Deciphering Indus script as a cryptogram

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Abstract

Indus inscriptions hold the key to unlocking the history of pre-Iron age India and all Indo-European peoples but remains undeciphered for over a century. All prior attempts have been unsatisfactory and non-falsifiable. We decipher the Indus script by treating it as a large cryptogram. We solve every sign one by one using an regular expression search and use set-intersection to obtain the exclusive value of each sign. Indus script is discovered to be proto-abugida segmental with signs for consonants and vowels. Indus inscriptions are in Sanskrit language compatible with Paninian grammar. Variants of 79 allographs constitute most signs. Composite signs constitute the rest. Our decipherment can read every inscription and we translate 500+ inscriptions including the 50+ longest, 50+ shortest and 400+ medium sized inscriptions including 100+ inscriptions with composite signs. Brahmi glyphs are discovered to be standardized Indus signs. We find significant continuation of Indus linguistic features and cultural elements in post-bronze age India.

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1. Introduction

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- Indus script was in use from first half of the 4th millenium BCE[14] to 50 CE[2] in India. Indus script continued to be used on coins from Varanasi 800 BCE[5]
- to Maurya era[4]. Findings at Keezhadi[21] show usage of both Brahmi and Indus
- symbols. B. B. Lal noted that 89 percent of megalithic symbols go back to Indus
- symbols[10]. Megalithic sites show Indus signs up to 50 CE[2]. This provides evidence
- of broad geographical usage of Indus symbols all over India and 650 years overlap
- for the possibility of Brahmi script evolving from Indus script. Mixed Indus/Brahmi inscriptions from Iran [0] to South India [10] support this finding
- 9 inscriptions from Iran[9] to South India[19] support this finding.
 - Attempts to decipher the Indus script have started with some assumptions regarding the language and epigraphy. Mahavedan[12] and Parpola[15] assume a logosyllabic script encoding Tamil. S. R. Rao[16] assumes an abjad script encoding

Sanskrit. Sue Sullivan[20] derives Sanskrit encoded in a script featuring complex logosyllabic, phonetic and segmental features. The fundamental flaw of logosyllabic and abjad interpretations is that they can never be acceptable without a rosetta stone. The readings themselves are also dubious. For example, Mahadevan translates the sign as pali, "city"[11]. This claim is non-falsifiable and one could as well read it as "egg" or "wheel" or "chair". All logographic scripts that only read short inscriptions are invalidated without a rosetta stone for the simple reason that assigning random words to a set of signs will create an adjective-noun pair like "chicken fort" or "pregnancy bangles". The real test of decipherment is in reading a set of long inscriptions that all fall into a coherent theme without the introduction of unattested mythology.

S. R. Rao and Sue Sullivan start with a set of similar-to-Indus semitic signs with known values and deduce in the values for rest of the signs using an ad-hoc dictionary search. This method results in a dramatic improvement in the length and the number of readable seals but continues to give meaningless results for anything but short inscriptions. Like their logosyllabic counterparts, they also fail for unusual patterns such as seal M-1123 ÅYYYY. The reason for the improvement is that they have the right value for common symbols and the reason for failure on long inscriptions is that some of their starting symbols are incorrect, resulting in incorrect values on deduced symbols.

3 2. Methods

The fundamental flaw in prior approaches to deciphering inscriptions is to first guess the sound/meaning of a sign based on appearance and then attempt to read inscriptions. These guesses are usually wrong for pictorial signs and impossible for abstract signs. We invert this and determine the sound value of a sign first and then optionally interpret what object the sign represents. This eliminates entire chains of assumptions regarding sound values of each sign.

40 2.1. Undeciphered scripts as cryptogram puzzles

Cryptograms are popular puzzles that encode a sentence (usually famous quotes) in a completely new script. The new script is usually just a rearranged alphabet but can be numbers, runes, arbitrary symbols or even Morse code. Cryptograms without spaces or punctuation are harder to solve since there are no clues on word boundaries. Automated cryptogram solvers exist with support for many European languages[1]. However, no automated cryptogram solvers exist for Sanskrit or non-latin scripts as of this writing, so we manually apply the same techniques to Indus seals. Solving

cryptograms using regular expressions is a known art[6] and we will only touch upon the techniques used for deciphering the Indus script.

The first step to solve a cryptogram is to guess the language itself. If the language is incorrect, we reach a dead end very soon and move on to the next language. Hypothetically, we could try every known language and the correct language would eventually be self-evident unless the script is written in a lost language. Realistically, the Indus script is from ~3500 BCE to 1900 BCE and our best chances are Sanskrit and old Tamil. Other Indic languages have been attested much more recently and their ancient forms are relatively less known.

The second step is to guess or decipher the first sign using unusual patterns in the text that will enable us to read one or two syllabic words. We can rely on the fact that every seal is one or more complete words and choose the shortest available seals to avoid the issue of detecting word boundaries on longer inscriptions.

We can then use the known signs to decipher the next unknown sign by exhaustive search on a dictionary using regular expressions. With sufficient inscriptions that only have a single common undeciphered sign, we can uniquely determine its value. Regular expressions enable us to solve for individual signs regardless of nature of the script.

2.2. Script Type and Writing Direction

Mahadevan classifies Indus script into 417 signs, epigraphica.de classifies them into 709 signs, treating minor variants as separate signs since a sizeable number (1000+) of signs is a prerequisite for a logosyllabic analysis. This is based on the assumption that a script from 3500 BCE must be logosyllabic.

The presence of the odd mirrored sign on seals indicates that the carving of the seals was not made with a planned template and the fact that certain seals have letters squeezed on the left side indicate two things: writing direction was from right to left and the script is non-logographic. Logographic scripts do not need spacing

Table 1: Extensively abstracted signs

and planning since one word maps to one sign and the approximate space required is already known to the carver but in a syllabic script, the word-to-sign mapping cannot be visualized easily and sometimes causes squeezing.

2.3. Sign classification

Indus script is a hand-carved writing system and not a typeset or a tool based script (unlike say, cuneiform). Therefore, just as two handwriting samples of the same letter are unique, no two instances of any Indus sign are exactly alike. If two renditions of a sign are close enough in appearance, its acceptable to treat them as variants of the same sign. Usually, there are unique characteristics for variants of the same sign that helps us correctly identify variants.

Although the above is helpful in identifying variants, the method is self-correcting and an incorrect identification will be easy to identify:

1. two signs which are actually different are assumed to be the same

2. two signs that are actually the same are assumed to be different

In the first case, regular expression search yields two disjoint sets of inscriptions with two different phonetic values. An attempt to narrow the matches from the first set using a member of the second set will yield a null set. This immediately alerts us to the fact that the signs are indeed distinct.

In the second case, both sets will yield the same phonetic value. In fact, this is how we discover allographs.

While an optimal reachability graph can be constructed analyzing the inscriptions, we can use the heuristic of solving signs in the descending order of frequency with a few detours as needed.

2.4. Strengths and limitations

A sufficiently long cryptogram is unsolvable in two different languages or in two different ways. We prove this in section 10, which also is a proof of correctness. With this method, incorrectly decoded sign will not match further downstream and quickly result in a dead end making this approach self-correcting. This approach does not depend on symbol shape, evolution history of a sign, assumptions on cultural aspects, geography, etc. Indeed, because none of these aspects are inputs, they can be credibly deduced as outputs once sufficient signs are deciphered. Cryptogram method is superior to frequency analysis, since it's immune to frequency changes due to passage of time[13].

Any lost words (not found in dictionary) in the inscription may result in false negatives and occasionally false positives. Dictionary may need to be augmented with sandhi, gender and number declined forms. As long as there are enough inscriptions, these limitations are generally not an issue except for signs with limited number of distinct attestations (say less than 10).

