;;;N;;;;
xxx3B;CHAK SIGN NIN PHVA KWANG;Mc;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx3C;CHAK CONJUNCT OPERATOR;Mn;9;NSM;;;;N;;;;
xxx3D;<reserved>
xxx3E;<reserved>
xxx3F;<reserved>
xxx40;CHAK DIGIT ZERO;Nd;0;L;;0;0;0;N;;;;
xxx41;CHAK DIGIT ONE;Nd;0;L;;1;1;1;N;;;;
xxx42;CHAK DIGIT TWO;Nd;0;L;;2;2;2;N;;;;
xxx43;CHAK DIGIT THREE;Nd;0;L;;3;3;3;N;;;;
xxx44;CHAK DIGIT FOUR;Nd;0;L;;4;4;4;N;;;;
xxx45;CHAK DIGIT FIVE;Nd;0;L;;5;5;5;N;;;;
xxx46;CHAK DIGIT SIX;Nd;0;L;;6;6;6;N;;;;
xxx47;CHAK DIGIT SEVEN;Nd;0;L;;7;7;7;N;;;;
xxx48;CHAK CHAAK EIGHT;Nd;0;L;;8;8;8;N;;;;
xxx49;CHAK DIGIT NINE;Nd;0;L;;9;9;9;N;;;;
xxx4A;<reserved>
xxx4B;<reserved>
xxx4C;<reserved>
xxx4D;<reserved>
xxx4E;CHAK PUNCTUATION ACHAQ CHAA;Po;0;L;;;;N;;;;
xxx4F;CHAK PUNCTUATION ACHAQ PRONG;Po;0;L;;;;N;;;;

Linebreaking

Linebreaks may occur after an orthographic syllable. Hyphens are used to indicate a word broken over adjacent lines

9 Unicode chart

	xx0	xx1	xx2	xx3	xx4
0	ଙ୍ଗ xx00	ଙ୍କୁ xx10	ଙ୍କ xx20	ଓଙ୍କଳ xx30	ଓ xx40
1	ଓଁ xx01	ଗ xx11	ଙ୍କ xx21	ଶୋ xx31	ଶ xx41
2	ଓଁ xx02	ଙ୍କୁ xx12	ଙ୍କ xx22	ୟୁ xx32	ୟ xx42
3	ର୍ମ xx03	ଚେ xx13	ଚୁ xx23	୦ୟୁ xx33	୨ xx43
4	ର୍ମ xx04	ଚେ xx14	ଚୁ xx24	୦ୟୁ xx34	୨ xx44
5	ର୍ମ xx05	ସ xx15	ସୁ xx25	୦ୟୁ xx35	୩ xx45
6	ର୍ମ xx06	ଶୁ xx16	୦ xx26	୦ୟୁ xx36	୬ xx46
7	ର୍ମ xx07	ଶୁ xx17	ଙ୍କ xx27	୦ୟୁ xx37	୪ xx47
8	୧୦୧୦ xx08	ଶୁ xx18	ଙ୍କ xx28	୦ୟୁ xx38	୮ xx48
9	ର୍ମ xx09	ଶୁ xx19	ଙ୍କ xx29	୦ୟୁ xx39	୯ xx49
A	ସୁ xx0A	ଶୁ xx1A	ଙ୍କ xx2A	୦ୟୁ xx3A	
B	ସୁ xx0B	ଶୁ xx1B	ଙ୍କ xx2B	୦ୟୁ xx3B	
C	ଙ୍କ xx0C	ଶୁ xx1C	ଙ୍କ xx2C	୦ୟୁ xx3C	
D	ଙ୍କ xx0D	ଶୁ xx1D	୦ୟୁ xx2D		
E	ଙ୍କ xx0E	ଶୁ xx1E	୦ୟୁ xx2E		୧ xx4E
F	ଙ୍କ xx0F	ଶୁ xx1F	ଙ୍କଳ xx2F		ଙ୍କଳ xx4F

Independent vowels

xx00	၁၁	CHAK LETTER A
		• also used as a vowel carrier
xx01	၂၁	CHAK LETTER I
xx02	၃၁	CHAK LETTER II
xx03	၄၁	CHAK LETTER U
xx04	၅၁	CHAK LETTER UU
xx05	၆၁	CHAK LETTER O
xx06	၇၁	CHAK LETTER OU
xx07	၈၁	CHAK LETTER E
xx08	၉၁	CHAK LETTER EU
xx09	၁၂	CHAK LETTER VOCALIC V

Consonants

xx0A	၀၁	CHAK LETTER KA
xx0B	၁၁	CHAK LETTER KHA
xx0C	၂၁	CHAK LETTER GA
xx0D	၃၁	CHAK LETTER GHA
xx0E	၄၁	CHAK LETTER NGA
xx0F	၅၁	CHAK LETTER CA
xx10	၆၁	CHAK LETTER CHA
xx11	၇၁	CHAK LETTER JA
xx12	၈၁	CHAK LETTER JHA
xx13	၉၁	CHAK LETTER NYA
xx14	၁၁	CHAK LETTER TTA
xx15	၁၂	CHAK LETTER TTHA
xx16	၁၃	CHAK LETTER DDA
xx17	၁၄	CHAK LETTER DDHA
xx18	၁၅	CHAK LETTER NNA
xx19	၁၆	CHAK LETTER TA
xx1A	၁၇	CHAK LETTER THA
xx1B	၁၈	CHAK LETTER DA
xx1C	၁၉	CHAK LETTER DHA
xx1D	၁၁	CHAK LETTER NA
xx1E	၁၁	CHAK LETTER PA
xx1F	၁၁	CHAK LETTER PHA
xx20	၁၁	CHAK LETTER BA
xx21	၁၁	CHAK LETTER BHA
xx22	၁၁	CHAK LETTER MA
xx23	၁၁	CHAK LETTER YA
xx24	၁၁	CHAK LETTER RA
xx25	၁၁	CHAK LETTER LA
xx26	၁၁	CHAK LETTER WA
xx27	၁၁	CHAK LETTER SA
xx28	၁၁	CHAK LETTER SHA
xx29	၁၁	CHAK LETTER HA
xx2A	၁၁	CHAK LETTER DDDA
xx2B	၁၁	CHAK LETTER BBA

