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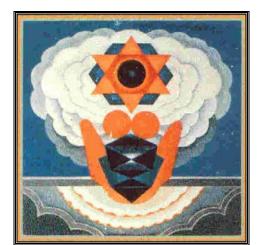
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Foreword to the First Edition

Language has considerable influence on the esthetic and intellectual achievement of a civilized society, broadly referred as culture. Language not only acts as a binding force for a community, but more importantly, it confers upon it, a distinct mark of identification. For centuries, Kashmiri Pandits have had to leave intermittently, their motherland through religious and political persecution, which severed their links with both spoken and written medium of their mothertongue. The recent en masse exodus, having scattered our community throughout the country, has dealt yet another blow to our already fragile mother-tongue affiliations.

Another disturbing trend is that the State linguistic authority has, over the years, created an impression through sustained overt and covert means, that Persian has been the original script of Kashmiri language. Whereas the fact remains that from the Vedic times, Sanskrit has been the medium of language in Kashmir which has Devanagari as its script. Later Sharda was developed and liberally used by Kashmiri writers and scholars and thus the script flourished in the Valley. Alberuni claims that Sharda, which he refers as 'Sidha-Matrika', permeated not only in Kashmir but it also was the medium of writing in the whole of India . With the passage of time, Sharda adorned the confines of the priestly class.

In the post independence era, the J&K State government accorded official recognition to Persian script for Kashmiri and it received patronage mostly from the Muslim writers. Kashmiri Pandit writers felt that Devanagari was more suited to phonetics and dialectory inflection of the language and they adopted it as their medium for writing Kashmiri.

The linguistic experts, however, felt that some of the Kashmiri sounds could not be represented by Nagari letters or alphabet, hence specific primary and secondary accents, pronunciation symbols and dialectorial marks were developed / devised for better grasp of the language, which received approval of standardization by a Committee of experts and scholars, set up in 1995. This uniform script is more or less in use since then.

The present 'Basic Reader for Kashmiri Language' in Devanagari script, is a humble effort by the Kashmiri Pandits' Association and Lalla-Ded Educational and Welfare Trust combine, in adopting a uniform pattern in translating Kashmiri articulatory sounds into a written script. Simultaneously the 'Reader' offers more elucidation on phonetics and includes orthographic lessons in Nagari alphabet with equivalent Roman alphabet, which, it is hoped, shall even help those who are not well versed with Kashmiri. The equivalent of Kashmiri words with their vowels and diacritical marks in Roman letters, make it easy to decipher and read. The 'Reader' is designed to be an aid to basic comprehension for both spoken and written Kashmiri.

The stupendous work of Shri M. K. Raina and Smt Neelam Trakru in bringing out this 'Reader' will, I am sure, go a long way in arousing the interest in our young and not so young community members in their mother-tongue and foster a deeper communication bond through the medium of language.

J. L. Manwati President Kashmiri Pandits' Association Mumbai Navreh, 13th Chaitra, 2058 (26th March, 2001)



Preface to the First Edition

For quite some time now, Kashmiri Pandits' Association, Mumbai and Lalla-Ded Educational and Welfare Trust have been working on **Project ZAAN** - a project to acquaint our community members, particularly youngsters with various facets of their motherland '**Maej Kasheer**'. Two Volumes of Information Digest, have so far been issued under the Project. The accent therein has, besides dissemination of knowledge (**ZAAN**), been on arousing interest in our mother tongue - Kashmiri, which is fast lapsing into disuse from amongst our families.

The present 'Basic Reader for Kashmiri Language' is the third Volume in the series under Project ZAAN. The intent of compilation of this Reader is to place before the readers, an easy-to-comprehend Primary Book in Devanagari script, for reading Kashmiri. Kashmiri dialect has micro articular variations, which have been amply illustrated and distinguished by means of special set of vowel & consonantal symbols and graphic lessons in syntax of the language.

In the present day diaspora of our community, when we have lost our moorings, when we are facing cultural erosion, language seems to be a lone factor for preservation of our identity. The '**Reader**', **therefore** appears to be a timely endeavour to revive interest of our youngsters in their mother tongue.

The effort of the authors, Shri M. K. Raina and Smt Neelam Trakru is laudable. Shri Raina is a serious student of Kashmiri syntax for more than two decades. The duo has, after consulting many a authentic source books, compiled this compendium, which we accept, may not be infallible in itself. Readers may find some words alien to Kashmiri used at few places. These words have been incorporated specifically for purpose of illustration in the absence of Kashmiri words / idioms. We would welcome suggestions from the language-knowing seniors in the community, to overcome shortcomings in our future editions and other publications.

Author's note on the Devanagari-Kashmiri Script, is specially meant for elders and they are requested to go through it very carefully. This will make it easy for them to help their youngsters to know the script and the phonetics.

M. L. Mattoo Chairman Lalla-Ded Educational and Welfare Trust Navreh, 13th Chaitra, 2058 (26th March, 2001)



A Note from Authors for the Revised Edition

Devanagari is the script for Sanskrit. The script in its original form, believed to be used by Nagari Brahmins, was known as Nagari script. Most of the Indian scripts like Bangla, Gujarati, Marathi etc. have been derived from this script. Kashmiri was written in Sharada, one of the oldest scripts, which was developed around 10th century. Some scholars are of the view that Sharda was our script for writing Sanskrit which we subsequently used to write Kashmiri. Indo-Roman type was used for writing Kashmiri for quite some time, but it could not become popular. The Persio-Arabic script has been recognised as the official script for Kashmiri. To this script, reviewed and upgraded by J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages in 1971, a number of Arabic and Persian letters have been added to accommodate words, having originated from these languages. Letter 'bh' representing *Nagari* भ was also included to accommodate certain Sanskrit words, commonly used by Kashmiris. Devanagari-Kashmiri did not receive any official patronage but it continued to be used by Kashmiri Pandits as a medium of writing.

Post 1990 period presents a totally different picture with respect to development of Devanagari script for Kashmiri language. After the exodus, community magazines throughout India started flourishing with inputs in Devanagari-Kashmiri. But there was one lacuna. Every writer used his own way of writing. There was no coordination and no conformity in writing. The **Koshur Samachar**, assumed central importance in this regard. It used a set of diacritical marks to indicate vowels peculiar to Kashmiri language, with the Nagari letters. In order to modify and upgrade the script further, discussions took place at various places and at various levels, where one thing was clear. There was a dire need to standardise the script by devising uniformity in the marks and symbols used.

In December 1995, a committee of the editors of Koshur Samachar (New Delhi), Kashyap Samachar (Jammu) and the Secretary of the Vikalp (Delhi), met and after detailed discussion, agreed on adopting the following symbols for three pairs of vowels in the fashion denoted against each:-

Avagraha	2	as in	अऽछ	(Eye)
Ardhachandra	•	as in		(Line)
		as in	तूँर	(Cold)
Apostrophe	•	as in	बा 'ह	(Twelve)
		as in	रे 'ह	(Flame)
		as in	को 'ह	(Hill)

This exercise led to the standardisation of the script to a great extent. It also enabled writers, some of whom were not previously interested in writing Kashmiri in Devanagari script due to its shortcomings, to make valuable contribution to the language. Still, the linguistic experts were not

satisfied, and wanted more work to be done to upgrade the script by further modifying the symbols and diacritical marks, to suit requirements of our language.

Northern Regional Language Centre, Central Institute of Indian Languages, (Ministry of HRD, Deptt. of Secondary and Higher Education, Govt. of India), Patiala, took lead in this direction and conducted various seminars and workshops for about 2 years, in which renowned linguists and software experts took part. The Centre, under the leadership of Shri Roop Krishen Bhat, organised another workshop from 20th July 2002 to 4th August 2002 at Jammu, to finalise the script and produce necessary Primer and Reader for the language. The experts who were connected with introducing modified symbols and diacritical marks and finalisation of the script, included Dr. S.N.Bhat Haleem, Dr. S.S.Toshakhani, Dr. O.N.Kaul, Prof H.K.Kaul, Prof. C.L.Sapru, Prof. R.L.Shant, Dr. S.N.Raina, Dr. R.K.Bhat and Dr. R.N.Bhat. It may be mentioned that Shri M.K.Kaw, the then Secretary, Education, Govtt. of India, also showed keen interest in devising this material in the interest of the Kashmiri language.

Following changes have been made by the above Expert Committee in the prevalent Nagari-Kashmiri Alphabet:

1. Avagraha	2	is replaced by Ardhachandra	
2. Combination of) 9	is replaced by	J
3. Combination of	6	is replaced by	u
4. Combination of	7 ,	is replaced by	`
5. Combination of	ት'	is replaced by	Ì

As a consequence, the Standardised Alphabet for the Devanagari-Kashmiri will be:

Vowels:

य and व are considered vowels when they represent second members of a Conjunct. The Anusvara () occurs in Kashmiri words only as a compendium scripturæ for a nasal before a consonant of the same class. For example ब्रह्माण्ड can be written as ब्रह्मांड in Kashmiri. Visarga (\$) does not find any place in Kashmiri.