2.5. Progression of Cryptogram

We illustrate how cryptogram solver quickly finds possibilities and how rapidly the solution converges to a unique answer with an examples.

In table 2, using the small American dictionary, we can tabulate the open possibilities as words are solved one by one for the phrase "have you any white wool, love?" as we decipher word by word from the first to last.

When "HAVE" is solved, the possibilities for "you" and "wool" which don't have any common letters with "have" are only halved, but the words that do have common letters drop significantly. The possible decipherments for the word "any" drops by 20x from 401 possibilities to 21, love drops 83x from 251 possibilities to 3 and "white" drops 80x from 1697 possibilities to 21. If one of the words was deciphered incorrectly,

Solved words	"lomw eac ope qlbjw qaah, hamw"
(none)	????(597) ???(476) ???(401) ?????(1697) ????(93) ????(251)
HAVE	HAVE ???(213) A??(21) ?H??E(21) ????(50), ??VE(3)
YOU	HAVE YOU ANY ?H??E(6) ?OO?(34) ?OVE(3), ?OVE(3)
WHITE	HAVE YOU ANY WHITE WOO?(4), ?OVE(3)
WOOL	HAVE YOU ANY WHITE WOOL, LOVE

Table 2: Rapid convergence of a cryptogram solution

for example, the word "you" was incorrectly deciphered as "BID", then the word "wool" could not be deciphered since there are no words matching the pattern ?II?.

At this point we would have to back track and try some other possibility.

As is apparent from this example, even short cryptograms of a dozen or so words can be uniquely deciphered. Indus corpus is a 15000+ signs long cryptogram and it would be infinitesimally unlikely that it can be readable if solved incorrectly.

2.6. Formalization

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Let G = \{g_0, g_1, g_2...\} be the set of symbols whose sound value is known.
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Let $X = \{x_0, x_1, x_2...\}$ be the set of all symbols.

Let $S = \{s_0, s_1, s_2...\}$ be the set of inscriptions where s_i is a vector from symbols in X

- 1. Let two inscriptions $s_a = g_i x_a g_k x_c \dots$ and $s_b = g_j x_a g_l x_f \dots$
 - 2. Let set of symbol matches $G_{x_a} = /g_i(.+)g_k. + / \cap /g_j(.+)g_l. + /$
 - 3. Repeat intersection with new inscription above until G_{x_a} is of unit length
- 4. $x_a = G_{x_a}$
- 5. $G = G \cup x_a$
 - 6. Repeat until G = X

165 3. Results

Indus script is made of 79 allographs representing the most common signs shown in table 3. The complete derivation can be traced in section 8. A compact one-pager is given in table 4. Long inscriptions and inscriptions with composite signs are listed in sections 5 and 6 respectively. Some signs have variants that mark reading direction or word boundaries and they are listed in table 5. Consonant clusters using syncope are shown in table 6. Table 8 shows Indus signs standardized into Brahmi.

	Name	Meaning	Symbols	
अ	अयुग	one	ı	1
	आयु	man	大 	2
	अग	mountain	\triangle	3
	अङ्क	curve)))	4
	आजनि	stick	1	5
	अज	horn	abla	6
आ		repeated अ	(数 (数 (数)))))))	7
 इ	इषीक	stalk of grain	E	8
ङ 		doubled इ	EE	9
<u>ਤ</u>	उद्घाटक	rope	ф §	10
	उद्भट	tortoise	XX	11
 ए	अइक	one	ı	12
ओ	ओपश	lock of hair	1.5	13
अन् अ <u>ं</u>	अनुतर्ष अंशु	drinking vessel; drink	ひせぜぜU⋓⋓∨	14
अस् अः	अष्टापद	eight legged/spider		15
	अष्ट	eight	1111 (1)	16
क ख	कट	wood	※************************************	17
	खट	axe	甲品	18
	खट	plough	♦₩ॣॣॗॗॣ	19
ग घ	गडु गडुर	spear; bent	/	20
 च छ	चतुर	four	IIII	21
	छत्र	mushroom	$\frac{W}{O}$	22
ज झ	झर	waterfall; cascade)(23
	झ	rain and wind	/// 1111 1111 1111 /// 1111	24
त थ ट ठ	ताडुल्य	drum		25
	तांडुल	fighter	※	26
	तण्डुल	rice plant	£	27
	ताल	small cymbal	⊗	28

	Name	Meaning	Symbols	
	तर्दू	wooden ladles	##	29
	तर्द	Indian blackbird	A 对 数 为 4	30
	র	three		31
	त	tail	\downarrow	32
	ਟ	hollowed coconut	\frown	33
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	दन्त	teeth	$\mathbb{M} \Delta_{\!\!\!\!D}$	35
	धात्र	receptacle		36
	दुन्दम	hourglass drum	$\emptyset \ \% \ \odot \ \odot \ \bowtie $	37
न	नाल	time-card		38
	नाल	stalk		39
	नल	reed	1	40
	नव	nine	 	41
	नाव	boat	₩.	42
प फ	पञ्चन्	five		43
	पञ्चन्	hand	٦	44
<u> </u>	भक्षपत्र	betel leaf	♠ ♀ ∅ □	45
	भक्षत्र	oven	1 #F	46
<u> </u>	मदार मस्त	elephant head	アルサイヤタ夏奥	47
	मदार मस्त	boar head	\blacksquare	48
	मत्स्य	fish	X	49
	मन्दार	hibiscus flower	$ \Psi $	50
	मन्दिर	dwelling		51
	मय	horse	芦耳一世二十二十二	52
य	यवश्रेष्ठि	barley merchant	競衆災犬 鬥	53
	यव	barley	Ш	54
	यष्टि	pearl necklace; pillar	8 8 0	55
	यष्टि	twig; arm	R	56

	Name	Meaning	Symbols	
र	रथर्वी	split snake	ΥΫ́	57
	रथारि	chariot wheel	$\otimes \bigcirc \emptyset \otimes \otimes$	58
	रथ	$\operatorname{chariot}$	$\Diamond \Diamond \bigcirc \boxplus \otimes \Diamond \circledcirc$	59
	रथ	Dalbergia tree	U U W W Y Y	60
ल	लता	lightning; lash of whip		61
	लता	creeper	\mathcal{M}	62
<u> </u>	वरण्ड	lamp wick		63
	वण्ड	spear		64
	वरट	wasp		65
	वट	banyan tree	\mathfrak{H}	66
स श ष ह	शाखर	squirrel	\$ P\$ \$ Z \$ Z \$	67
	शिखर	mountaintop	$\wedge \wedge \uparrow$	68
	शुऋ	seed	₩ 🖟 🗊	69
	शुऋ	chitraka flower	% 🖟	70
स श ष ह	शशाद	falcon	◇	71
	षष्	six	111 '12' 111 '12'	72
	सप्त	seven	ШД	73
	शस	repeating (merger of """)	 	74
		Common Composites		
ΕŪ	अणि	point of arrow	A	75
)	अम	power	食電介分輸食)十(分同	76
\bowtie X	उष	dawn	$\bowtie \bowtie$	77
" "	तर	beyond	(# 4)	78
EH	वि	two	II	79

Table 3: Indus-Saraswati script allographs

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Table 4: Saraswati script signs with common composites

Sig	gn	Marked Variants
अ	\uparrow	<u></u>
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अन्	\bigcup	$\forall \exists \exists \exists$
अस्	\bowtie	\bowtie \bowtie
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ब	0	<i>∝</i>
म	X	类
म	9	** 8
य		8
र	8	& & & & Ø
र	\Diamond	$\Diamond \Diamond \Diamond \Diamond \Diamond$
व	4	뷥