Dependent vowel signs

xx2C	၁၁	CHAK VOWEL SIGN AA
xx2D	၁၁	CHAK VOWEL SIGN I
xx2E	၁၁	CHAK VOWEL SIGN II
xx2F	၁၁	CHAK VOWEL SIGN U
xx30	၁၁	CHAK VOWEL SIGN UU
xx31	၁၁	CHAK VOWEL SIGN E
xx32	၁၁	CHAK VOWEL SIGN Y
xx33	၁၁	CHAK VOWEL SIGN EU
xx34	၁၁	CHAK VOWEL SIGN VOCALIC V

Dependent consonant signs

xx35	၁၁	CHAK CONSONANT SIGN MEDIAL YA
xx36	၁၁	CHAK CONSONANT SIGN MEDIAL RA
xx37	၁၁	CHAK CONSONANT SIGN MEDIAL WA

Various signs

xx38	၁၁	CHAK SIGN APHUNG NGAPOQ • suppresses inherent vowel → 103A ၁၁ myanmar sign asat
xx39	၁၁	CHAK SIGN AMEQ TAQ • glottalization mark
xx3A	၁၁	CHAK SIGN APHUNG DANG • nasalization mark
xx3B	၁၁	CHAK SIGN NIN PHVA KWANG • indicates high tone
xx3C	၁၁	CHAK CONJUNCT OPERATOR • used for stacked conjuncts

Digits

xx40	ၦ	CHAK DIGIT ZERO
xx41	၁	CHAK DIGIT ONE
xx42	၂	CHAK DIGIT TWO
xx43	၃	CHAK DIGIT THREE
xx44	၄	CHAK DIGIT FOUR
xx45	၅	CHAK DIGIT FIVE
xx46	၆	CHAK DIGIT SIX
xx47	၇	CHAK DIGIT SEVEN
xx48	၈	CHAK DIGIT EIGHT
xx49	၉	CHAK DIGIT NINE

Punctuation

xx4E	I	CHAK SIGN ACHAQ CHAA
xx4F	II	CHAK SIGN ACHAQ PRONG • double danda

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သက်တိုင်းရင်းသားစာပေ(The Language Alphabet)

မျည်းအကွဲရာ(Consonant)

ကၢၢ Ka	ခၢၢ Kha	ဂၢၢ Ga	ယၢၢ Gha	ဃၢၢ hna
ဓၢၢ Ca	ဆၢၢ Cha	ဇၢၢ Ja	ဇၢၢ Jha	ညၢၢ Nya
ဋၢၢ Ta	ဃၢၢ hta	ဒၢၢ da	ဓၢၢ dha	ဏၢၢ Nha
ထၢၢ Tah	ထၢၢ htah	ဒၢၢ Dah	ဓၢၢ dhah	နၢၢ Nah
ပၢၢ Pa	ဖၢၢ Fa	ပၢၢ Ba	ဘၢၢ Va	မၢၢ Ma
ယၢၢ Ya	ရၢၢ Ra	လၢၢ La	ଓၢၢ Owa	သၢၢ Sa
	ရၢၢ Sha	ဟၢၢ Ha	ဋၢၢ Tthar	
	ပါအ်ၢၢ Pphar			

သရု အကွဲရာ(Vowel)

အၢၢ Au	အာၢၢ Aau	ဗီၢၢ Ei	ဗြီၢၢ Ee	ညၢၢ Ou
အူၢၢ Oue	ဥၢၢ uo	ဦးၢၢ Oh	ဥၢၢ Ae	အိုၢၢ Ueo
	အိုၢၢ Ouh			

သက်တိုင်းရင်းသားစာပေနှင့်ယဉ်ကျေးမျိုးအသင်း

Fig 1 Consonants and independent vowels, *The Language Learning Book*, Lwan Sein Oo (2019)

ထုရု ဘလ္ဒာန ဘယ်ကိစာ

ဘလ္ဒာန	ဘယ်ကိစာ	ဘယ်လွှာ
ဗာ	ံ	ဗာဟေး
ဗီ	း	ဗီရွှေ
ဗိ	္	ဗိရွှေ
ဤ	ၤ	လာဗုလီန်း
ဥ	ၢ	နိုတ်းလာဗုလီန်း
ဦ	ၣ	ၣွေ
ဦး	၁၁	ၣာဟေး
ဦ့	၁၃	ၣာဟေး
ဤု	ၢၢ	ဤုရွှေ
ဤုး	ၢၣ	ဤုးလွှေ
ဤု့	ၢၣၢ	ဤု့ရွှေ

