

TITLE: Request for removal of digits from Kaithi proposal (N3389)

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Further research by Anshuman Pandey, the author of the Kaithi proposal (N3389), demonstrates that the Kaithi digits should be considered stylistic variants of Devanagari numerals.

This case is similar to that of Syloti Nagri, in which the Bengali numerals are used. There is no requirement to distinguish Kaithi digits from Devanagari digits in plain text. Stylistic variants of digits are rampant in the Hindi region, but the typology is common.

Anshuman Pandey (and I, as a backer of this proposal) request the digits, currently located at 110C0 to 110C9, be removed from the Kaithi script proposal, N3389.

Examples:

गणना	उरुकुली	कैथि	बंगला	भिक्षुली	उरुकुली	सुजगती	देव नागरी
७	१	१	१	१	१	१	१
७	२	२	२	२	२	२	२
७	३	३	३	३	३	३	३
७	४	४	४	४	४	४	४
७	५	५	५	५	५	५	५
७	६	६	६	६	६	६	६
७	७	७	७	७	७	७	७
७	८	८	८	८	८	८	८
७	९	९	९	९	९	९	९
७०	१०	१०	१०	१०	१०	१०	१०

1. Example from śākyavaṃśa, hemarāja. 1974 [samvat 2030]. nepāla lipi-prakāśa. kathamaṇḍau. The boxed column is Kaithi, whereas the far right column is Devanagari.