Table 5: Directional and word-boundary variants

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation	
H-43	YXI	वऋ	Mars	ऋ
Ns-79	∧"	विश्व	to pervade	श्व
H-904	U ₩''	विद्वान्	learned	द्व
M-1316		वाव वल्लभे दाद	verily god-given	ल्ल

Table 6: Examples of writing consonant clusters using schwa and double syncope

Indus Sign	Meaning	Vedic Altar
≈\$	falcon	श्येन
\blacksquare	mountain	प्रौग
	solid wheel	प्रधियुक्त रथचऋ
\otimes	spoked wheel	सारा रथचऋ
	tortoise	वऋाङ्ग कूर्म
Ж	tortoise	परिमण्डल कूर्म

Table 7: Signs corresponding to Vedic altars

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Table 8: Indus signs standardized into Brahmi

4. Discussion

SSC script is a segmental script that is best described as proto-abugida. The major differences from Brahmi seem to be that retroflexes use the same signs as dentals and aspirated and unaspirated stops use the same signs. With a couple of exceptions, letters have a default vowel of \Im unless overridden by an immediately following vowel sign. No diacritics are used.

Signs retain the same sound value on even major rendering variations presumably because the script has unlimited options for creating new signs and has no need to rely on a minor stroke variation to denote phonetic distinctions.

Name	\mathbf{Sign}	Meaning	Operator	Operand
अयुग	į.	one		
आयु	大	man	खण्डन	अयुग
अग	\triangle	mountain	प्रत्याहार	अयुग
अइक	1	one	साम्य	अयुग
अङ्क	}	curve	अपभ्रंश	अइंक
कट	※ ※ * 十 +	wood		
खट	甲品	axe	साम्य	कट
खट	∮쑷ॣॣॗॗॗॗॗॗॗॗ	plough	साम्य	कट

Table 9: Allograph derivation for अ and क

While signs are obviously distinct in most cases, occasional ambiguities do exist, which are discussed below. Signs may be classed into several groups based on characteristics specific to them.

4.1. Allographs

The script has 79 total allographs for the most common signs (including 5 common composite signs) with a median of three allographs. These allographs seem to have occurred accidentally when orally transmitting the sign name or deliberately as a प्रत्याहार based on the fact that many allographs are simply the first and last letter of a longer name. Occasionally a synonym or homonym transmutation occurs, which we call साम्य. A comprehensive allograph chart is in table 3. An average of a little over 4 variants per allograph for 79 allographs explains the approximately 400+ total signs. Allograph derivation examples are shown in table 9.

4.2. Line strokes and Numeric signs

A numeric sign does not encode an actual number, but rather the first syllable of its name. The sound values are shown in table 10. A sign with eleven strokes does not exist, suggests the Indus civilization used a decimal system. The name for a single numeric stroke, अयुग represents the अ sound. अयुग may have mutated into अइक which may have been used as the diphthong अइ. The word एक evidently evolved from अयुग via अइक. The other signs are self-explanatory of which only वि has the non-default अ vowel.

Table 10: Numeric signs

Table 11: Non-numeric line stroke signs

In addition to numeric signs, line strokes denote several signs shown in table 11. Non-numeric signs seem to be invented earlier than numeric signs, evidenced from workarounds to comply with non-numeric signs. Evidence for this is that other \Im signs can be doubled to form \Im but not the | vertical stroke since it would be read as \lnot and inscriptions work around this by inserting \updownarrow between the two to create $| \uparrow \rangle$. The sign |||| often written as |||| representing rain, is not a numeric sign. Its allograph ||| is not to be confused with the numeric sign || read as \lnot .

208 4.3. Vowels

A vowel sign overrides the default अ vowel just as in abugida. Repeated vowel signs make a long vowel. In practice, a leading अ can be either अ or आ. An अ in addition to the default अ vowel makes it आ. The only long vowels attested are आ and ई. Other vowels such as ऊ simply use the same sign ‡ to indicate both long and short vowels. ऋ uses signs for $\overline{\epsilon}$ and presumably so do the unattested ऋ ऌ ऌ.

4.4. Diphthong

The sequence अइ exists as a diphthong in some seals indicating that is possibly used for ऐ as in H-1056 [१८४॥ जमनै. An equivalent diphthong for औ is not attested but may be reconstructed as ११.

218 4.5. Proto-vowels

The signs for अन् U and अस् ⋉ seem to have eventually evolved into अं and अ: respectively. The U sign is used for both नण and ङ sounds. The ⋓ variant seems to be preferred for ञ but in principle, all jar-like signs are interchangeable.

4.6. Sibiliant fluidity

All signs for शष् व सह seem to be interchangeable including अस् signs. These four phonemes were possibly allphones, vestiges which can be seen in later Sanskrit with equivalent words with the same meaning but different sibiliants such as तुस = तुष for husk. At some point post-Indus script invention, these consonants seem to have differentiated.

4.7. Base consonants

Base consonants here refers to signs that represent ordinary consonants with the default vowel अ. Retroflex and dentals use the same signs, similar to usage of Latin alphabet to write Sanskrit. Aspirated and unaspirated sounds also use the same signs.

4.8. Shorthand signs

The sign δ अनि | अणि meaning arrowpoint which is very often found as a terminal sign is a shorthand for δ U, which also reads as अनि | अणि. This was an innovation to address running out of space at the end of the inscription. This evidently led to the invention of other supplementary signs to the consonant+vowel system. The sign "for phoneme वि is a numeric, but may be seen as a shorthand for δ L. The introduction of " as a shorthand, probably led to the introduction of other numeric signs to stand for their respective initial syllables.

4.9. Composite signs

Composite signs are created by combining two (or rarely more) signs and represents the sounds of the combined signs. The most common are उष् \bowtie combining $\bowtie \bowtie$ and signs for अम. The sign for अम can take a variety of forms by vertically assembling a rotated) and one of the \forall signs, given many possible signs, $\hat{\forall}$ being the most common. In addition to these, there are over 100 rarely used composites that are deciphered in Section 6

4.10. Sign disambiguation

Numeric signs in general take all strokes as a single sign. Spacing, stroke size differences and incline differences are used to distinguish two adjacent numeric signs or signs made of simple line strokes.

When strokes are arranged in rows, if the upper row has equal or higher number of strokes than the lower row, then the sign is read as representing the total number of strokes. Inscriptions use spacing to ensure clear separation between distinct signs.

For example, the sign M-1904 reads "" जज, "warrior." Three strokes representing the first syllable is marked as distinct from the other by horizontal and vertical spacing. If there was no clear spacing, the seal would look like " and be read as abla, "excellent."

4.11. Ligatured signs

Occasionally adjacent signs are joined by a small stroke to create a ligatured character pair for clarity. Either one of the signs is vertical bar sign | (आजिन) and could be easily missed without the ligature as in \mathbb{V} or if a sign was carved in later for space or other reasons as in . These are described in detail in 6.

4.12. Directional markers

We know that the direction of writing is generally right-to-left based on the fact that in some inscriptions signs have been squeezed near the left end of the inscription. Unlike pottery graffiti and tablets, seals themselves are mirrored left-to-right in order to produce the desired right-to-left inscription. However a small percentage of inscriptions are left-to-right. Since the vast majority of signs are symmetric and sometimes even the asymmetric signs are inscribed mirrored horizontally, there is a chance that the inscriptions are read in the wrong direction. For large inscriptions, this is usually not a problem, since they would be unreadable the wrong way. However, short inscriptions have the risk of being read incorrectly.