ထုရုဘလ္ဒာန ဘယ်ဘို့အိုးဟေးလော် ဘလွှာထုအွာအွေး

သရုပ်ဘယ်ကိစာ	ဘလ္ဒာန	ဘယ်ဘို့
ံ	ၣ	ၣာ
း	ၣ	ၣီ
္	ၣ	ၣီ
ၤ	ၣ	ၣၤ
ၢ	ၣ	ၣၢ
ၣၣ	ၣ	ၣၣ
ၣၢ	ၣ	ၣၢ
ၢၢ	ၣ	ၣၢၢ
ၢၣ	ၣ	ၣၣ
ၢၣၢ	ၣ	ၣၣၢ
ၢၣၣ	ၣ	ၣၣၣ

သတ်စာပေနှင့်ယဉ်တော်မျှအသင်း

Fig 2 Independent and dependent vowels, Thet Language Learning Book (kindergarten), Lwan Sein Oo (2020)

ဖော်သီး ဘလ်ဂျာ ဘယ်ခိုး

ဘလ်ဂျာ	ဘယ်ခိုး	ဘယ်လွှာ
သ	-ဗ	သရာလှ
ရ	-ဃ	ရရာလှ
ဝ	-ခ	ဝရာလှ

ဘလ်ဂျာ လရာ ဘယ်ခိုး

ဘယ်ခိုး	ဘယ်လွှာ
၁	ရှိဇ္ဇာ
၂	ဘလ္မားကြဆောလှ
၃	ဘယ်လှာနာလှ
၄	ဘလ္မား ရဲဇ္ဇာ
၅	ဒိုက်းလူးလွှဲးလွှဲး
၆	ဘထုလ်ခိုး
၇	ဘထုလ်ဆွောဇ္ဇာ

သတ်စာပေနှင့်ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအသင်း

Fig 3 Medials and other signs, Thet Language Learning Book (kindergarten), Lwan Sein Oo (2020)

သာတ္ထနဘာလီဇော်

မြန်မာ	သက်	သက်
၀ကုန်း	၁ဟန်း	၁၉။
၁	၂	၁၁။
၂	၄	၂၅။
၃	၂	၂၀။၇
၄	၈	၂၅။
၅	၃	၃။၈
၆	၆	၄။၂
၇	၉	၄၁။၅
၈	၄	၅။၈
၉	၅	၅၁။၇
၁၀	၅၀	၅၁။၁
၁၁	၅၅	၅၁။၅
၁၂	၅၄	၅၁။၅၇
၁၃	၅၃	၅၁။၅၈
၁၄	၅၈	၅၁။၅၉
၁၅	၅၂	၅၁။၅၁
၁၆	၅၆	၅၁။၅၂
၁၇	၅၇	၅၁။၅၃
၁၈	၅၈	၅၁။၅၄
၁၉	၅၉	၅၁။၅၅
၂၀	၅၀	၅၁။၅၆

သက်စာပေနှင့်ယဉ်ကျေမှုအသင်း

Fig 4 Myanmar & Chak numerals with number names, Thet Language Learning Book (kindergarten), Lwan Sein Oo (2020)



အောင်းဆောင်ရောင်းနောက်

ဘယ်ဇူးတောင်းသော်လောင်းများ များမှာ၍
၉၃။ များများ ထို ၂၄အောင်း ၇ဟင်း သံ့ကန်း၊ အောင်းရတော်
ကာပ်းလာလ်လာဒေါ်။ များလျော်းစီး အောင်းနာယာရှား
ထုတ်းစိုး၏ ဘယ်မှား ဘလာထုတ်း နီးကြား ကာလ်ကို ၂၄အောင်းရှား၏ ခေါ်
ဘာ့၏။

၂၄အောင်းရှားစီး ကပ်းပြု၏ များမှာ ၉၃ဦး ၂၄အောင်းရှား
ကော် အောင်းရတော် ဘယ်ဇူးတောင်း၏ စာတော်။ ၂၄အောင်းရှား
၁၅။ သု များလျော်းများ ဟဲဦး အောင်းနာယား၏ များမှာ
ရှား၏ ကော်၏ ကော်။ အောင်းရှားပုံး များတိုးလိုးလိုး ဖြာ
ခြားလိုး ။ များပုံးပုံး များများ ဘလာထုတ်းနီးကြား အောင်း
နာယားစီး များနာယားစီး ပုံးပုံး လာ၏။

များမှာ ရှားလိုးလိုး ဘလာ၏ ဘယ်မှား ဘလာ၏ ဘယ်မှား
များများ၏ ကော်၏ ကော်။ များများ ဟဲဦး များမှား
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သက်စာဝေနှင့် ယဉ်တော်မျှေးသင်း

Fig 5 Sak saa, double danda and quotes, Thet Language Learning Book (kindergarten), Lwan Sein Oo (2020)

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ହେ (ଝୋ) - ଶାଃ ଦେଲ୍ ହେହେଯେଃ ରେଖାଃ , ଆନମନାଭାବେ ହଁ ବଲା, ଆଶ୍ର୍ଯ୍ୟ ହେଯେ ହଁ ବଲା, yes.