Consonants:

The set of Consonants is almost the same as that in Hindi, with the following exceptions:

- i) Kashmiri has no aspirated sonants like घ, झ, ढ, ध and भ. They are often but not always retained in Kashmiri to write words directly borrowed from Sanskrit. Thus 'gharû' can be written both as घरुँ क्ष गरुँ , 'dharûm' as धर्म क्ष दर्म , 'Bhagwàn' as भगवान क्ष बगवान and so on.
- ii) ङ and ण occur in Kashmiri only when they are compounded with another consonant of the same class, like अङ्ग, कण्ठ etc, though they are generally replaced by Anusvara. They never stand alone and are often but not always retained in Kashmiri to write words directly borrowed from Sanskrit/Hindi. Thus 'ganapath' can be written both as गणपथ & गनपथ, 'chandà!' as चण्डाल & चंडाल, 'ang' as अङ्ग & अंग, 'kanth' as कण्ठ & कंठ and so on. Position of अ is also the same though it has been extensively used in Kashmiri, being affricative transformation of dental न.
- iii) ष is not in Nagari-Kashmiri alphabet. In the opinion of Sir Grierson, it is merely a grammarian's figment, used by some Pandits in writing words derived from Sanskrit words, such as पोष and कृष्ट. क्ष and ज्ञ, the modified version of conjuncts क्षेष and ज्+ञ are also not part of this alphabet, but are used in the words directly borrowed from Sanskrit.

There are three affricative consonants in Kashmiri, which are strange to the Nagari alphabet. They are $\overline{\mathbf{q}}$, $\overline{\mathbf{g}}$ and $\overline{\mathbf{q}}$.

य and व are consonants when they are not second members of a conjunct.

Accordingly, the set of Consonants will be as follows:

क, ख, ग

च, छ, ज

च्, छ, ज्

ट, ठ, ड

त. थ. द. न

प. फ. ब. म

य, र, ल, व श, स, ह त्र

Since **च** and **s** have no equivalents in English alphabet, we have used **s** and **sh**, as introduced by Sir Grierson, to represent them in Indo-Roman character.

In Roman characters, the linguists have generally been denoting ㅋ by c and ѹ by ch.
We will however, as we are used to, denote ㅋ by ch and ѹ by chh.

In this book, we have also explained the phonetic difference in $-\mathbf{a}$ & \mathbf{l} (\mathbf{l}) and $-\mathbf{l}$ & \mathbf{l} (\mathbf{l}), which are often confusing, for the purpose of correct pronunciation of words, as illustrated hereunder:

Many scholars are of the view that $\overline{3}$ and $\overline{3}$ cannot begin a word in Kashmiri and $\overline{4}$ is always prefixed to these sounds when they occur in such a position. As a result, $\dot{u}n\dot{t}$ becomes $\dot{u}n\dot{t}$ and $\dot{u}p\dot{a}y$ becomes $\dot{u}n\dot{t}$ and $\dot{u}p\dot{a}y$ becomes $\dot{u}n\dot{t}$ in Kashmiri. The Käshír Dictionary of the J&K Academy of Art Culture and Languages, however contains Kashmiri words like $\dot{u}tn\dot{t}$ -balàyí-t $\dot{u}t$, $\dot{u}k\dot{u}$ låth $\dot{u}r$, $\dot{u}t\dot{u}$ - $\dot{u}t\dot{u}$ -

Since the dialect of Kashmiri language differs from place to place (like बु & बो, बं & ब्वन्य, आस & आवुस and so on), we have tried to adhere to the dialect prevalent in the city of Srinagar (except where necessary for the sake of illustration or otherwise), as adopted by J&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages in compiling Käshír Dictionary in Persio-Arabic script.

Mumbai, September 09, 2003

M. K. Raina Neelam Trakru



Symbols and Abreviations

Letters, Symbols and Abbreviations used in this book, to denote words in Indo-Roman characters

Letter or Symbol	as pronu	nced in	
а	sar	सर	(lake)
å	ånz	ॲंज्	(swan)
	kåts	कॅच्	(how many)
ä	där	दॉर	(window)
à	yàr	यार	(friend)
û	bû	बु	(I, me)
æ	æb	ऐब (ऑब)	(fault)
	hæbúngû	हैबुंगु	(dumbstruck)
au	aushad	औशद	(medicine)
	<i>g</i> auv	गौव (गव)	(went)
ê	rêth	र्यथ	(month)
è	dèg	देग	(cauldron)
é	déh	देह	(body)
ì	sìr	सीर	(brick)
ĺ	sír	सिर	(secret)
i	vål ⁱ	वॅल्य्	(quickly)
Ô	môkh	म्वख	(face)
Ò	mòr	मोर	(peacock)
Ó	dór	दौर	(hard)
ù	mùl	मूल	(root)
ú	kúl	कुल	(tree)
ü	tür	तुर	(cold)
ch	chày	चाय	(tea)

chh	chhàn	छान	(carpenter)
d	dàn	दान	(hearth)
d _i	ḍakh	डख	(support)
t	tìr	तीर	(arrow)
th	thôkh	थ्वख	(sputum)
ţ	ţìn	टीन	(tin)
ţh	ţòţh	टोठ	(dear)
ts	tsû	चु	(you)
tsh	tshày	छाय	(shadow)



Section - 1

Introduction to Nagari - Kashmiri alphabet



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Vowels & Symbols in Nagri-Kashmiri

- अ ⇒ used only as the first letter of a word as in अख akh (one), अथु athû (hand)
- अੱ ⇒ writen as अॅ when first letter of a word as in ॲछ achh (eye), ॲड ad (half)
 ⇒ written as ˇ when not first letter of a word चॅ्र tsar (sparrow), ব্ৰ্ daz (burned)
- अ ⇒ written as अ when first letter of a word, as in अहुद्य ûhûd (enemy / chasers)
 - ⇒ written as ৢ when not first letter of a word, as in गुर gûr (sudden display of energy), बु bû (I, me), खुर Khûr (slip)
- ञु ⇒ written as ञु when first letter of a word, as in ञुठ्य üţh¹ (eight times) ञुठिम üţhím (eighth)
 - ⇒ written as ৢ when not first letter of a word, as in कृत्य küt (how many ?), तुर tür (cold)

- आ ⇒ written as आ when first letter of a word, as in आश àsh (hope), आख àkh (mark), आवुर àvúr (busy)
 - ⇒ written as т when not first letter of a word, as in जान jàn (good), वार vàr (day), ताफ tàph (sunny)
- ऑ ⇒ written as ऑ when first letter of a word, as in ऑश äsh (enjoyment), ऑर är (plum), ऑस äs (mouth)
 - ⇒ written as ĭ when not first letter of a word, as in दॉर där (window), हॉर (här) (maina), लॉर lär (cucumber)
- इ ⇒ written as इ when first letter of a word, as in इजाज्थ íjàzath (permission), इशटाम íshṭàm (stamp paper)
 - ⇒ written as ि when not first letter of a word, as in दिवता dívtà (devta), बित्तुर bítúr (capacity), बिचोर bíchòr (helpless)
- ई ⇒ written as ई when first letter of a word, as in ईमान ìmàn (faith), ईश्वर ìshvar (God)
 - ⇒ written as ी when not first letter of a word, as in सीर sìr (brick), शीन shìn (snow), तीर tìr (arrow)

- उ ⇒ written as उ when first letter of a word, as in उजरथ újrath (wages), उफतादु úphtàdû (ignored), उलफथ úlphath (love)
 - ⇒ written as ु when not first letter of a word, as in बुछ vúchh (see), करुन karún (to do), हगुर hagúr (wheel)
- ऊ ⇒ written as ऊ when first letter of a word, as in ऊत्रु ùtrû *(day before yesterday),* ऊर्य नु यूर्य ùr¹ nû yùr¹ *(not well, not in senses)*
 - ⇒ written as ू when not first letter of a word, as in सूर sùr (ash), रूद rùd (rain), कून kùn (corner), ज़ून zùn (moon)
- ऋ ⇒ written as ऋ when first letter of a word, as in ऋष्य réshⁱ (*rishi*), ऋग्वेद rígvèd (*Rigved*)
 - ⇒ written as ৄ when not first letter of a word, as in पृतख pratakh (divorce, expulsion), तृष्ना tréshnà (greed)

- ए ⇒ written as ए when first letter of a word, as in एतिराज् ètíràz (objection)
 - ⇒ written as ` when not first letter of a word, as in मेख mèkh (nail), हलेल halèl (yellow myrobalan), मेठ mèṭh (head coolie)
- ऎ ⇒ written as ऎ when first letter of a word, as in ऎहसान éhsàn (favour)
 - ⇒ written as ` when not first letter of a word, as in रेह réh (flame), येलि yélí (when), देह déh (body)
- ऐ ⇒ written as ऐ when first letter of a word, as in ऐब (ऑब) æb (defect)
 - ⇒ written as ⁿ when not first letter of a word, as in वैकुंउ vækúnṭh (heaven), हैबुंगु hæbúngû (dumb struck)
- ओ ⇒ written as ओ when first letter of a word, as in ओस òs (was), ओम òm (raw), ओलुव òlúv (potato), ओबर्वय òbróy (respect),
 - ⇒ written as ो when not first letter of a word, as in गोख gòkh (went), मोर mòr (peacock), अपोर apòr (other side)

