

Subject: Saurashtra Script Encoding  
Source: Rick McGowan, Unicode, Inc. (personal contribution)  
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Dear Mr Ksar:

The UTC has seen two proposals for Saurashtra which came in prior to the August 2003 UTC meeting. There was not enough time to reconcile these proposals before the meeting.

Mr Michael Everson has submitted L2/03-231 (WG2 number N2607).

Mr Peri Bhaskararao has presented commentary on that in L2/03-277, which I have submitted to you separately for entry into the WG2 document register.

Aside from commentary on things that should be updated in L2/03-231, Mr Peri's document L2/03-277 is effectively another proposal including re-arrangement to align with ISCII and to open some gaps in the encoding for possible future additions.

There is further disagreement on the disposition of an aspirated letter, the so-called upakshara (suggested for encoding at U+AB033 in Mr Everson's proposal).

It is unfortunate to see contradictory documents arriving nearly simultaneously for the same script, and under the circumstances, the UTC declined to go forward with approval of either proposal at this time.

I have been instructed to submit this observation to WG2 in time for discussion at the October 2003 meeting.

Regards,  
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Unicode, Inc.