ହେହେଯେ (ଅଲାଲେ) - ଶାଃ ହାତ୍ ରୁ ଧରେ ଧ୍ୱେଲ୍ ରେଖାରେଖା , ଏକଟି କଥା ବିରକ୍ତି ଜନକଭାବେ ବାରବାର ବଲା ।

ହେଲ୍ଲେହା (ଅକ୍ରା) - ହାତ୍ତା ଶାଃ , ହାମେଲ୍ଲେ ହାତ୍ତା ଶାଃ , ଫ୍ରୀହାତ୍ତା ଶାଃ , ସଚାରାଚର ବାହିରେର ଲୋକକେ ବୁଝାନୋ ହ୍ୟ, ଶହରେର ଲୋକ ।

ହେଲ୍ଲେ ରେ (ଅକ୍ରହେ) - ରେହେଲ୍ଲେ ରେଲ୍ଲେ ରେଲ୍ଲେ , ଏହିଶାଳେ ହେଲ୍ଲେ ରେଲ୍ଲେରେରେଃ , କୋନ ଜିନିସ ନଷ୍ଟ ହେଯେ ଯାଓଯା, ପାଂଗାସ ଧରା ଇତ୍ୟାଦି ବୁଝାଯ ।

ହେଲ୍ଲିଃ (ଅଃ) - ଟିଃ ରେହେଲ୍ଲି, win,victory, conquest.

ହେଲ୍ଲିଃରେ (ଅଃହେ) - ହାତେଟିରେ ହୈଲ୍ଲିରେ , ଜୟ ହେଯା, to bewon. ହେଲ୍ଲି ହୈଲ୍ଲିରେ, ଶାଃ ହେଲ୍ଲିଃରେ , କାଜେ ଜୟଲାଭ କରା,ସେ ପରୀକ୍ଷାଯ ପାଶ କରେଛେ, to win,to

defeat, to conquer. he passed examination.

ହାତେଟୋଃ - ହାତେଟୋଃ ଚାକ ଗୋତ୍ର ନାମ ।

ହେହଃହେହଃ (ଝୋ:ଝୋ:) - ଲାପିଲ୍ ରେଖାରେଖା , ହେହଃ ହେହଃ ଶାଃ ହାସ୍ତିହେହଃ , ହୈତେ , noise.

ହେ (ଏ) - ତ୍ର, ହେ ପେରେ ପରାଲ୍ଲେ, ହଁ ସୂଚକ, affirmation, confirmation, response etc.

ହେ (ଏୟ) - ହେହେଯେ ରେ , ହେ ଡାର୍ଟେ ହାତ୍ ରାତ୍ରାଯାଃ , ଆଶ୍ର୍ଯ୍ୟ ସୂଚକ, wonderful, astonishing, surprising etc.

ହେଲ୍ଲେ (ଏକ) - ରେହେର୍ଦ୍ଦୁ ହେଲ୍ଲେ,ଲାମ୍ବଲ, plough. ହାତ୍ତା ହେଲ୍ଲେ ଶାଳେଶ୍ଵରେ : ବାବା ଲାମ୍ବଲ ବାନାଛେନ, my father make a plough.

ହେଲ୍ଲେରେ (ଏକହେ) - ରେହେଲ୍ଲେ ରେଖାଃ , ଭେପ୍ସା ଗରମ, ଗରମ ହାଓଯା, heat.

ହେତ୍ତିଃ (ଏ) (ଆଃ) - ହାତେଟିଃରେନ , ବିରକ୍ତିକର (ବିଶେଷତ: ତୈଲାକ୍ତ) ଏହିଃ ହେତ୍ତିଃ ରେଖା - ଶାଃରେ ହା ତେତେରେନ ପ୍ରାରେ ରେ , ଆମି ତୈଲାକ୍ତ ଖାଦ୍ୟ ବିରକ୍ତ ପାଇ ।

ହେତ୍ତିଃ (ଆଃ) - ଶାଃ ହେତ୍ତିଃ ରେ, ଅନ୍ୟେର କୃ ନଜର ପରା, a look or

ହାବଲ୍ ହାତୀଃରେତ୍ ଚେଁଃ

ହାତଗୋଟେଇ (ଆଟାଲୁଃସା) :- ଯେତାଇଁ ମେରୁ (ହାତାଷୀଳିଃ) || ମଧ୍ୟ,
ମଧ୍ୟମ (ବିଶେଷକ: ସଞ୍ଜାନାଦିକ୍ଷତ୍ରେ) | Middle (espacially in the case
of children).

ହାତଗୋଟିଃ (ଆଟାଲୁଃ) :- ଯେତାପେଲ୍ ହୁବେଲ୍ ହାତୋହାପେଲ୍
ହୁବେଲ୍ || ମଧ୍ୟଥାନେ, ମାବାଥାନେ | In the middle.

ହାତିଲେଃ (ଆତିକ୍ର) :- ଯେତେହୁତିଃ ଲାଗ୍ରତ ଫେର୍ତ୍ତ || ଅତିତ | Past.
day or time past.

ହାତିଲେଃ ହୁବେଲ୍ (ଆତିବ୍ ଓକ୍ର) :- ଯୁଲ୍ ଲେହ୍ ହାତିଲେଲାଃ ||
କ୍ରମନ ବା କାଂଦା ନା ଥାମା | Don't stop crying.

ହାତୋଟିଃ (ଆଥୋଃ) :- ହୁପ୍ରିହୁପ୍ରିତାଳ୍ ହାତିଃ || କୋଣ | Angle.

ହାତୋ (ଆଥୋହ) :- ହୁପ୍ରି ହୁପ୍ରି ହାତୋ || ପଞ୍ଚି ଜାତିଯ ବାସା | Nest.

ହାତ (ଆନାହ) :- ହାତା ଫୁଲେଲା || ଆଦେଶ | Order (noun)

ହାତର୍ଫ (ଆନହଶାଏ) :- ହାତ ଫୁଲୋଇଃ || ଆଦେଶକାରୀ | Ordering.