- ओ ⇒ written as ओ when first letter of a word, as in ओन ón (blind), ओर ór (good), ৌভ ótsh (frail)
 - ⇒ written as ì when not first letter of a word, as in गोछ़ gótsh (wanted), दोल dól (lower part of pheran), ख्योल khyól (flock)
- औ ⇒ written as औ when first letter of a word, as in औज़ार auzàr (instrument), औशद aushad (medicine)
 - ⇒ written as ौ when not first letter of a word, as in गौ gau (went), चौंखुरुन chaunkhûrún (to shrivel up)
- अं ⇒ Written as अं when first letter of a word, as in अंग ang (part), ⇒ written as ' when not first letter of a word, as in मंज़ manz (in), ज़ंग zang (leg)
- य ⇒ when second member of a conjunct as in र्यथ rêth *(month),* कृत्य् kütⁱ *(how many),* तीत्य् tìtⁱ *(so many)*
- व ⇒ when second member of a conjunct as in ग्वर gôr (guru), ख्वर khôr (foot), म्वल môl (cost)



Using *Anusvara* (`)

- अ & ं ⇒ written as अं when first letter of a word as in अंद and (end), अंदाज़ andàzû (approximation) ⇒ written as ` when not first letter of a word) as in बंद band (closed), वंदु vandû (winter)
- अ ँ ⇒ written as अँ when first letter of a word)
 as in अँज़ ånz (swan)
 अँजीर ånjìr (fig)
 ⇒ written as ँ when not first letter of a word)
 as in बँदिश båndísh (restriction),
 रँगीन rångìn (coloured)
- ञु & ं ⇒ written as अं when first letter of a word, as in अंह-रारय ûnh-ràray (to groan) ⇒ written as j when not first letter of a word, as in तुहुंज़ túhûnz (yours)
- ञु & ं ⇒ written as ञुं when first letter of a word,
 as in ञुंचुह-पुंचुह üntsûh-püntsûh (make excuses,
 to be in a fix)
 ⇒ written as ुं when not first letter of a word,
 as in कुंस्य कॅट küns kåt (younger female child)

- आ & ं ⇒ written as आं when first letter of a word, as in आंचार ànchàr (pickle) ⇒ written as i when not first letter of a word, as in खांदर khàndar (marriage)
- आँ & ๋ ⇒ written as आँ when first letter of a word, as in आँठ änth (stone of the fruit) ⇒ written as ाँ when not first letter of a word, as in गाँठ gänth (kite)
- इ & ๋ ⇒ written as ई when first letter of a word, as in इंजन ínjan (engine) ⇒ written as f when not first letter of a word, as in पिंगु píngû (a kind of millet)
- ई & written as ई when first letter of a word, as in ईंउ ìnṭh (a game of marbles) ⇒ written as i when not first letter of a word, as in पींत्य pìnt (tiny pieces)
- उ & ं ⇒ written as उं when first letter of a word, as in उंगछ úngatsh (a cutting tool) ⇒ written as ुं when not first letter of a word, as in कुंज़ kúnz (key)
- ऊ & ं ⇒ written as ऊं when first letter of a word,
 as in ऊंच-नीच ùnch-nìch (high and low in society,
 ups and downs)
 ⇒ written as ूं when not first letter of a word,
 as in लूंठ lùnṭh (the edge of a garment)

- ए & ' (not first letter of a word)
 ⇒ written as '
 as in क्रेंख krènkh (gem)
- ऎ & ' (not first letter of a word)
 ⇒ written as '
 as in कॅह kénh (something)
- ऐ & ' (not first letter of a word)

 ⇒ written as ' *
 as in बैंसॅरी (बंसॅरी) bænsürì (flute)
- ओ & ं ⇒ written as ओं when first letter of a word, as in ओंत वोंत ònt wònt (depth) ⇒ written as i when not first letter of a word, as in शोंठ shònṭh (dry ginger)
- ओ & ๋ ⇒ written as ऑ when first letter of a word, as in ऑगुज óngûj (finger)
 ⇒ written as i when not first letter of a word, as in जॉग zóng (fire)
- औ & not first letter of a word
 ⇒ written as ौ as in चौंखुरुन chaunkhûrún *(to shrivel up)*



Consonants in Nagri-Kashmiri

- क as in कलुश kalúsh (kalash) कोम kòm (tribe, race), कपुर kapúr (cloth)
- ख as in अख akh (one), खबर khabar (news), खल khal (threshing floor)
- ग as in गाटुल gàṭúl (wise), प्रागाश pràgàsh (moonshine), दाग dàg (stain)
- च as in चीर chìr (wring), कोच kòchû (lane), पाचि pàchí (trotters)
- ন্ত as in ভান chhàn *(carpenter),* বুন্ত vúchh *(see)*, बेन्তुन bèchhún *(to beg)*
- ज as in जवान jawàn (young), वोज vój (rain water falling from the eaves of a house)
- च् as in च्यड tsêd (patience), मच्र matsar (madness), चोंग tsòng (earthen lamp)
- छ् as in गछ् gatsh (go), छ्यतु tshêtû (extinguish)

- ज् as in जान zàn (knowledge), बाज्र bàzar (market)
- ट as in टमाटर ṭamàṭar (tomato), टेंग ṭèng (hillock), ओट òṭ (flour)
- ਰ as in बुठ wúṭh (lip), ठानु ṭhànû (lid), ਰग ṭhag (cheat), शेठ shèṭh (sixty)
- ड as in डख dakh (support), यड yad (belley), डांब dànb (deceptive posture)
- त as in ताख tàkh (odd number), तखसीर takhsìr (fault), अतलास atlàs (satin)
- थ as in वथ vath (way), राथ ràth (night, yesterday), पथर pathar (floor)
- द as in दॉर där (window, beard), मदद madad (help), राद ràd (length of cloth or garment)
- न as in दान dàn (hearth, gift in charity), नाबद nàbad (sugar candy), दन dan (wealth)
- प as in पज़र pazar (truth), कपुर kapúr (cloth), पोग pòg (destruction)
- फ as in रफतार raphtàr (speed), फिरन phíran (turn upside down)

- ब as in रब rab (mud), बिसलाय bíslày (fishing rod), रबाब rabàb (rabab - a musical instrument)
- म as in गम gam (grief), मोत mót (mad), मस mas (hair)
- य (When not second member of a conjunct) as in येर yèr (wool), मियान míyàn (sheath), यकजा yakjà (together)
- र as in नार nàr (fire), अरदाह ardàh (eighteen), राश ràsh (sign of zodiac), प्रॉज präj (chopped straw), द्रोंठ drònṭh (hardened)
- ल as in जा़ल zàl (net), लोल lòl (passionate love, affection), अरतल artal (gold or silver foil)
- व (When not second member of a conjunct) as in वाठ vàṭh (union, act of joining), मवल maval (cockscomb, amaranth)
- श as in पश pash (roof), वुशनेर vushnèr (warmth)
- स as in सोन sòn (our), वसवास vasvàs (perturbation)
- ह as in अहोक ahòk (central pivot of the millstone), काहवॅट kàhvåṭ (touchstone)

র as in ঈ tré (three), স্নাम tràm (copper)



Consonants forming Conjunct with the vowels ਹ and ਰ

While joining a consonant with built-in prop (dåndi) like क, ब, फ, त etc. with vowels व and य to form a conjunct, either its prop (in case of unbalanced letter like ब & त) or last leg of the portion to the right of its prop (in case of a balanced letter like क & फ) is removed as illustrated below. Consonants without a prop like छ, ट, ठ, र, ह etc. are attached with Halant when joined with = and =

Conjuncts with य

क्य	as in	क्याह	kyàh	(what)
ख्य	as in	ख्योन	khyón	(to eat)
ग्य	as in	ग्यव	gêv	(ghee)
च्य*	as in	च्यथ (चथ)	chêth (chath)	(having drunk)
छ्य*	as in	छ्या (छा)	chhyà (chhà)	(is she? are they?)
ज्य*	as in	मेज्योव (मेज	नोव) mèjyòv (mèjòv)	(having got)
च्य	as in	च्यड	tsêd	(patience)
छूय	as in	छ्यफ	tshêph	(in hiding)
ज्य	as in	ज्यव	zêv	(tongue)
ट्य	as in	ट्यख	ţêkh	(a mere drop)
ठ्य	as in	कॉठ्य	käţh ⁱ	(riding saddle)
ड्य	as in	ड्यकु	d êkå	(forehead)
त्य	as in	त्यम्बुर	têmbûr	(spark)
थ्य	as in	थ्यकुन	thêkún	(to boast)
द्य	as in	द्यल(द्यल)	dêl	(husk,peel,bark)
न्य	as in	न्याय	nyày	(dispute)
प्य	as in	प्याव	pyàv	(natal)

फ्य	as in	फ्यल	phêl	(boil)
ब्य	as in	ब्याख	byàkh	(next)
म्य	as in	म्यंजुर	mênzúr	(timber merchant)
र्य	as in	र्यख	rêkh	(bird's dropping)
ल्य	as in	ल्यख	lêkh	(invective)
व्य	as in	व्यथ	vêth	(river Vitasta)
श्य	*as in	श्याम (शाम	r) shyàm (sham)	(dark coloured)
स्य	as in	स्यय	sêy	(bunch of maggots)
ह्य	as in	ह्यथ(ह्यथ)	hêth	(having taken along)

st Combinations given here are only for illustration. The sounds of च, छ, ज, and श are palatal sounds. It is not necessary to use य with these letters to indicate the palatalization.