Indus signary evolved to address this challenge by deliberately adding asymmetry to some signs. For example, the elephant's ears and the wasp's eyes were made asymmetric. The signs are read from the pointed-side to blunt-side:

- 👂 elephant ears, trunk, tusks
- wasp eyes
- * tree branching

The most common sign, the \mho jar sign repeated sufficiently within inscriptions to enable a directional marker of its own, by adding one to four small strokes inside the jar. The strokes appear in non-ascending order. The first jar always has the highest number of strokes and the next sign can either decrease or maintain the number of strokes. Typically, the final jar sign will end up with no strokes. This pattern holds for over two hundred inscriptions with just a handful of exceptions. The improbability of these strokes to have any kind of phonetic meaning is easily verified by testing the inscriptions against a dictionary. These strokes are evidently

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation	Direction
H-1711	JW!;@J	कान्तदान	delightful gift	\leftarrow
M-1353	$\mathbf{U}\mathbf{M}\mathbf{U}$	अन्नादन	eating food	\leftarrow
M-1304	TYLT	अनवरन्	equal or superior	\leftarrow
H-1801	ԾՎԼՄ	अनवरन्	equal or superior	\leftarrow
M-862	UUU	अनरन्	superhuman	\leftarrow
M-1470		अण्डावानन्	protector of the universe	\leftarrow
M-420	ÝIII ' 🖖	अनाचार	unconventional	\leftarrow
M-1822	//₩ [†] " ^F	अण्डवा	Name of Shiva	\leftarrow
M-1700	E 大 り で り に に に に に に に に に に に に に	अन्धै	in darkness	\leftarrow
Ns-86	ΨX	अनु	human	\rightarrow
M-1336	'Ula	आणवम्	small; fine	\rightarrow
M-2062	f ^e	चर (line 1)	follow	\leftarrow
	٧١	अन्व (line 2)		\rightarrow

Table 12: Directional markers on jar sign

a directional marker similar to a fuel gauge, tracking the remaining text portions from full to empty. The directional mark is placed on a nearby sign if the starting sign is a numeric or otherwise unsuitable for a directional indicator.

A directional marker may be used even when its the only jar sign in the inscription to avoid accidental reading in the wrong direction.

When the leftmost sign has a directional marker and the rightmost sign doesn't, the seal may be preferentially read left-to-right. This is most useful for multi-line boustrophedon inscriptions but occasionally also occurs in single line seals.

4.13. Word boundaries

The jar sign directional marker breaks its rule in only a handful of signs among over a thousand. Evidently, a secondary use of directional markers is to indicate word boundaries. The leftmost sign's marker could be a word boundary rather than a directional marker, so some judgement is needed for a correct directional read. Fortunately, these exceptional inscriptions are rare. These are shown in table 13

4.14. Directional sign variants

Signs other than jar sign can also have one to four strokes to indicate direction or word boundary. Usually, these are the first character of an inscription and act as a directional indicator but occasionally occur mid-inscription and act as a word boundary. These are listed in table 5

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
M-378	Y ' UU	वननापर	unsurpassed wealth
H-454	TYLTU	अनवरन्	excellent
M-968	\mathcal{U}	वरणाम्	protection
Ns-78	₩ø	रण	delight
H-1075	₩7₩	उषपन्	the Sun

Table 13: Directional marker used as word boundary

4.15. Consonant clusters

Clustered consonants are simply written adjacent but are pronounced with a schwa syncope. Doubled consonants are written as a single consonant. Examples are shown in table 6.

4.16. Evolution

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Signs that take up horizontal space undergo rotation to fit them in large inscriptions. Complex and time consuming signs undergo abstraction and simplification. 323 Boldface versions are identical to normal versions.

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               rotation
  為學學學制
               rotation
夏R平十十岁りて
               abstraction of elephant head to trunk and tusk
               simplification
               simplification
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4.17. Evolution to Brahmi

Indus seals stopped being produced around 1900 BCE, but Indus inscriptions continued on Mauryan coins and pottery graffiti in Kheezhadi and South Indian megalithic sites until 50 CE.

When we arrange Brahmi signs with their closest corresponding Indus script allograph for the same sound value, we notice that every Brahmi sign other than the sign for ξ , seem to be a minor variant or simplification of a pre-existing Indus sign. Indus script glyphs are closer to Brahmi than Brahmi glyphs are to modern Devanagari script.

Table 8 is an accurate snapshot of the Indus signs chosen to be standardized into Brahmi using the observation that retroflexes and dentals are interchangeable as a group as are non-labial nasal consonants.

4.18. Religious continuity

We see several linguistic and cultural features that continued post Indus phase. The Indus signs that have corresponding Vedic altars [8] are remarkably similar in appearance shown in table 7

The deities in Indus inscriptions are the same as Vedic. Sun, Varuna, Soma, Vishnu, Shiva, Indra, Agni, Ushas, Ashlesha and Bharani constellations, ashva, Ardhanareeshwara (seals depicting one breasted human), pipal tree and the Sun continue to be revered to this day. Soma worship is congruent with the vedic ritual, Viṣṇu as protector of sacrifice is congruent with the Śivapurāṇa.

4.19. Vestiges of Indus linguistic forms

Indus script characteristics are also attested into post-IVC inscriptions[18][7], coins[3] and seals.

Indus Script feature	Post-IVC attestation	Attested	Read as
no virama	Ajagara 300 BCE	अगसतय	अगस्तय
merged dentals/retroflex	Avanti fish seal	देवटाह	देवताः
	Mansehra	दुवडश	दुवदश
merged asp./unasp.	Girnar	उस्टान	उस्थान
merged sibiliants	Kalsi	दाश, दाष	दास
	Girnar	वर्स	वर्श
no doubled consonants	Qutub Iron pillar	मूर्त्या अगि	मूर्त्त्या
	Girnar	अगि	अंग्गि
अं अन् flexibility	Qutub Iron pillar	प्रन्शु	प्रंशु
	Girnar	अंञ	अन्य
elided anusvara	Girnar	इद	इदं
shortened initial आ	Girnar	अरोपितं	आरोपितं

Table 14: Post-IVC attestation of script elements

Iron pillar[17] presently in Qutub complex retains some of the archaic language features of Indus inscriptions. It uses a lone consonant to represent a doubled consonant (mūrtyā instead of mūrttyā) and the anusvara अं is denoted अन् as opposed to अम् (pranśu instead of praṃśu). Indus script provides evidence that Qutub inscription was not an aberration, but rather that अं was once read as अन्.

Inscriptions with mixed Indus/Brahmi signs are now readable such as Marungur[19].

The usage of common signs for अ-ए, अ-ओ aspirated-unaspirated dental-retroflex and sibiliants-/h/ phonemes in a writing system is similar to old Arabic, which did

Source	Inscription	Reading	Translation
Marungur 200 BCE	NSLX	अमहस्	the mighty one
Annakodai 300 BCE	<u></u>	रर कावात्	given by Kava(a Saman)
Vietnam Gold foil 100CE	91 <u>-</u> 6	वराह	Varaha avatar
Copper Hoard 1800 BCE?	ለ ጋጊ + አፈ	शंखात् किं	what emanated from
	O∤የፐ	रठँ डय	the conch?
Turkmenistan	⅃╲似⁼ኅ₋	याशुना	with embrace
	└ ≟∕ҮЬҮ	रहःऋणाः	private debts
	レ $\chi \lor$	अन्तेः	should be ended
	∧₌Ს Վ_	गुहलु	Guhalu (name)
	$+$ Λ $^{\perp}\Delta$	ऐशिक	Royal

Table 15: Readings of possibly mixed IVC/Brahmi inscriptions

not have dots (i jām) to distinguish different phonemes, despite having multiple forms (initial, media, terminal) for the same phoneme. Eventually, it appears that these were standardized into Brahmi.