ହାତର୍ଫାରେ (ଆନହଲୁହେ) :- ହାତ ରୋଫାଇଃ || ଆଦେଶ ପ୍ରାଙ୍ଗକାରୀ |
Ordered, ordered recipient.

ହାତ୍ରେ (ଆନାହ ବ୍ରେ) :- ହାତ୍ରେ, ହାତ୍ ଫ୍ରେଲେଲାଃ || ଆଦେଶର ଜବାବ |
Responses to the order.

ଟେଙ୍ଗେ ପତ୍ର (ସର୍ବନାମ)

ଟେଙ୍ଗେ ହାତିଲା ହାତ୍ ପତ୍ର କାର୍ତ୍ତି ଦେଖା ହାମଣେ ଟେଙ୍ଗେ ପତ୍ର ଲାଗେ ॥

ମୁଦ୍ରଣ :-

ହାମା , ହାଯାର୍ଦିକ , କାର୍ତ୍ତି ॥

ଶାନ୍ତିକିଃ ଦେଖିବା ଯେବେ ॥ ହାମା ଧାର୍ତ୍ତିକାଳୀ ଦେଖାଇଥା ଗୋଟିଏବେ ॥ ମା
ପାମା କାମ ବାଲିକା (ହାନ୍ତିକ) କର ॥ ଅର୍ଦ୍ଦିଯା କାମାଲିହ ହାନ୍ତିକିଃ
ହାତିଲାଃ (ହାମା) କାର୍ତ୍ତିଃ କର ॥ କିନ୍ତୁହୋଲି (ହାମା) ଟେଙ୍ଗେ ପତ୍ର

ଲାଗ : ଟେଙ୍ଗେଲାଃ ହାତିଲା ?

ହାଲ୍ୟ : ଟେଙ୍ଗେ ହାତିଲା ହାତ୍ ପତ୍ର କାର୍ତ୍ତି ଦେଖା ହାମଣେ ଟେଙ୍ଗେ

ଲାଗ : ଟେଙ୍ଗେ ହାତିଲାର ମୀଳିଛା ?

ହାଲ୍ୟ : ଟେଙ୍ଗେ ୫୦ (ବର୍ଷ) ମୀଳିବ ॥

ମୁଦ୍ରଣ :-

(୦୧) ପାର୍ଦ୍ଦିତିବା / ପାର୍ଦ୍ଦିଲାଗିଲି ଟେଙ୍ଗେ ପତ୍ର ॥ (ସ୍ଵଭାବିକ ସର୍ବନାମ)

ମୁଦ୍ରଣ :- ଲା , କାର୍ତ୍ତି , କାର୍ତ୍ତି , ହାମା ॥

(୦୨) ପରା ଟେଙ୍ଗେ ପତ୍ର ॥ (ଆନ୍ଦ୍ରବାଚକ ସର୍ବନାମ)

ମୁଦ୍ରଣ :- ହାତିଲା , ଲା , ଲେଣ୍ଡେଟ ॥

(୦୩) ବାଯେଲିଲା ଟେଙ୍ଗେ ପତ୍ର ॥ (ସାମୀପାବାଚକ ସର୍ବନାମ)

ମୁଦ୍ରଣ :- ହାତିଲା , ହାଯାର୍ଦିକ ॥

(୦୪) ଗୋଟିଃ ଟେଙ୍ଗେ ପତ୍ର ॥ (ସମାପ୍ତିବାଚକ ସର୍ବନାମ)

ମୁଦ୍ରଣ :- ପାଲିଗାଲି , ମେହିଳା , ତୋଟିଃତୋଟ ॥

(୦୫) ଲାଗ ଟେଙ୍ଗେ ପତ୍ର ॥ (ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶବାଚକ ସର୍ବନାମ)

ମୁଦ୍ରଣ :- ହାମା , ମାର୍ଜିମାଃ ॥

(୦୬) ହାତିଲାତା ଟେଙ୍ଗେ ପତ୍ର ॥ (ପଶ୍ଚାସୂଚକ ସର୍ବନାମ)

ମୁଦ୍ରଣ :- ପଣ୍ଡାତା , ପଣ୍ଡାଟାତା , ହାତିଲା ॥

(୦୭) ଗୈଗୈ ଟେଙ୍ଗେ ପତ୍ର ॥ (ଅନିକ୍ଷିଯାତାସୂଚକ ସର୍ବନାମ)

ମୁଦ୍ରଣ :- ବାହାସନା , ବାହାସନା , ହାତିଲା ॥

(୦୮) ବାଯେତା ଟେଙ୍ଗେ ପତ୍ର ॥ (ସ୍ଵଭାବିକ ସର୍ବନାମ)

ମୁଦ୍ରଣ :- ହାତିଲାଗୈ , ହାତିଲା , ହାଗୈ ॥

(୦୯) ଗୈତଳ ଟେଙ୍ଗେ ପତ୍ର ॥ (ସବକ୍ଷସୂଚକ ସର୍ବନାମ)

ମୁଦ୍ରଣ :- ଗୈ , ହାଯା ॥

(୧୦) ଲାଗନାଃ ଟେଙ୍ଗେ ପତ୍ର ॥ (ପରିମାନବାଚକ ସର୍ବନାମ)

ମୁଦ୍ରଣ :- ହାତିଲାଗନାଃ , ମୁକୋଲାଃ , ମୁଦ୍ରଣ ॥

ଲାଗ ପତ୍ର - ୫୫

Fig 8 Page from Chak Grammar book (2017)