Conjuncts with व

क्व	as in	क्वकुर	kôkúr	(cock)
ख्व	as in	ख्वर	khôr	(foot)
ग्व	as in	ग्वड	gôd	(ankle)
च्च	as in	च्चन्य्	chôn ⁱ	(sound made by a slap)
छ्व	as in	छ्वख	chhôkh	(rinse)
ज्व	as in	ज्वय	jôy	(stream)
च्च	as in	च्चपोर	tsôpòr	(all four directions)
छूव	as in	छूवख	t s hôkh	(being half burnt)
ज़्व	as in	ज़्वल	zôl	(foundation trench)
ट्व	as in	ट्वबुर	ţôbúr	(an eating bowl)
ठ्व	as in	ठ्वल	ţhôl	(blow with the head)

ड्व	as in	ड्वख	d ôkh	(bend, uneven)
त्व	as in	त्वहि	tôhí	(to you, by you)
थ्व	as in	थ्वस	thôs	(distress, fatigue)
द्व	as in	द्वद	dôd	(milk)
न्व	as in	न्वश	nôsh	(bride)
দ্ব	as in	प्वफ	pôph	(father's sister)
फ्व	as in	फ्वलुन	phôlún	(to blossom)
ब्व	as in	ब्वछि	bôchhí	(hunger)
म्व	as in	म्वख	môkh	(face)
ख	as in	य्वदवय	yôdvay	(if)
र्व	as in	र्वफ	rôph	(silver)
ल्व	as in	ल्वकुट	lôkúţ	(younger, small)
व्व	as in	व्वथ	vôth	(stand up)
श्व	as in	श्वंग(श्वंग)	shông	(sleep)
स्व	as in	स्वय	sôy	(common nettle)
ह्व	as in	ह्वखु	hôkhû	(dried, parched)



Using Ardhachandra ૻ (ॲ)

ॲछ åchh (eye) ॲड åd (half) अँज ånz (swan) कॅच kåts (how many) कॅतिज kåtíj (swallow) कॅमिस kåmís (whom) कॅमीन kåmìnû (mean) गॅछिन gåtshín (let go) गॅर går (watch) गॅरीबी gårìbì (poverty) जॅमीन zåmìn (land) तॅमीज् (manners) tåmìz तॅहॅर tåhår (yellow rice) दॅज् dåz (burnt) दॅर (hard) dår पॅरिन pårín (let read) बैंसॅरी, बंसॅरी (flute) bansårì मॅछ måchh (fly) लॅर (house) lår वॅर (a concoction of rice, condiments etc.) vår



Using T and Ardhachandra ĭ (э́ті)

कॉन्य्	kän'	(one eyed)

बॉरिया	bäriyà	(wife)
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वॉज	väj	(ring)



Using (3j), & ; (3j)

कॅडुल	kådûl	(bridge)	कलु	kalû	(head)
खुर	khûr	(slip)	ग्वडु	gôdû	(first)
चॅ	tsû	(you)	टुख	ţûkh	(run)
दुसु	dúsû	(a type of shawl)			
पनुन्य्	panûn ⁱ	(own)	मुसलु	mûslû	(skin)
बु	bû	(I, me)	व्वलु	vólû	(come)
वखुच	vakhtûch	n (of the time)	वारु-वारु	vàrûvàrû	(slowly)



कॅम्य्सुंज् kåmisûnz (whose)

तुहुंज् túhûnz (yours)

तसुंज् tasûnz (his/her)



Using ੂ (ਭੂ), & ੂਂ (ਭੂਂ)

कुत्य् küti *(how many)* खुमु khümû *(tent)* तुर tür *(cold)* डुप-माला düp màlà *(deep mala)*

सुत्य् sütⁱ (alongwith)

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पुंचिम, पुंच्युम püntsím, püntsyúm (fifth)

पुंच्य्-पांचुवय püntsi-pàntsûvay (all the five)

कुंस्य्-कॅट küntsi kåt (younger female)

ৰ্ভাৰ khünkh (one who speaks through nose)

गुंगठ güngaṭh (veil)

टुंक्य् ţünk (coins) तुंत्य् कोर tünt kór (catgut)

Using and i

छे	chhé	(is)		कॅह	kénh	(something)
तॆलि	télí	(then)		रेह	réh	(flame)
यॆलि	yélí	(when)				
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कॊर	kór	(did)		चाॅल	tsól	(ran away)
ज़ॉर	zór	(deaf)		थास्य्	thósi	(lumps)
दौर	dór	(hard)		पॉज़	póz	(true)
बॉद	bód	(bundle)		सॊन	són	(deep)
सॉम	sóm	(level)		ह्योर	hyór	(upstairs)
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Difference in Pronunciation of words when using vowels ਬ and ` (ਏ)

apêr (flippancy) अप्यर kúnêr (loneliness) कुन्यर छ्यपुछ्यफ tshêpûtshêph (keep hiding) zêl (upper layer) ज्यल (bark, skin) द्यल dêl bújar (old age) बुजर

म्य mê *(me)*

म्यंजुर mênzúr (timber merchant)

र्यल rêl (piece)

व्यस vês (girl friend)

स्यख sêkh (sand)

स्यज्र sêzar (straightness)

নলৈ télí (then)
देह déh (body)
बेनि béní (sister)
ब्रेह bréh (flame)

येलि yélí (when) रेह réh (flame)

লৈ léj (earthen pot)

वेजिब्रोर véjíbròr (name of a place - Bijbehara)

वेह véh (poison) सॅक्युल sékyúl (sandy)

स्रेह sréh (wetness)



Difference in Pronunciation of words when using vowels व and ो (आ)

ख्वर	khôr	(foot)	खॊर	khór	(scald headed)	
ग्वर	gôr	(guru)	गोर	gór	(made or moulded)	
द्वद	dôd	(milk)	दोद	dód	(burnt)	
र्वफ	rôph	(silver)	रोफ	róph	(darning)	
स्वर	sôr	(sound)	सॊर	sór	(remembered)	
म्बठ	môţh	(fist)	मोठ	móţh	(forgotten)	
स्वन	sôn	(gold)	सॊन	són	(deep)	
ब्वद	bôd	(intelligence)	बॉद	bód	(bundle)	
क्वल	kôl	(stream)	कोल	kól	(dumb)	
च्चल	tsôl	(temporary he	earth)			
चाॅल	tsól	(ran away)				
ड्वख	ḍôkh	(bend, uneven)				
डॊख	dókh	(support)				
ज़्वल	zôl	(drowsiness)	ज़ॉल	zól	(foundation-trench)	
ग्वन	gôn	(quality)	गोन	gón	(fold, compact)	



Section - 2

Words & Sentences



Identifying Vowels & Symbols - I

ੱ (अੱ), т (आ), ॉ (ऑ), ि(इ), ी (ई)

असुन	asún	(laughter)	ॲंडिज	åḍíj	(bone)
आंगुन	àngún	(compound)	आपरुन	àprún	(to feed)
इजाज्थ	íjàzath	(permission)	ईजाद	ìjàd	(invent)
कॉसिद	käsíd	(messenger)	काह	kàh	(eleven)
खॉहिश	khähísh	(wish)	खिर	khír	(kheer)
गॅनीमथ	gånìmath	(godsend)	गाँठ	gänţh	(kite)
ठॅगिल	ţhågíl	(cheating)	तॅमीज्	tåmìz	(manners)
तॉर	tär	(delay)	दॅह्युम	dåhyúm	(tenth)
दॅलील	dålìl	(story)	दार्यल	dàrêl	(bearded)
निराहार	níràhàr	(foodless)	नॅन्य्	nån ⁱ	(naked)
नान्य्	nàn ⁱ	(grandmother)	फॉज्	phäz	(grace)
बाख	bàkh	(weeping aloud)			
बॉश	bäsh	(similarity)	मकॉय	makäy	(maize)
मुरीद	múrìd	(disciple)	रीथ	rìth	(custom)
लॉर	lär	(cucumber)	वॅकील	våkìl	(lawyer)
वॉज	väj	(ring)	वॉरिस	värís	(heir)



Identifying Vowels & Symbols - II

ু (প্র), ু (প্রু), ু (প্রু), ু (প্রু)

बटु baţû (Kashmiri Pandit)

तुर tür (cold)

कुंस küns (younger female)

डीफुर dìphûr (small gathering)

कथुकथ kathûkath (gossip)

ब्बडुनावुन bôdûnàvún (to dip)

शूबुरुन shùbûrún (beautify)

रुच्र rûtsar (well being)

गागुर gàgûr *(a metal pitcher)*

कॅम्य्सुंज् kåmisûnz (whose ?)