4.20. Falsifiability

The ability to meaningfully read a cipher in an attested language is sufficient proof of decipherment. Claiming such an outcome is accidental requires a premise that random assignment leads to a similar outcome. This decipherment may be falsified by assigning verifiably random syllabic or abugida values to signs and reading them as Sanskrit or any natural language. A more thorough falsification may be attempted by cryptogram method using a dictionary of a different language. As long as the longest 50 inscriptions are meaningfully readable in consistent themes in an attested natural language, we can assume the decipherment is falsified.

5. Long and unusual inscriptions

Translating long inscriptions sans spacing between words poses some challenges. The meanings can change dramatically based on word boundary and sandhi splitting. For example, the string beforeman could be read as before man or be foreman. The purpose of these translations is to show supplementary evidence of decipherment. The actual intended meaning is beyond the scope of this work. We have chosen translations that are consistent with the overall themes of the corpus, early Brahmi inscriptions and grammar.

	Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
1	M-314	♦"१४ ४६ " \	रवि अमं मानि	O honored Roarer(Shiva)
		\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	सक्षनरं	O Sustainer, O Ocean(Shiva)
		₹\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	जठलधार रह	yield to the powerful capable man
		रवि vns. रविन् roarer √रु+अच्+ी	णिनि [राविन् MBh] अमं ar	ns. the powerful[RV], सक्ष capable[TS]
		जठल vms. Ocean[Sāy] जठल=	समुद्र=Shiva[MBh] नरं a	ms. man[TS] मानि vns. honored[MBh]
		धार vms. Sustaine	er[MBh 13.14.13] √रह् र	त्रोट् 2s. yield, let go, release
2	M-23	ひ	दा अममणिकम् सम्	By the giver, this cup
		∞ ⋄	नः रन्धन	is full for us, O Shiva
		दा ims. of दा giver[RV]; अ	म this[AV]; मणिकम् ans	s. cup/jar[MBh]; सम् indc. full[RV]
		नः dp. of 3	ास्मद् for us[RV]; रन्धन v	ms. destroying[Bhp]
3	M-234	ひ	दा अममणिकम् सम्	By the giver, this full
		⊗ > ×	च आस नदन्	cup is taken roaringly!
		दा ims. of दा giver[RV]; अ	म $ his[ext{AV}];$ मणिकम् $ ext{ans}$	s. cup/jar[MBh]; सम् indc. full[RV];
		आस √अर	न् लिट् $1\mathrm{s}/3\mathrm{s}$ $\mathrm{taken};$ नदन्	√नद् + शतृँ roaring;
4	M-626	U@!%U%1 % !%	कम् माखं कंसं	Excellent sacrificial cup
		1001240	दात नदन्	O roaring purified one!
		कम् indc. good/we	ll[TS]; माखं ans. oblati	on[Hariv]; कंसं ans. cup[AV];
		दात vm	s. purified[Pāṇ]; नदन् v	/नद् + शतृँ roaring;
5	H-1657	ŬŸ∐) !!! @@ X ' !	दकवि वमाम	O water covered one(Shiva), we gave
			सज्जाववरम्	an excellent prepared gift
		दकवि vns. दक water[Phetk]	, वी covered, [Shiva=प्र	वाह पावितस्थले]; वमाम √वम् लोट् 1p. given;
				, वरम् ams. excellent[MBh];
6	M-355	U�∥∥७¤ĝ"◇A4}}	तद्ददानिम रवि अमं	O Roarer, we harvested that
			अञ्जवरम्	powerful gift of Soma

	${\bf Seal\text{-}Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
			l[RV]; अञ्ज appeared[F	RV] alt:Soma[RV]; वरम् gift[RV];
7	M-38	 	वतदा रवि	By death giver(Shiva), O Roarer!
			अमम् वम माखं	grant the strength of sacrifice
		ਰਰ killed[MW] ਟਾ ims_of ਟਾ	giver[RV]: रवि yns - रहि	न् roarer; अमं ams. the powerful[RV];
			t √वम् लोट् 2s.; माखं ans.	
8	M-391		` _ `	O burning roarer, bless us
	111 001	, oo maayay a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a a	जाराङ्कीधर	lover (of dawn), O Indra
			`	
		- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		ार lover of dawn[RV]; अङ्कीधर Indra[RV 3.45.4]
9	M-1954	U	राव आसय जरावरान्	O Shiva, bring us great praises
				praise[RV]; वरान् anp. of वरम् $best[RV];$
10	M-1688	YN 18	वज हान आम्	O ancestor, strengthen
			अश्विमोदा[न्]	the delights of possessing horses
		वज. √वज लोट 2s. strengt	hen: हान vms. departe	d[VS]; आम् indc. indeed[MaitrS];
			sessing horses[RV]; मोद	
11	H-130	% @#\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\		Grant us your water,
			अञ्जद्वर	O cloud (shine obstructor)
	ददा	grant[RV 4.36.9]: ਰਥ vour[RV	ः /]: विषम ams. water[Na	aigh]; √अञ्ज् + अच् shine; द्वर obstructor[RV]
12	M-359		तन भव विषम्	O child, accept this
			अमवरम्	excellent water
	- c	. [777]		
		pring[KV]; भव /भू लाट् accept[i ひがL※1寒)冊次門の		Naigh]; अम this[AV]; वरम् ams. choicest[MBh];
13	H-280		ह्यमदमाखपरम्	Excellent exciting horse sacrifice
				; वरम् ams. choicest[MBh];[Asvamedha]
14	M-369	V_{N}	दमनाश्यम् अममाखम्	Fasting food sacrifice
	दमनाश्यम्	[ams. fasting, दमन subduing[MBh]; आश eating[ŚBr]; अम powerful[RV]; माखं ams. oblation[Hariv];
15	M-623	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\		Oblation libation with cream
	ਤੁਸ਼ਾਕ - 1-	lation food of mills / sund-IT-	aragamhital. Annu	s. suitable [MBh]; सशरं ams. with cream[Car]
	M-10	mation food of mink/curds[isv ※从本∥///単算⊕ ''(4))は	arasaṇinitaj; विषयम् an साताविषं	O Shine emitter (Sun),
16	1/1-1/		अञ्जवम तर	bring blessings of water
	स	ाता $\operatorname{bestowed}[\operatorname{RV}]$; विषं $\operatorname{ans.}$ wa		ms. √अञ्ज् + अच् shine, √वम् + अच् emitter;
			तर bring √तृ लोट्	
17	M-1169	ED(4) 4次	वटात् अवि मम	O my favorable one, emit
		♀Ⅲ��¶	वम अञ्जनि	radiance from your banyan tree

	Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
		वटात् abms. वट banyan tre	e of Shiva[Śivapurāṇa	2.2.40]; अवि vns. favorable one[RV]
		मम gs. my[RV]; वम	$\mathrm{emit}\ \sqrt{\mathtt{a}}$ म् लोट् $2\mathrm{s};$ अञ्ज	नि anp. radiance √अञ्ज् + अच्;
18	Ns-60	¥Kび&!貧!\X '' (M#大ÞE	इद्धाचल विहनामनशं	O unwavering shine(Sun),
			तर	overcome the loss of rains
		इद्ध shining अचल vns. in	nmovable[RV,BG]; तर	overcome $\sqrt{7}$ लोट् $2s.$; विह $sky[RV]$;
			न् water[Naigh]; नशं an	ns. $loss[MW];$
19	M-714	U\$!!!!!!!!!!!!\\$@\\\$\	अ रवि शासं	O Roarer, ruler of
			अञ्जसभं	honored council
	3	म vocative particle[T]; रवि Ro	oarer, vns. of रविन्; अञ	ज honored √अञ्ज्; सभं ans. council[RV];
20	M-677	U)\ \\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	अ रवि मम	O Roarer, verily,
			अञ्जवम आम्	O my shine emitter(Sun)
		अ O[T]; रवि Roarer, vns. of उ	रविन्; मम my[RV];
		अञ्जवम vms. shir	ne emitter √अञ्ज्, √वम्+	अच् ; आम् indc. verily[Śak];
21	M-577	¥"""\ ► ₩\$	अदनविचर[म्]	Abstaining from eating
			नवाव आनन[म्]	Let us both praise the (divine) face
		अदन eating √अद+ल्य	ट विचर[म] ans abstair	ning, वि away[RV] चर act[RV];
			raise √नु लोट् 1d. आनन[
22	M-665	- ሰፋ።		O honored one, shine
		⊕U⊞	ताम्र	your heat! O red one(Rudra)
	मत vns.	honored[Ragh]: विच्छ shine √	विच्छ लोट 2s.: दाहं ams.	heat[MBh]; ताम्र vms. red[MBh; विलोहित Shiva];
23	Lh-1		दावरवि अम	O fiery Roarer, help
			दानरं	the giver (of sacrifice)
	-TI-	r / - C[AX7] 	्या [(या चीर) ०	,
	K-10	マス nre[Av], (19 vns. roarer; サップス リーター		s.; दान giving[RV];र ams. possessor[Nais]; New boon without sacrifice
24	IX-10			
				ut [RV]; माखं ans. oblation[Hariv];
25	H-8	₩,Д₺┞Ш⋒,,※(दकवि	O water covered one(Shiva),
			अञ्जवरम् आच	I seek a splendorous gift
	दकवि ${ m vns}$. दक water[Phetk], वी covere	d; अञ्ज shining √अञ्ज-	+अच्; वरम् ams. gift[RV]; आच I seek √अच् लोट् 1s.;
26	M-119	成(IEDAY!! V区域	दा वठधारविषमय[म्]	By the giver, a big water-filled stream
		दा ims. of दा giver[RV];	वठ big, fat, powerful;	√वठ+अच्; धार stream[RV 9.109.19]
			म्] ans. water-filled, वि	
27	H-103	多半炎星ひ の三々 玄徳	हयमदम् अञ्जानि	I celebrate the increase of
			आय[म्]	the pleasure of having horses
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	Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
	हय]	norse[RV]; मदम्; ams. exciting	[RV]; अञ्जानि celebrat	e √अञ्ज् लोट् 1s.; आय[म्] ams. increase[MBh]
28	M-494	(戊(廿⊕ :::((甲共)	अना अनर्वसायाध	Verily, an irresistible sunset
			नर्व irresistible[RV]; सा	य evening[RV]; अध indc. now[RV]
29	H-268	Ŭ#!!!'Ш@@"X\\)	दसम्	Vision of honored
			विहाञ्जसभं	heavenly council
		दसम् ams. vision √दस् + अच्;	विह heavens[RV]; अञ्ज	া honored √अञ्ज्; सभं ans. council[RV];
30	M-396		असमामतु आत्मतस्	O unequalled one,
				serve from the self
	अस		serve[√अम् लोट् $3s.$]; अ	ात्मतस् abns. from the self आत्मन्+तसिल्[RV];
31	M-1676	U####################################	शं व	Peaceful and
			विमथं मरम्	distress-free death
	शं indc. l	nappy/pleasant[RV]; व indc. l	ike[MBh]; वि without[[RV]; मथं ams. distress[AV]; मरम् ams. death[RV];
32	K-15		मम रसद सछदानि	O my healer(Shiva), with roofs(houses)
		\$1&Q1	अर्कार	may I raise, O Sun
	मम my[RV]	; रसद healer[MBh]; स with[RV	⁷]; छदानि amp. cover[E	BhP]; अर्क vms. Sun[RV]; आर raise √ऋ लोट् 1s. [RV];
33	M-1690	\$\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	यमयानम् शम वम	Stop Yama's progress(death),
			मानि	O honored emitter(Sun)
		यम Lord of death[RV]; यानग	₹ ans. progress[MBh]	; शम √शम् लोट् 2s.; वम emitter √वम्+अच्;
34	Ns-9	OAHMA" THUI	अथ अचलत्	Verily, it moved
			विमान[म्]	traversing the sky
	3	मथ indc. now/hereby[RV]; अच	लत् moved √चल् लङ् 1s.	.; विमान[म्] ams. traversing(the sky)[RV];
35	H-12	O"ĝXX@₹1%U	रवि अ मम	O Roarer, my
			महमाखं	great sacrifice (to you)
		रवि vns. Roarer रविन्; अ ()[T]; मम my[RV]; मह g	great[RV]; माखं ans. oblation[Harv];
36	M-495	℧类Ლ))!!!∥⊕℧))モ	अना अनर्वशायान्	Verily, the irresistible sleep
		अना indc. verily[R	V]; अनर्व irresistible[RV	V]; शायान् anp. sleep[√शी RV];
37	M-900	TYLXXLYUO"®	रवि सह्य मम वरम्	O Shiva, satisfy my wish
		रवि vns. Roarer रविन्;	सह्य help √सह लोट् 2s.; ग	मम my[RV]; वरम् ams. favor[RV];
38	M-52	び)) ※mgの''国jj	•	Heavenly homes for you
		दम house[RV]: विह	T expansive[RV]मय	full of[RV]; वां dat dual[RV];
39	C-24		रसत्व नमन्	O water, (my) salutations
		Y\$\\\	वनधार	O abundant one

	Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation						
	-	रसत्व vns. chyme/liquid[MBh];	नमन् saluting √नम्+श	तुँ; वन abundance[R]; धार vns. bearer[BG];						
40	H-20	≪!® X₹1%&U	अहम् स्वं मोक्षम्	I am my own salvation						
		अहम ns. I[RV]:	स्वं ams. mv[RV]: मो	क्षम् ams. salvation[MBh];						
41	Krs-1	8'\@⊗ Ⅲ渥崙⋓		O Ocean, (protect) the sleeping Nami						
		नमीं ams. Nami, son of Sapy	a [RV 6.20.6]; जठल v	vms. Ocean; शाय[म्] ans. sleeping [RV];						
42	M-49	∮⋉⋩⋩∥ '' ⋐ ₩	अह चल विवं महं	Indeed, cherish the mighty and powerful						
	अह indc.	Indeed[RV]; चल cherish √चल् लो	ाट् $2\mathrm{s}$. विवं ams . powe	rful; वि; specially व powerful; महं ams. mighty[RV];						
43	M-1052		आम् वासवमनक[म्]	Verily, golden ornaments						
	3	भाम् indc. verily, वासव golden, व	सु gold[AV], मनक[म्]	ams. small ornament, मन ornament [RV];						
44	M-634	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\		Remember the chariot king's ornament						
	रट √रट् लोट् 2s.; रथ chariot[RV]; राय king[RV]; मनक[म्] ams. small ornament[RV 8.78.2];									
45	H-129	Ÿ\Ū@X\"◊ ◇\$ ~6)		O Shining Roarer, overcome indifference						
	•	भूमरवि shining /भूम+अच्चारवि yns	: Roarer रविनः अग्रमं a	ams. indifference[Mn]; तर cross √तृ लोट् 2s.;						
46	M-1834	UMPTKOO	<u>ददम उदम्</u>	Let me offer water						
	1.1 1001		जन नल	Speak, O person						
		टटम oive √टम लोट 1s : उटम ar	as water[RV]: जन vn	ns. person[RV]; नल speak √नल् लोट् 2s.;						
47	Nd-1		शमशराङ्गतम्र	O red bodied one with calmed arrows						
			`							
	М-1892	; RY [KV,MBN]; SEN BODY[Uṇ ►AU SS' NOA!Ŷ	ाः तम्र vms. red/dark अरवर्षारराणान	[RV]; [Sri Rudram: 1.4 यात इषुः शिवतमा, 1.11 यस्ताम्रो] Suitable bountiful rains						
48	WI-1092		`							
				ाणान् anp. bountiful[RV];						
49	H-270	UA!!!XTXQUEE	ननम सस्य झष	I salute the grains and fish						
		ननम I salute √नम् लोट्	1s.; सस्यं ans. grain[A	AV]; जषं ams. sea creature[AV];						
50	H-10	₩!!!!! \\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	बबद अश्ववलर[म्]	I steadied the wind-like horse						
		बबद	steadied √ बद् लिट् 1s.;	अश्व horse[RV];						
)5]; वल [Naigh]; र acquiring[Nais];						
51	M-1123	歳∀ҮҮҮ	रर ररय[म्]	Give us speed						
		रर give √रा लोट्	2p.; र possessing[RV]]; रय[म्] ams. speed[Pur];						