সাক (চাক) Sak(Chak)	বাংলা (Bangla)	বর্মী (Burmese)
<p>ଲାଜୁର ଲାଜୁର ଲାଜୁର ॥ ଯାଇକ: ଯିଯି ॥</p> 	<p>କାପିକ କାପିକ । ଆମିଙ୍ ମିମି</p>	<p>ନାଈନ୍ ନାଈନ୍ । ରୋଣ ୪୫ ।</p>
<p>ଲୁହ ଲୁହର ଲୁହର ॥ ଯାଇକ: ଯିଯି ॥</p>  <p>ଲୁହ: ଲୁହର ଲୁହର ॥ ଯାଇକ: ଯିଯି ॥</p> 	<p>ତମିହ: ଆଟେ:ଗା ଜୀହୁ ଆକାଂ ଗାଯାଏ ଗାଯାଏ ।</p>	<p>ନାଈନ୍ ନାଈନ୍ ନାଈନ୍ । ରୋଣ ୪୫ ।</p>
<p>ଲାଶର ଲାଶର ଲାଶର ॥ ଯାଇକ: ଯିଯି ॥</p>  <p>ଲୁହ: ଲୁହର ଲୁହର ॥ ଯାଇକ: ଯିଯି ॥</p> 	<p>କାବାକ କାବାକ ଆ ଭୁଗୋ ଆଜ୍ଞାଏ ଭାବେ ।</p>	<p>ନାଈନ୍ ନାଈନ୍ ନାଈନ୍ । ରୋଣ ୪୫ ।</p>
<p>ଲାବଙ୍ଗା: ପ୍ରା ପ୍ରା: ଲାବଙ୍ଗା ଲାବଙ୍ଗା ॥</p>  <p>ଲୁହ: ଲୁହର ଲୁହର ॥ ଯାଇକ: ଯିଯି ॥</p> 	<p>ଆହସିହ: ଆଲୋହ ଆଶାଗା ଆଦୁମିର ଭାବେ ।</p>	<p>ନାଈନ୍ ନାଈନ୍ ନାଈନ୍ । ରୋଣ ୪୫ ।</p>
<p>ଲାକ୍ଷର ଲାକ୍ଷର ଲାକ୍ଷର ॥ ଯାଇକ: ଯିଯି ॥</p>  <p>ଲୁହ: ଲୁହର ଲୁହର ॥ ଯାଇକ: ଯିଯି ॥</p>	<p>ଆସବା ଆ ଇର ଆସବା ପୋକ ଆର ।</p>	<p>ନାଈନ୍ ନାଈନ୍ ନାଈନ୍ । ରୋଣ ୪୫ ।</p>
<p>ଲାକ୍ଷର ଲାକ୍ଷର ଲାକ୍ଷର ॥ ଯାଇକ: ଯିଯି ॥</p>  <p>ଲୁହ: ଲୁହର ଲୁହର ॥ ଯାଇକ: ଯିଯି ॥</p>	<p>ଖାରେଖ ଶୋଇଛି: ନିଯାକ ସକୁଳ ଆ ଖାରେଖଶୋଇଛି ଭାବେ ।</p>	<p>ନାଈନ୍ ନାଈନ୍ ନାଈନ୍ । ରୋଣ ୪୫ ।</p>
<p>ଲାକ୍ଷର ଲାକ୍ଷର ଲାକ୍ଷର ॥ ଯାଇକ: ଯିଯି ॥</p>  <p>ଲୁହ: ଲୁହର ଲୁହର ॥ ଯାଇକ: ଯିଯି ॥</p>	<p>ବାହିକ ବାହିକ ମୋହେ ।</p>	<p>ନାଈନ୍ ନାଈନ୍ ନାଈନ୍ । ରୋଣ ୪୫ ।</p>
<p>ଲାକ୍ଷର ଲାକ୍ଷର ଲାକ୍ଷର ॥ ଯାଇକ: ଯିଯି ॥</p>  <p>ଲୁହ: ଲୁହର ଲୁହର ॥ ଯାଇକ: ଯିଯି ॥</p>	<p>ଇହିକ ଇହିକ ପୁଶାତାପାହେ ।</p>	<p>ନାଈନ୍ ନାଈନ୍ ନାଈନ୍ । ରୋଣ ୪୫ ।</p>

(ମାତ୍ର:ରୂପ: ଯାଇକର ୨୫/୩)

Fig 9 Page from Sak Alphabet learning book (2013)

ତେବେ କେବେ

ଯୁଦ୍ଧ ଯୋଗ ପାର
ମେଲି ଲୋକ ପାର

- * ମୋହା ତେବେ, ମୋହା ଲାଖେ ତେବେ,
ମୋହା ଫଳି ପି, ମୋହା ବୈଚି.
- * ଜାପାନ ଲାଙ୍ଗା ଜାକ୍ କନ୍ଦ୍ରପ୍ରାଣ ?
କୁଣ୍ଡଳ ଫିଲେହା ଲାଗି ରଞ୍ଜାଣ ?
- * ଗୋଟିଏବାଟେହା ତେବେ ଲାଖେ
ଲୁହ ଯକ୍ଷର ଫୁଲ ପାତା ରେଖାପାତା
- * ଗୋଟିଏବାଟେ ବାଟୁମୀଳ ଘେରିବାବୁଥାଏ
ଲୁହ ବାଲ ଯକ୍ଷର କାହାର ହାତାବା ?
- * ତିର ଜାହିନ୍ଦ୍ର ଯତ୍ତାକେ ଜାପାନାବା
ତିରିକାହାରୀ ଲାଗିଲାବାନି
- * ହେଠାତେଲେବେ ? ଗେପିଲାବେବେ
ତିରିକାହାରୀ ଲାଗିଲାବାନି
- * ହିତିଯାଏନ ଜାପାନ ଜାପାନ
ଶ୍ରୀକିରଣାବେଳୀ ଅପନା ଅପନା
- * ଲାଖେ ଚର୍ଚାହାରୀ ଦ୍ଵେଷକାରୀ ଯୋଗିନୀ ?
ଲେଖା (ଶ୍ରୀ) କୁଣ୍ଡଳିଜାହାରି କରୁଣି ଦ୍ଵିତୀୟ ମୁଖ୍ୟ
- * ଭୂତାଳେ ପ୍ରେତାଳେ କୁଣ୍ଡଳ
କୁଣ୍ଡଳ ରମଣାଲୀ ଶ୍ରୀକିରଣ
- * କାହା ତେବେ, ଜାପାନ କାହା ତେବେ ?
ଶ୍ରୀକିରଣ ଅଧିକାରୀ କାହାର ତେବେ ?