खुंजुन khûnzún (to pluck feathers of a bird)

लिपुर lípûr (truant)

वॅतीरु våtìrû (conduct)

सुत्य sütⁱ (along)



Identifying Vowels & Symbols - III

ু (ব), ু (বি), ু (ক্ত), ু (ক্ত),

वुंगुन vúngún (to howl)

कुंज़ kúnz (key)

गुरुस gúrús (buttermilk)

जूर्य jùrⁱ (couple, pair)

कूंज kùnj *(corner)*

अज्रवुन azarvún (feel jealous)

ছভুৰ chhadun (let go)

छांदुन chhànṭún (pick)

वूंठ vùnṭh (camel)

बुहुर búhúr (vendor of spices and herbs)

वुकुर vúkúr (unfortunate)



Identifying Vowels & Symbols - IV

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क्वकुर	kôkúr	(cock)	चोप	tsóp	(bite)
द्रोग	dróg	(dear)	जेजीर	jéjìr	(hookah)
न्योम	nyóm	(lemon)	चोर	tsòr	(four)
ठेक्	ţhèkû	(contract)	सूफ्य्	sùph ⁱ	(sufi)
द्योल	dyól	(a kind of soft grass)			
ऒगुन	ógún	(fire)	आश	ósh	(tear)
बुजर	bújar	(old age)	ब्रेठ	brèţh	(stupid)
शेंख	shènkh	(conch)	ब्वछि	bôchhí	(hunger)
छ्र्यर	tsharêr	(emptiness)	जाव्यंद	jàvênd	(caraway)
नेचुव	néchúv	(son)	न्यूर	nyùr	(meadow)
न्यबर	nêbar	(out)	ह्योन	hyon	(to take)
ह्यडुर	hêdúr	(mushroom)	नव्यर	navêr	(newness)
स्यदुन	sêdun	(succeed)	सॅक्युल	sékyúl	(sandy)
स्वकाल	sôkàl	(prosperous time)			
रैयथ	ræyath	(subject)	लंजर	lanjar	(lameness)
लेंफुन	lènphún	(greasiness)			
वोदुर	vódúr	(stomach, otter,)		
व्यकार	vêkàr	(changes)	व्वलाम	vôlàm	(blame)



Identifying Vowels & Symbols Assorted

बेक्लॉज़ी bèkûläzì (foolishness)

अडुवॅछ् adiûvåtsh (half open)

न्वखतु nôkhtû *(point)*

पॅज्योर påzyòr (truthful)

लूनुमुत lùnûmút (having reaped)

अपुज्योर apûzyòr (liar)

लोनुवुन्य् lònûvûn' (wages for reaping)

ब्यज़ुव bêzúv (without life)

मिम्युज् mímyúz (mid-day meal)

ऑशुनाव äshûnàv (relative)

फॅकिरॉन्य phakirani (female beggar)

कलुपाँथ kalûpänth (end of a yuga)

ल्वकुचार lôkûchàr (childhood)

ननुवोर nanûvòr (bare footed)

स्वपाथुर sopàthûr (good child)

हमॉल्य् hamäl (charges of a porter)

अलुबॉन्य् alûbänⁱ (plough)

ख्यचुर khêtsûr *(khichri)*

म्वखतु môkhtû *(pearl)*

ल्वपुन lôpún *(a fat and lazy fellow)*

मॅशिरॉविथ måshírävíth (having forgotten)

म्वकुल्योमुत môkûlyòmút (finished)

ষাঁগুনুন shégûnún (to become scorned)

गँज़ुरुन gånzûrún (to count) चोपॉर्य tsópär (all round)

छ्यपुन tshêpún (to hide)

नॅखुरल nåkhûral (coquettish)

अँद्य-पॅख्य åndˈpåkhˈ *(around)*

कॅंदुल kådûl (bridge)

नोमुरुन nómûrún (to bend)

ह्वखुनावुन hôkhûnàvún (to dry up)

डोन्युव donyúv (made of walnut wood)

तॅहसीलदार tåhsìldàr (tehsildar)

अहंकॉर्य ahankär (proud)

वंदु रॉच्न vandû rätsan (during winter nights)

तुल्-कतुर tulû-katúr (ice sheet)

बॉकिरखॉन्य bäkírkhän (bread made of butter, milk & flour)

दुहॅत्युम dú-håtyúm (two hundredth)

नकुवोर nakûvòr (nostril)

बॅहरुन båhrún (to show courage)

बॉगुरावुन bägûràvún (to distribute)

म्यॉन्य् myänⁱ (*my*)

खॅदमथगार khådmathgàr (servant)



Simple Sentences

मे वन mé van (tell me) (come down) bón vas ब्बन वस (it is good) jàn gav जान गव (who are you?) tsû kús chhúkh चु कुस छुख (where will you go?) कात गछ्ख kót gatshakh कति आख (where from have you come ?) katí àkh कुस ओस kús òs (who was he?) क्वस ऑस kósû äs (who was she?) म कर ma kar (don't do ?) न. म यि (no, don't come) na, ma yí व्यल यि पर vólû yí par (come, read this) न्यबर नेर nébar nèr (go out) दॉर मुचराव där mûtsràv (open the window) अज् छि तुर az chhí tür (it is cold today) küt gatshnay (how many do you want) कुत्य गछनय az chhú tàph (it is sunny today) अज् छु ताफ वनान क्याह छुख vanàn kyà chhúkh (what are you saying?) कुस तु कति (who and where ?) kús tû katí ग्यवान रोज (keep singing) gévàn ròz bû kyàh vanû (what can I say?) बु क्याह वनु (show your tongue) zév hàv ज्यव हाव तम्बुर छि चौक (tamarind is sour) tambûr chhi tsok



Practice in reading - I

अज यि योर । यि किताब पर । हु गव राम जी । क्याह छुख करान ? कति छुख बसान ? हु कुस छु? सु छु म्योन यार । टाठा जी कोत गव ? म्य छा खबर ? शाह जी छु पकान । कांह कॉम कर । दोरान क्याजि छुख? ब गछ दफतर । ब कर यिम ? व्वल बतु ख्यमव । अज छि आथवार । मसतस दि कंगुव । यि छु म्योन गरु ।

az yí yòr yí kítàb par hú gav ràm jì kyàh chhúkh karàn katí chhúkh basàn? hú kús chhú? sú chhú myòn yár tàthà jì kót gav ? mê chhà khabar? shàhjì chhú pakàn kành käm kar dòràn kyàzí chhúkh? bû gatshû daphtar bû kar yímû? vôlû batû khêmav az chhí àthvàr mastas dí kangúv yí chhú myòn garû

(come here today) (read this book) (he is Ram ji) (What are you doing?) (where do you live ?) (who is he?) (he is my friend) (where did Tatha ji go?) (do I know?) (Shah ji is coming) (do some work) (why are you running?) (I will go to office) (when should I come ?) (let us eat food) (today is Sunday) (comb the hair) (this is my home)



Practice in reading - II

चु क्याज़ि छुख ठाह ठाह कॅरिथ असान ? tsû kyàzí chhúkh ṭháh ṭháh kåríth asàn

दपान रटनस गछि बानु आसुन । dapàn raṭnas gatshí bànû àsún

अथ मंज़ छुनु कांह शख ज़ि चु छुख स्यठाह तेज़ । ath manz chhúnû kành shakh zi tsû chhúkh sêṭhàh tèz

यिमन गॅरीबन छुना ज़िंदु रोज़्नुक हख ? yíman gårìban chhúnà zíndû ròznúk hakh ?