Table 16: 50 long and unusual inscriptions

6. Variants and Composite signs

Variants are stylistic and abstracted evolution of symbols. Composite signs combine two or more signs and are read as adjacent signs: firstly in the direction of writing, secondly top to bottom and lastly the base character followed by ligatured character.

- 1. Ligatured symbols that are simply touching but otherwise written in normal size and position are read as normal. For example, 🗱 is simply read as DAD.
- 2. Symbols arranged vertically are read top to bottom. ⊥ is read as [Y दि as opposed to Ψ which is read as Y to top to bottom. ⊥ is read as Y to top to bottom. ⊥ is read as Y to top to bottom. ⊥ is read as Y to top to bottom. ⊥ is read as Y to top to bottom. ⊥ is read as Y to top to bottom. ⊥ is read as Y to top to bottom. ⊥ is read as Y to top to bottom. ⊥ is read as Y to top to bottom. ⊥ is read as Y to top to bottom. ⊥ is read as Y to top to bottom. ⊥ is read as Y to top to bottom. ⊥ is read as Y to top to bottom. ⊥ is read as Y to top to bottom. ⊥ is read as Y to top to bottom. ⊥ is read as Y to top to bottom. ⊥ is read as Y to top to bottom.
- 3. The base character, i.e., the large character is read first and the embedded character is read subsequent. 🐿 becomes ⋉ण रस्. The terminal U अन् sign can make a useful exception and retain terminal position, i.e., ∀ may be read as U♥ रन्

	Sig	gn Vari	ant	Seal-ID	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
1	\;;;	1111	स	H-967A	EU I₩	अश्वानि	horse keeper (name)
2	11	111	स	H-916	€UI!!	अश्वानि	horse keeper (name)
3	ήģ	1111	स	H-917	€ŬII	अश्वानि	horse keeper (name)
4	/ //	; ;;;	ज	M-1848	 ;;;	जव	$\operatorname{swift}[\operatorname{AV}]$
5		' 大	आ	M-1151	` Ŭ X	आम् नमन्	verily[MaitrS] worshipping[√नम्]
6	$\parallel \parallel^{\omega}$	EIII	जि	M-409	\forall \tau \tau \	सञ्जि	complete victory[RV]
7	$\parallel \parallel^{\mu}$	ΥIII	जर	M-898		जरम्	praise[√সৃ RV]
8	바		अना	M-812	びifi	अनाम्	indeed, indeed[RV,MaitrS]
9	1	奥	म	H-2125	びえば	मान	honor[MBh]
10	+	奥	म	H-64	←	मदमानि	joyfully[RV] worshipped[MBh]
11	丰	奥	म	M-523	本	वम्र	[Author of RV 10.99]
12)+()뾫(अमा	RGR-7230	수)十(अमानि	immeasurable[VP]
13	7	≜፠	या	M-203	℧ℽ⅃℧℀℣	मया अनवरं	excellence[RV] by $me[RV]$
14	{ *	$\Vdash X$	यन	M-800	₽₹ <mark>₺</mark> ℧ଡ଼¦ጲ¦	चयनांशनमन	salutation[MārkP] to altar[ŚBr]
15	$\widehat{\mathbf{x}}$	%)	आश	M-1887	び余食次	माम् आशं	obtaining $me[RV]$
16	*	' 大	आ	M-123	[太►↑	मन अइ	$\operatorname{ornament}[\mathrm{RV}]$
17	$^{\updownarrow}$	\bigstar	अ	M-403	人令人冷	अनितर	$unfixed[M\bar{a}nGr]$
18	*	*	अ	$\text{M875} \rightarrow$	<i>‡</i> /₩	आम्र	$\mathrm{mango}[\mathrm{\acute{S}Br}]$
19	\swarrow	*	अ	H-777	Y IIII 🏡	अचर	immovable[RV]
20	$\not\!$	ひ太	अन	L-218	L L	अनवम	exalted(name)[SkandP]
21	♣	\otimes	र	H-212	[रयि	wealth[RV]
22	燃	₩₩₩	य अय	M-288	大は全じ冬のいた	यायनम् शरण[म्]	protecting[RV] journey[RV]
23	¥	奥	म	D-51582	∞ ∓□)	आभाम् उष	O shining[RV] dawn[RV]
24		D大D	दाद	Umma	Y W XXX	दादम् विचर	renounce[MBh] $gift[MBh]$
25	*	羡	य	M-1628	》大"申	नयद	O giver[RV] of prudence[MBh]