Fig 10 Handwritten poem in Chak and Burmese (alternate lines) by Mong Mong Chak.



Fig 11 Thet National Day 2022 in Ma Kyi village, Maungdaw, Myanmar, with bilingual sign.



Fig 12 Chak classroom in Myanmar with Chak alphabet visible.



Fig 13 Teaching Chak script in Myanmar.

မြတ်ခ / ၄၀၅၀ ကျိုးကနားအိုဒ္ဓရားပေါ်နှင့် ကမာနာရွှေ (၆၇)
ကောဇူးလေးစာမျက် ပြာသံပြာအား ရေယာ၌ ၁၆၀၅

နံပါတ်	အမည်	ဘား	စီမံအိုဒ္ဓရ	ဖုန်း	ကောဇူးလေး
၁	မြတ်ခနှင့်လေ	ဘား	၆၀၈၁	၅	၅၈
၂	၆၈၈။၈၁၃	ဘား	၆၀၈၁	၅	၅၃
၃	၈၉၆။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၃	၅-ပမာ
၄	၈၁၄။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၈	၅၄
၅	၈၀၉။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၈	၅
၆	၈၀၈။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၆	၆
၇	၈၀၇။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၇	၇
၈	၈၀၆။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၈	၈
၉	၈၀၅။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၃	၅
၁၀	၈၀၄။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၀	၅၄
၁၁	၈၀၃။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၅	၅
၁၂	၈၀၂။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၄	၆
၁၃	၈၀၁။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၇	၅-ဘဏ်ယ
၁၄	၈၀၀။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၁	၅-ခုမြိုင်ယ
၁၅	၈၀၉။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၈	၅၃
၁၆	၈၀၈။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၅	၅၁
၁၇	၈၀၇။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၇	၅-ဘဏ်ယ
၁၈	၈၀၆။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၈	၅၁
၁၉	၈၀၅။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၅	၅၆
၂၀	၈၀၄။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၁	၅၅
၂၁	၈၀၃။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၇	၅
၂၂	၈၀၂။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၈	၅၁
၂၃	၈၀၁။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၇	၅၁
၂၄	၈၀၀။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၇	၅၁
၂၅	၈၀၉။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၇	၅၁
၂၆	၈၀၈။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၇	၅၁
၂၇	၈၀၇။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၇	၅၁
၂၈	၈၀၆။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၇	၅၁
၂၉	၈၀၅။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၇	၅၁
၃၀	၈၀၄။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၇	၅၁
၃၁	၈၀၃။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၇	၅၁
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၃၃	၈၀၁။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၇	၅၁
၃၄	၈၀၀။၈၁၃	ဘား	၈၀၈၁	၅၇	၅၁

ရာဇ်အား
၁၁၁၅၁၁

ဘား
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Fig 14 List of students with their grades, Chak script (Myanmar). Note the alternate form of digit 8 here.

প্রতিষ্ঠান
পর্যবেক্ষণ
২০১৮

শর্তোবৃক্ষ কোল কেটে গুরুতর
গাঁথেয়েবা ধ্যেনোঃয়েন কাট
শর্তোবৃক্ষ ॥

স্পৃহুঃ হামীম
বাস্তু
নদৰঃ

:- মাঝে মাঝে কাটা বুন্দেলু ॥
:- ৫০৯
:- ৩

নাম : বালু মাঝে (রচনামূলক)

নামিক : ৫ টি

যথোচিত ফেরেন = ৫০

(৫) গোবিয়া উভাই কেন শলা গুঁটি দে ॥ বায়েনি বীক্ষণ গো বেক্ষণ দে ॥ বায়েনি
গোবিয়েক্ষণ কেনি কেনি, কেনেক্ষণ আড়ি, লুক্ষণ হাল্কে লুক্ষণ ঘাসে ॥
বাস্তুকে কুকুর বীক্ষণ দে গোবিয়ে কা পাটে দে ॥ কুকুর বীক্ষণ বেক্ষণ
গো আশিক যুগাঃদে ॥ কুকুর কা বীক্ষণ গোবিয়ে বাসে ঘাসে ॥