पनुनिस मॉलिस माजि हुंज् गिछ् खॅदमथ करुन्य् । panûnís mälís màjí hûnz gatshí khådmath karûnⁱ

बासान छुम ज़ि च़े छुय नु योरुक व्यपान । bàsàn chhúm zí tsé chhúy nû yòrúk vêpàn

वारियाह काल गोम चें प्रारान । vàríyàh kàl gòm tsé pràràn

व्वलु अज़ करव प्रॉन्य् पॉठ्य कथा बाथा । vólû az karav pränⁱ päṭhⁱ kathà bàthà

दपान राजु गव यि बूज़िथ स्यठाह हॉरान । dapàn ràzû gav yí bùzíth sêṭhàh häràn

वातान वातान वॉत्य् तिम ॲिकस नागस प्यठ तु अति द्युतुख थख । vàtàn vàtàn vätⁱ tím åkís nàgas pêṭh tû atí dyútúkh thakh ख्वजन कोर मोहनिविस आलव तु चूरस करनॉवुन लार । khôjan kór móhnívís àlav tû tsùras karnävûn làr



Practice in reading - III

यि छु कालु पगाह सॉलस गछान yí chhú kàlû pagàh sälas gatshàn

ॲमिस आसि जान गुज़ारु तु तवय छस दायि बेत्रि। åmís àsí jàn gúzàrû tû tavay chhas dàyí bètrí

कॉशुर छि सॉन्य् माजि ज़्यव। असि पज़ि पनुन्यन शुर्यन सुत्य् ॲथ्य् ज़बॉन्य् मंज़ कथ करुन्य। käshúr chhí sänⁱ màjí zêv. asi pazi panûnên shúrên sütⁱ åthⁱ zabänⁱ manz kath karûnⁱ

स्यठाह काल गोम सोंचान ज़ि बु लेखुहाँ पनुन्यन रस्मन तु र्यवाजन प्यठ अख किताब। sêṭhàh kàl gòm sònchàn zí bû lèkhûhä panûnên rasman tû rêvàjan pêṭh akh kítàb

द्यार आसने सूँतिय गव न कांह बोड म्वहन्युव। दिल गछि बोड आसुन। dyàr àsnû sütíy gav nû kành bód môhnyúv. díl gatshi bód àsún

यथ दुनियाहस मंज् बनि प्रथ कांह चीज् मगर मॉज कित बनि। yath dúníyàhas manz baní prath kành chìz magar mäj katí baní

सु वखुत छुम याद प्यवान येलि सॉनिस सिंगलि पशस अख अख गज़ जे़छि शिशर गाँट आसु लगान।

súh vakhût chhúm yàd pêvàn yélí sänís sínglí pashas akh akh gaz zèchhí shíshar gänţû àsû lagàn

ज़िठ्यन यज़थ करुन छु ल्वकट्यन हुंद फर्ज। zíṭhên yêzath karún chhú lôkṭên húnd farûz



Practice in reading – IV

सुबु प्यटु शामस ताम ऑस्य् तिम द्वशुवय बॉच् खाहस मंज् कॉम करान । súbû pêṭhû shàmas tàm äsi tím dôshûvay bäṭs khàhas manz käm karàn

सुय्या ओस राज़ अवन्तिवर्मन सुंदि दरबारुक अख रॅतुन तु ॲिमय ऑस वितस्ता साफ कॅरिथ कॅशीर विपि निशि बचॉवुमुच् ।

súyà òs ràzû avantívarmanû sûndí darbàrúk akh råtûn tû åmíy äs vítastà sàph kåríth kåshìr vípí níshí bachävmûts

पांडुवन हुंदि वख्तु ति छु कॅशीरि हिन्दुस्तानस सुत्य सम्बंद ओसुमुत । pàndûvan hûndí vakhtû tí chhú kåshìrí híndústànas sütⁱ samband òsúmút

बु गोस यिमु कथु बूज़िथ स्यठाह ख्वश । वन चें क्याह गिछ्य? यि मंगख ति मेलिय । bû gòs yímû kathû bùzíth sêṭhàh khôsh. van tsé kyàh gatshíy? yí mangakh tí mèlíy

ज़िठ्यन हुंज़ ऑही छि प्रथ सातु बकार यिवान । तिहुंज़ गछि पज़ि मनु सीवा करुन्य । zíṭhên hûnz ähì chhí prath sàtû bakàr yívàn. tíhûnz gatshí pazí manû sìvà karûn

कॅशीरि छि प्रथ ऑठम तु खास कॅरिथ ज़ेट ऑठम द्वह तुलमुलि दिवय लगान । kåshìrí chhí prath äṭham tû khàs kåríth zèṭhû äṭham dôh túlmúlí dívay lagàn



Section - 3

Translation Vocabulary



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Some words of daily use

English	Kashmiri	Roman
Above	ह्योर	hyór
Able	लायख	làyakh
Account	हिसाब	hísàb
Bad	खराब	kharàb
Below	ब्बन	bôn
Blood	रथ	rath
Bonfire	अलाव	alàv
Bridge	कॅदुल	kådûl
Broker	द्राल	dràl
Building	लॅर	lår
Busy	आवुर	àvúr
But	मगर	magar
Child	बचु	bachû
Chinar	बून्य्	bùn ⁱ
Ceiling	तालव	tàlav
City	शहर	shahar
Cloth	कपुर	kapúr
Colour	रंग	rang
Comb	कंगुव	kangúv
Cloud	ऒबुर	óbúr
Courage	ह्ममथ	hêmath
Compound	आंगुन	àngún
Crowd	बीर	bìrû
Day	द्वह	dôh
Door	बर	bar
Doubt	शख	shakh

Dusk शाम shàm
Dust गरुद garûd
Earth बुतरात bútràt
Excuse बहानु bahànû

False अपोज़ apóz Farmer ग्रूस grùs Garden बाग bàg

Eclipse गुहुन grúhún

Fast तेज़ tèz
Fat व्योठ vyóṭh
Fever तफ taph
Flower पोश pòsh

Foe दुशमन dúshman

Friend यार, व्यस yàr, vês

Girl कूर kùr
Good जान jàn
Hair मस mas
Hand अथु athû
He स

HeसुsúHearthदानdànHillबालbàl

His, her तसुंद tasúnd Honey माछ màchh House लॅर lår

Hope ब्रांथ brànth Hot गर्म garûm I, me बु bû

lcicle शिशरगाँठ shíshar-ganth

Illiterate अनपड anpad

ls ন্তু, ভি chhú, chhí

Key कुंज़ kúnz

Ladder hèr हेर Lake सर sar Lock kúlúph कुलुफ mày Love माय Man मर्द mard Milk dôd द्वद Money dyàr द्यार Moon zùn ज़ून पर्बथ parbath Mountain My म्योन myòn Nest ओल ÒΙ **Night** ràth राथ Old búdû बुडु Paper kàkaz काकज् People lùkh लूख **Place** jày जाय Rain rùd रूद River दॅरियाव dåríyàv Roof pash पश sêkh Sand स्यख mêkràz Scissor म्यकराज् Snow शीन shìn कॅन्य् kåni Stone Stream kôl कवल síríyí Sun सिर्यि Tear ओश ósh तेलि Then télí There तति tatí They तिम tím Thin nyúk न्युक vakhût Time वख्त

Tree	कुल	kúl
True	पोज़	póz
Turf	द्रमुन	dramún
Up	ह्योर	hyór
Water	पोन्य्	pòn ⁱ
We	ॲस्य्	ås ⁱ
Were	ऑस्य्	äs ⁱ
What	क्याह	kyàh
When	कर	kar
Where	कति	katí
Who	कुस, कम	kús, kam
Why	क्याज़ि	kyàzí
Will be	आसि, आसन	àsí, àsan
Window	दॉर	där
Woman	ज्नान	zanànû
You	चु , तोह्य	tsû, tóh ⁱ
Young	जवान	javàn



Numbers 1 to 50

One	अख
Two	লু
Three	त्रे
Four	चोर
Five	पॉॅंछ्, पांछ
Six	ষ
Seven	सथ
Eight	ऑठ
Nine	नव
Ten	दॅह, दाह
Eleven	काह
Twelve	बाह
Thirteen	त्रुवाह
Fourteen	च्चदाह
Fifteen	पंदाह
Sixteen	शुराह
Seventeen	सदाह
Eighteen	अरदाह
Nineteen	कुनवुह
Twenty	वुह
Twentyone	अकुवुह
Twentytwo	जुतोवुह
Twentythree	त्रोवुह
Twentyfour	चोवुह
Twentyfive	पुंचुह
Twentysix	शॆतुवुह
Twentyseven	सतोवुह
Twentyeight	अठोवुह
Twentynine	कुनत्रह
Thirty	त्रुह

अकुत्रह Thirtyone द्वयित्रह Thirtytwo तेयित्रह Thirtythree च्चियत्रह Thirtyfour पांचुत्रह Thirtyfive शॆयित्रह **Thirtysix** सतुत्रह Thirtyseven अरुत्रह **Thirtyeight** कुनतॉजी Thirtynine Forty चृतुजी अकृतॉजी Fortyone द्वयितॉजी Fortytwo तेयितॉजी Fortythree च्चियतॉजी Fortyfour पाँचुताँजी Fortyfive शॆयितॉजी **Fortysix** सतुतॉजी Fortyseven अरुतॉजी Fortyeight कुनवंज़ाह Fortynine **Fifty** पंचाह



Parts of the Body

कलु Head ड्यकु Forehead बुथ Face नस Nose Nostril नकुवोर ॲछ Eye बुम्ब Eye-brow ॲछरवाल Eye-lash कन Ear ऑस Mouth दंद Teeth ज्यव Tongue वुठ Lip हवंगन्य् Chin कॉर Neck होट **Throat** गंडुर larynx सीनु Chest नॅर Arm **Armpit** कछ होच् Wrist अथु Hand मंज्-अथु Palm ऑगुज Finger Little finger किस ञ्वठ **Thumb Elbow** ख्वनुवठ फ्योक Shoulder Shoulder blade शानु यड Belly

Thigh लंग कमर Waist जुंग Leg कोठ Knee **Foot** ख्वर खूर Heel तलपोद Sole च्म Skin Brain मगुज् Heart वॉलिन्ज সূ্থ Lung ब्वकुवॅट Kidney

Kidney ब्वकुवॅट Liver जिगर Intestines अँदरम Stomach म्यादु

Gall Bladder तीलु प्योत Bone अडिज Blood रथ

Hair मस, वाल

Beard दॉर Moustache गोंछ Nails नम



Animals

हापुत Bear मूंश, माँश Buffalo दांद Bull वूंठ Camel ब्रोर, ब्रॉर Cat गाव Cow हरन Deer Dog हून खर Donkey होस्त Elephant मिन्य Frog प्वछ्लोव Fox हांगुल Hangul छावुज,छावुल Goat खरगोश Hare गुर Horse

Lion पादुर्य सुह

शाल

Monkey पॉंज़ Musk deer रूस Pig सोर Rat गगुर

Jackal

Sheep कठ, गॅब

Tiger सुह Wild goat मारखोर Wolf रामु हून



Birds

Bat रातु-क्रुल Cock क्वकुर Crow काव Duck बतुख Hen कवकुर पॉज् Eagle Kite गाँठ Maina हॉर Nightingale बुलबुल Owl रातु-म्वगुल तोतु **Parrot** मोर Peacock कोतुर **Pigeon** चॅ्र Sparrow

Swan Vulture



अँज्

ग्रद

Reptiles and Insects

Ant र्यय Crocodile मगरमछ् बुमुसिन्य् Earth worm Flea प्युश मॅछ Fly Mosquito मोह ब्युच Scorpion Snake स्वरुफ Spider ज़लुर



Professions

Baker कांदुर Barber नॉयिद

Blacksmith खार

Boatman नावि-हाँज़

Brazier ठाँठुर

Broker द्राल

Butcher पुज

Carder दून Carpenter छान

Charcoal seller यंगुर

Cloth merchant बजाज

Cobbler बूट-वातुल

Confectioner हलवोय

Cook वाजुह

Coolie मोज़ूर

Coppersmith मिसगोर

Doctor हॅकीम

Dyer रंगुर

Farmer ग्रूस

Fisherman गाडु-हाँज़

Gardener बागवान

Goldsmith स्वनुर

Grain Parcher वर्बुज्

Grocer वोन्य्

Hawker फेरिवोल

Jester मसखुर

Lawyer वॅकील

Magician जोदूगार

Mason दॅसिल

Messenger कॉसिद

Milkman	गूर
Plumber	नलकु-वोल
Postman	डाकु−वोल
Potter	क्राल

Singer ग्यवन-वोल Shephered गबिरॉछ Sweeper वातुल

Tailor सुच Tanner गँज

Teacher व्यस्ताद
Timber merchant म्यंज़ुर
Treasurer खज़ाँची
Trader बापॉर्य

Vegetable vendor दांदुर Washerman दोब Watchman राखु Waterman पान्युर Weaver वोवुर

Woodcutter तबरदार Writer लिखॉर्य



Relations

Adopted मंगतु
Bride महारेन्य्
Bridegroom महाराजु

Brother बोय

Brother's wife बॅय-काकन्य

Brother-in-law

(Sister's side) बेम

Brother-in-law

(Wife's side) हँहँर Brother's daughter बावुज् Brother's son

Cousin पितुर, पितुर

Daughter कूर Daughter-in law न्वश Father मोल

Father's sister ত্ৰদ -Her husband ত্ৰদূ

Father-in-law ह्युहर

Friend यार, व्यस Grand father बुड्यबब

Great grandfather बड बुड्यबब

Great great-

grand father जद बुड्यबब

Grand mother नान्य्

Great grand-mother बड़-नान्य्

Husband रून

Husband's brother द्रुय Husband's sister जाम

-her husband जॉमी

In-laws होहवुर, वॉर्युव

मामन्य् Maternal Aunt माम Maternal Uncle मॉज Mother मास Mother's sister मासू - her husband हश Mother-in-law पेचन्य् Paternal Aunt प्यॅतुर Paternal Uncle बेनि Sister ब्यंजु Sister's daughter बेम Sister's husband ब्यंथुर Sister's son नेचुव Son जामतुर Son-in-law वोर Step क्वलय Wife Wife's sister साल सॉजू -Her husband



Fruits

Apricot चे्र
Almond बादाम
Apple चूंठ
Beetle nut सुफाॅर्य
Bitter cherry ऑलिच
Cherry गिलासु

Coconut नारजील,खूप्र

Cucumber लॉर

Currant किशमिश

Date खजुर
Fig अंजीर
Grapes दछ
Lemon न्योम
Lotus nut पम्बुछ

Mango अम्ब

Musk melon खरबुज्

Mulberry शाहतुल Orange संगतर Pear टंग

Plantain केल Peach चुनुन Plum ऑर

Pomegranate दॉन

Strawberry इशटाबॅर Sugarcane नयशकर

Walnut डून

Water chestnut गौर

Watermelon ह्यन्दव्यंद

Vegetables

Bitter gourd करेलु Brinjal वांगुन Brussels sprout हाख Carrot गाज़ुर

Chilliम्रुच्वांगुनGarlicरोहनGourdअल

Guchhi कनु-गृछ

Knol khol म्वंजि

Lotus stem नदुर

Mint पुदन Mushroom ह्यडुर Onion गंडु

Potato ओलुव

Pumpkin गोल-अल

Raddish मुज Spinach पालख Tomato रूवांगुन

Turnip ग्वगुज



Some popular local Kashmiri vegetables

कृष्ट् नुनर व्यपलहाख व्यसतुहाख लीसु बुम अलु कानुज हंद ओबुँज कनु-गुँछ कनु-पपर स्वचृल

Time

Time वख्त Day before - Yesterday ऊत्र Yesterday राथ Today अज् **Tommorrow** पगाह Day after tommorrow कॉल्य्क्यथ Year before last year प्रॉर्युस Last year पुरस This year युहुस Next year ब्रोंठुस Day द्वह Week हफ्तु **Fortnight** पछ Month र्यथ Year वॅरी Decade दॅह्यूल Century हॅत्युल,शेत्युल Ages of the world य्वग



Yugas

Satya yug	सत्य य्वग	satya yôg	(Age 17,28,000 years)
Treta yug	त्रेता य्वग	trétà yôg	(Age 12,96,000 years)
Dvapar yug	द्वापर य्वग	dvàpar yôg	(Age 8,64,000 years)
Kali yug*	कलि य्वग	kalí yôg	(Age 4,32,000 years)

^{*(}Kaliyug began at midnight between the 17th and 18th of February, 3102 B.C.)



Chapter - 9

Days of the Week

Monday	चृँदुरवार	t såndûrvàr
Tuesday	बॉमवार	bòmvàr
Wednesday	ब्वदवार	bódvàr
Thursday	ब्रसवार	brasvàr
Friday	शोकुरवार	shókúrvàr
Saturday	बटुवार	baţûvàr
Sunday	आथवार	àthvàr



Name of Months - Hindu calender

Chaitra	चि़थुर	tsíthûr
Baisakh	वह्यख	vahêkh
jeth	जे़ठ	zèţh
Ashad	हार	hàr
Shravan	श्रावुन	shràvún
Bhadon	बॉद्रप्यथ	bädrûpêth
Aashwin	ऑशिद	äshíd
Kartik	कार्तिख	kàrtíkh
Margshirsh	म्वंजहोर	mônjhòr
Posh	पोह	póh
Magh	माग	màg
Phalgun	फागुन	phàgún



Seasons of Kashmir

सोंथ	sònth ~ spring season	(Mid March to mid May)
ग्री ¹ म	grìshûm ~ hot season	(Mid May to mid July)
वॅहराथ	våhràth ~ rainy season	(Mid July to mid Sept.)
हरुद	harúd ~ autumn season	(Mid Sept to mid Nov.)
वंदु	vandû ~ cold season	(Mid Nov. to mid Jan.)
शिशुर	shíshúr ~ very cold season	(Mid Jan to mid March)



Chapter - 10

Miscellaneous Vocabulary

Cereals

Paddy दानि
Flour ओट
Rice तोमुल
Wheat कुनुख
Maize मकॉय
Sesame तेल

Mustard तीलु-ग्वगुल

Barley वुशकु Pulses दाल

Red beans राज्माह

Kidney bean म्वंग

Lentil मुसुर

Flat beans बोगलु

Peas करु

Gram चनु

Black gram ^{महा}

Oil cake खॅज



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Poplar फृस
Willow वीर
Deodar दिवदोर
Chir बुदुल
Kail कायुर
Chinar बून्य



Common colours

Black क्रुहुन न्यूल Blue स्वनहॅर्य Golden Green स्बु ज् ग्वलॉब्य् Pink व्वज़ुल Red असमॉन्य Sky blue लाजवॅर्य Violet सफेद White ल्योदुर Yellow



Common Metals

Aluminium मिसख्बरासान
Brass सर्तल
Bronze ल्वय
Copper त्राम
Gold स्वन

Iron शेशतुर, शेसतुर

Silver र्वफ Tin टीन

Zinc जस्थ, ज्सुद



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Bitter ट्यांठ Salty नमकीन Sour च्रोक Sweet मोदुर



Model Passage I

A Conversation

राजेंदर : नमस्कार माहरा।

कौल सॉब : नमस्कार। व्वलु सॉ, बह सॉ पथर। म्य नअ सॉ प्रज़नोवुमख नुं टाठ्या। कॅह छा वनुन?