বাস্তু হালাঃ দঃ স্পঃ দে ॥ কীলা কোল গোবিয়ে বাস্তু হাস্তু হাম্বুনি ফেরেন ॥

ফেরেন	গোবিয়া	বাস্তু ফেরেন
(১)	বাস্তু বাস্তু শলা গুঁটি দেয়াঃ ?	৫
(২)	গোবিয়ে বীক্ষণ বেক্ষণ দেয়াঃ ?	৫
(৩)	বায়েনি বীক্ষণ গোবিয়ে কুকুর বাস্তু দেয়াঃ ?	৫
(৪)	কুকুর বীক্ষণ গোবিয়ে কুকুর বাস্তু দেয়াঃ ?	৫
(৫)	গোবিয়া কেন গো গুঁটি কুকুর বাস্তু হাম্বুনি বাস্তু হাস্তু ?	৫

(৬) কুবিগোলি বা কুবাচুক্তিঃবা গাঁথেনি কুঁজি কুঁজি কুবাচুক্তিঃ ॥ কুঁজি
কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ ॥ কুঁজি কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ ॥
কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ ॥ কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ
কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ ॥ কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ
কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ ॥ কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ ॥

ফেরেন	গোবিয়া	বাস্তু ফেরেন
(১)	কুবিগোলি কুবাচুক্তিঃ বাগুলি বাস্তু কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ ?	২
(২)	কুঁজি কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ ?	২
(৩)	গুঁটি কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ ?	৫
(৪)	কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ ?	৫

(৭) ৫ চ ২০ কেনি মনি বালু কুকুর কুকুর দৃঃয়ঃ ॥

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কুঁজি কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ =

কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ =

কুবাচুক্তিঃ কুবাচুক্তিঃ =

Fig 15 Question paper for Chak language exam from Bangladesh government's Small Ethnic Cultural Institute, 2019.

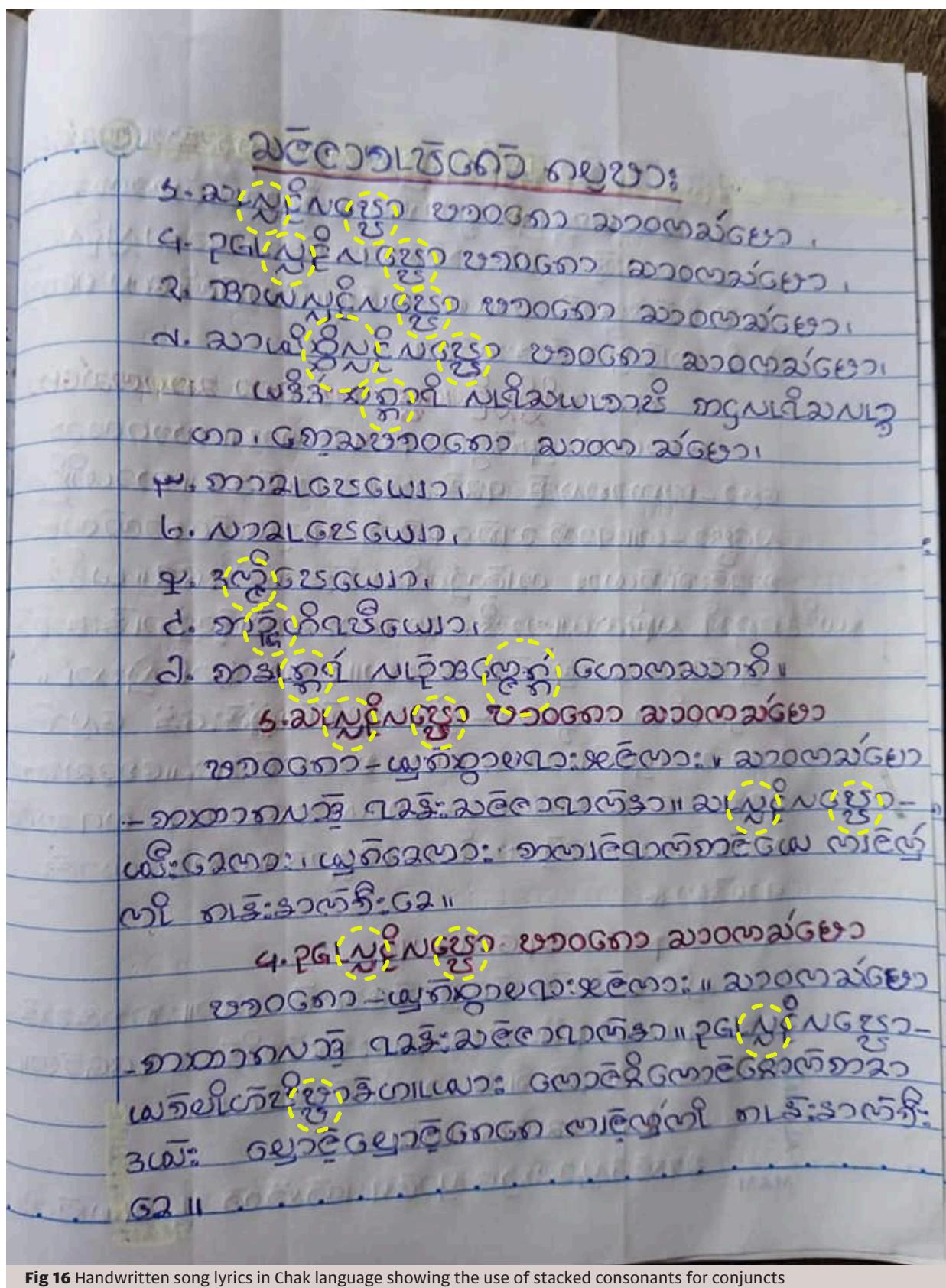


Fig 16 Handwritten song lyrics in Chak language showing the use of stacked consonants for conjuncts