राजेंदर : बु माहरा छुस राजेंदर। ॲस्य् माहरा छि हालुय जैमि प्यट्ठ योर आमृत्य्। यैति छि तुहुंज़ि हमसॉयगॅरी मंज़ चूरिमिस पोरस प्यट रोजा़न। कॉशुर आसनु मूजुब दौप में बु समखु त्वहि।

कौल सॉब : जान गव। चु किथु सॉ पॉठ्य् टाठ्या बम्बिय आमुत?

राजेंदर : बु माहरा छुस इंजीन्यर तुँ येति अंदेरी मंज छम ॲिकस कंपनी मंज नोकरी मीजमुच्।

कौल सॉब : अदु सॉ माल्या। च्य कुस छुय बेयि गरि?

राजेंदर : में माहरा छु मोल मॉज सुत्य। म्योन मोल छु सरकॉर्य नोकरी मंज़ रिटायर सपद्योमुत। म्यानि ज्नानि माहरा छु एम.ए. कॉरमुत तु स्व छि नोकरी छांडान। में छि ज़ शुर्य, नैचुव अश्विन तुँ कूर शिफाली।

कौल सॉब : तिम कथ जमॉच छि परान?

राजेंदर : अश्विन माहरा छु परान अठ्यमि तुँ शिफाली सॅत्यिम।

कौल सॉब : ति गव जान। ताह्य छिवुह खास सिरीनगरुकिय?

राजेंदर : अहन माहरा रुन्यवारिक्य्।

कौल सॉब : किछ लॅंज त्विह बम्बय।

राजेंदर : बु माहरा छुस येति स्यठाह ख्वश। पॅत्यिम र्यतु ओसुस बु पनुन्य् गरिक्य् ह्यथ गोमुत हवनस प्यठ कश्यप बवन। तिम गॅयि तित बरादॅरी समिखिथ स्यठाह ख्वश। येतिक्य् लूख माहरा छि बडु जान तुँ मददगार। असि माहरा गव केंह्रस कालस मॅशिथ्रय ज़ि ॲस्य छि निव जायि। अछा माहरा, ऑसिन इजाज़थ।

कौल सॉब : न सॉ टाठ्या, ग्वडु च्यमव चाय।

राजेंदर : न माहरा तक्कलुफ क्याह छु। म्य माहरा छि वुन्य् चाय चेमुच्।

कौल सॉब : वुछ सॉ नु छुख म्योन गरु ग्वडिनिच लिट आमुत। नु किथुकॅन्य् नेरख चाय चनय? म्यॉन्य् आशॆन्य् गिछ् चृं मीलिथ स्यठाह ख्वश। ॲस्य् ियमव अज् या पगाह चॉनिस पिताजियस तु गिरिक्यन बाकुयन बॉच्न समखुनि। सानि बापथ छि यि खुशी हुंज कथ जि़ सानि बरादॅरी हुंद ब्याख अख क्वटंब आव सानि बिलिडिंगि मंज् रोजि़न। गिर वॅनिजि़ सारिन्य सोन नमस्कार। बियि बोज़ सॉ टाठ्या। बम्बिय मंज़ छिवुह ताह्य न्य्य आमृत्य्। व्यदवय कुनि ति कुसमुक हाजथ आसि, वािय रास गिछि वनुन।

Rajinder: Namaskar.

Kaul Sahib: Namaskar. Please be seated. I didn't place you. Can I do something for you?

Rajinder: I am Rajinder. We have recently shifted here from Jammu. We are now your neighbours on the fourth floor. Being a Kashmiri, I thought of meeting you.

Kaul Sahib: Nice meeting you. What gets you to Mumbai.

Rajinder: I am an engineer and I have got a job with a company at Andheri.

Kaul Sahib: Well. Who else is in your home?

Rajinder: I have my parents with me. My father is a retired government servant. My wife is M.A. and she is on the lookout for a job. I have two children, a son Ashwin and a daughter Shifali.

Kaul Sahib: In which class are they studying?

Rajinder: Ashwin reads in 8th class and Shifali in 7th class.

Kaul Sahib: That is good. Are you from proper Srinagar?

Rajinder: Yes, from Rainawari.

Kaul Sahib: How do you feel being in Mumbai?

Rajinder: I am very glad to be here. I attended the Hawan ceremony at Kashyap Bhawan last month along with my family members. They were all thrilled to get in touch with the biradari. People here are very nice and helpful. For a while, I forgot that I was at a new place. O.K. Let me take your leave.

Kaul Sahib: No. Let us have tea first.

Rajinder: No formality. I have had tea just now.

Kaul Sahib: You have come to my home for the first time. How can you go without tea? My wife will be very glad to meet you. We will certainly drop in at your place today or tomorrow to meet your father and other family members. We are indeed happy that we have another member from our community in our building. Do convey our good wishes to your family. Since you are new to Mumbai, do not hesitate to ask for any assistance.



Model Passage II

My Motherland

My motherland is Kashmir. The State as a whole is called Jammu & Kashmir. Srinagar is its summer capital and Jammu its winter capital. It has three divisions, Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. It has 14 districts, 6 in Jammu, 6 in Kashmir and 2 in Ladakh. Kashmir has been described as the Paradise on Earth. The Valley of Kashmir is approximately 134 Kms. long and 32 to 40 Kms. wide. Pahalgam, Gulmarg, Sonamarg, Kokar Naag, Veri Naag, Dal Lake, Wular Lake, Anchar Lake, Gangabal, Mughal Gardens, Pari Mahal, Dachhi Gaam Rakh etc. are considered to be the world famous tourist spots. Jehlum is the main river flowing through the Valley. Srinagar is a beautiful city. It is situated on the two banks of River Jhelum. The city has two famous hills Shankaracharya and Hari Parbat. Nishat Bagh, Shalimar Bagh, Chashma Shahi, Pari Mahal and Harwan Reservoir are all situated in the city of Srinagar. Amar Nath and Tullamulla are the two most famous places of pilgrimage sacred to Hindus. Hazratbal and Khankah shrines are sacred to Muslims. Kalhan was a great Historian of Kashmir and Lalla-Ded and Nunda Reshi were great Saint-poets. Kashmiri is the mothertongue of Kashmiris.

म्यॉन्य् पॉदॉयशी जाय छि कॅशीर। सॉरिसुय रियासतस छि वनान 'जम्मू व कशमीर'। सिरीनगर छि अमिच र्यतुकालिच राज्दॉन्य् तु जोम वंदुच। अथ छि त्रे हिसु, जोम, कॅशीर तु लदाख। अथ छि 14 जिलु, 6 जॆमिस मंज, 6 कॅशीरि मंज तु 2 लदाखस मंज। कॅशीरि छि वनान दुनियुहुक जन्नथ। कॅशीरि हुंज वादी छि 134 किलोमीटर जीठ तु 34 प्यठु 40 किलोमीटर ताम खज। पहलगाम, गुलमर्ग, स्वनुमर्ग, क्वकर नाग, वेरी नाग, डल, व्वलर, आंचार, गंगुबल, म्वगल बागात, पॅरी महल, दॉछगाम रख बेत्रि छि दुनियाहस मंज सॉल करन बापथ मशहूर जायि मानन यिवान। जॆहलम दॅरियाव छु वादी हुंद अख बोंड दॅरियाव। सिरीनगर छु अख स्वंदर शहर। यि छु जॆहलम दॅरियावृक्यन द्वन बठ्यन प्यठ बॅसिथ। शहरस मंज छि जृ बाल, शेंकराचार तु हारि परबथ। निशात बाग, शालुमॉर बाग, चेशमु शॉही, पॅरी महल तु हॉरवन सरबंद छि सॉरिय सिरीनगर शहरस मंज। अमर नाथ तु तुलमुल छि हैंद्यन हुंच जृ पवित्र तीर्थस्थान। हज्रतबल तु खानकाह छि मुसलमानन हुंजू मुक्कदस जियारचृ। कल्हन पॅंडिथ ओस कॅशीरि हुंद अख बोंड बारु तॉरीखदान तु लल द्यद तु नुंदु र्योश ऑस्य् जुँ थिद पायिक्य सूफी शॉयिर। कॉशिर्यन हुंज ज्वान छि कॉशुर।