	Sig	gn Varia	ant	Seal-ID	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
26	¥	荥	य	H-951	#\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	वनयव	wild[RV] grain[RV]
27	\bigstar	恭	य	M-831	⊗ ★	यत	$\operatorname{controlled}[\operatorname{RV}]$
28	П	恭	य	H-455	수배생"제	[अ]वयवी अनजानि	May I shine[अञ्ज] fully[Mim]
29	፟	大	अ	H-829	☆ ''⊛	अ वीर	O[T] hero[RV]
30	8	\bowtie	अश्	H-1994	860	भांश	ray[RV] of light[MBh]
31	(父)	(X)	नमा	H-1869	続ひ(タ)	नमान्य	inexhaustible[AV] pasture[RV]
32	K	\bowtie	अस	M-1724	₩ 'ഗ ₭	अ सभाजय	O[T] victory[AV] council[RV]
33	&	\bowtie	अश्	H-1841	₹ 3₩U	मसदं	to the tansformer[√मस्]
34	α	\$	भ	M-331	$(\wedge \tilde{\Box})$	आभसा	splendor[आभास:R]
35	#	8	च	H-214	€수€₩	छिन्नि[न्]	destroyer[छिन्न:AV]
36	Ŷ	Y)	अर	$K-45 \rightarrow$	ŶŨſ <i>Ŷ</i>	अरं पयं	suitable[RV] drink[RV]
37	Y	Y	र	Salut	Y''' '' <i>ያ</i>	वय विचर	compose[√वे] movement[ShivP]
38	<u></u>	ĒΥ	रि	Desalpur	##"DU"	अन्धविवरि[न्]	dark[RV] throated[RV]
39	图	\\\)	अश	M-219		अश्म[न्]	sky[RV]
40	$\overline{\ }$	\mathcal{W})	आल	M-367	' ₩ " ' ▽	अल विवनम् अना	rid[√अल्] the barrenness verily
41	DE W	ΥÞ	सर	D-9824	₩ X @''&*	सरवि अमं अञ्ज	show[RV] power[RV], with Roarer
42	惫	₩♠	बद्ध	K-53	≜	बद्ध	bound[RV]
43		图)	अम	M-896	為 大 '冨	अमावाय	this[AV] Soma strainer[RV]
44	#		न	H-295	瞓	वन	$\operatorname{wood}[\mathrm{RV}]$
45	Ψ̈̈́	ΥĒ	ईर	M-1170	Ÿ	ईर	rising [ईर्:RV]
46	₿	ф	उ	M-20	Y '' ◊ <u> </u>	उदशरविपर	sugarcane[RV] exchange[परा:RV]
47	\uparrow	奥	म	H-2575	↑₩	वम	emitter[वम्:RV]
48	×	\bowtie	आस्	K-17	Ŭ₩	आशं	$food[dext{SBr}]$
49	\bowtie	\bowtie	द	H-7	}∏ % ' ∭ (दद एकपद[म्]	give[RV] one $word[Nir]$
50	$_{\rlap{4}}\bowtie$	$\mathbb{A} \bowtie$	दा	H-1662	U\$ \$" _@ ≥	दावि ततान्	O fire[MBh], to my fathers[RV]
51	\mathbb{K}	\bowtie	उष्	M-2088		उषम्	fire[√उष्+अच्]
52		\mathbb{K}	अशि	H-679	≠X 3€	शशि[न्]	moon[MBh]
53	土	Ϋ́ħ	मर	M-2012	び) "当	मरविपान्	dead[RV] wise $men[Naigh]$
54	<u>^</u>	ĒΛ	मी	M-649	⊕^	मीर	ocean[Un]
55	X_{I}	※)	अक	M-1764	∇ $\!$	अस माख[म्]	go to the sacrifice[Hariv]
56	XY	Y 💥	कर	M-57	X X X X X X	ऋवि असम व नमन	$\operatorname{saluting}[M\bar{\operatorname{ark}}P], \operatorname{unequalled}[RV]$
							blood red one [RV $5.62.6$]
57	X	₩X	कद	M-261	U\'X	कदा तन	when[RV] children[AV]
58	A	U⊕	रन्	H-1988		इमम् रञ्जन	this[RV] color[Sarvad]
59	b	Ŭ₩	रन्	H-172	AMEUT	पाणिधरण	$marriage[RV,K\bar{a}v]$
60	•	₽Ū	अन्न	C-68		अन्नद अञ्ज	speak[अञ्ज्], O foodgiver[MS]
61	¥		आम	H-449	$U_{A}U_{A}U_{A}U_{A}U_{A}U_{A}U_{A}U_{A}$	अमरणम् वरं	gift[RV] of $immortality[MBh]$
62	J.J.	UIIEE	ईशम्	M-1548		सह ईशन्	Vanquish[RV], O Shiva[MBh]
63	₩	⊕帯び	अन्तर	M-639	淡""" "	अन्तराश्वीय नमन्	respectfully saluting horses $[RV]$

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64	W	Ű	र	K-18	₡ ₩"₩ ≫	तद् विरल	so[AV] scarce[MBh]
65	Y	Ű	आर	M-713	Ÿ"\¶@!X!	अरवि दशनमन	ten[RV] salutes[MārkP],
							O[T] Roarer(Shiva)[√▼]
66	HŮ	ľŮ	रा	M-84	UHX'⊨)	धनामरान्	prize[RV] of immortals[ŚBr]
67	¥¥	₩₩	चर	C-13	XXII)Y	चरम् वमम्	moving[MBh] emitter[वम्]
68	8	U &	तर	H-1192	単次以び引	तमत्राणि	dark[RV] and protected[MBh]
69	Ü	ľЩ	র	M-360	食ぎません	अमत्रदान	powerful[RV] gift[RV]
70	897	Ŭ¢&	रक्त	M-1759	U @''\\	रक्तविदवन्	O red[Br] wise one[RV]
71	*	₩Ü	रस्	H-598	®¶\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	रसम् अविमताम्	milk[MBh] of sheep[RV]
72	&	\circ	र	H-510	TY11/6	रमवरम्	delightful boon[RV]
73	6	ОЛ	पर	M-83	Y 1	प्रसर े	stream[BhP]
74	Ď	D	ध	M-1793	X Y	दमवनमन्	saluting the powerful subdued[ŚBr]
75	$\widehat{\Phi}$	₽◊	रक	M-120	ଢ଼℧℀℀℧⅌	मदनबाण रख	go, O cupid's[MBh] arrow[RV]
76	(P)		रण	M-1771	UQU�	रणं भां	delightful[RV] lustre[MBh]
77	Oa	$\forall \diamond$	रर	M-1154	0°4X@'7	पासमानि रर	Give[√रा], O protectors of all[RV]
78	×		री	H-1033	※ ♦ ♦	वरीविनि आम्	verily, within[RV] rivers[Naigh]
79	*	Υ◊	रर	H-405	¦ĝ¦⊕ '' 🏷	रर विहनाम न	give, sans $mark[RV]$ of the $sky[RV]$
80		€¢€€	ईरि	M-151	☆	ईरिणम्	$\operatorname{desert}[\operatorname{MBh}]$
81	\bowtie	\Diamond	र	$L-48 \leftrightarrow$	YU 炎 8%	रण्वनमन् रख	go[√रख्] joyously[TS] praying[√नम्]
82	\Diamond	\Diamond	र	H-299	¶ ⋒ �	रण्व	delightful[RV]
83	\bar{\pi}	€¢	रि	M-918	Y�''�	रवि रीर	O Roarer $[√{\mathfrak{d}}]$, O Shiva $[Cat]$
84	♦	\Diamond	र	$\text{M-}1424 \rightarrow$	⊗び命太D	रणभाद	O $pleasing[RV]$ $lightgiver[MBh]$
85	<₩>	\Diamond	र	$\text{H-}2214 \rightarrow$	◈▮∄₩	रवमय	O roarer[रव:RV]
86	B	\bowtie	अश्	M-243	DTRXM	दत्ताश्वद	given[RV] by horsegiver[Mn]
87	D)	अ	H-792	E⇔ D	अयि	(vocative particle)
88	1	(अ	M-73	₽₽¶	अनी	the living one[√अन्+अच्+णिनि]
89	ÿ)	अ	M-210	► ♦ y	अरण	$\operatorname{distant}[\mathrm{RV}]$
90))*	F	न	M-1277))*	नव	new[RV]
91);;;()(जस्	Ns-4);;()()	यजस्	$\operatorname{sacrifice}[\operatorname{RV}]$
92	בכנ :	8	य	C-39		दद्य .	condemn[√द्यै]
93	"""		सक्ष	M-1342	び※大学!!!	सभासक्ष	powerful[TS] council[RV]
94	<u> `</u> ``	1861	नाशन	M-975	"X" @ U;};	नशनानलसक्ष	loss[BhP] by intense fire[Subh]
95	1,5,11	"2"	सात	H-325	U"?"	सातं	gains[RV]
96	\Y	►	न	M-747		न नाशं	no loss[MBh]
97	A A	''♦)	अरवि	M-1105	(A)	अ रवि	O Roarer[√₹]
98	$\widehat{\mathbb{Q}}$	", "!!)	आप	H-413	(¦;;\	आप	vedic deity(Vasus)[MBh]
99	^	₩)	अम	M-18	⋒ U;;;;	जनम्	people[RV]
100	Å.	H)	अम	M-954		मम् अन्नम्	my[RV] food[RV]
101	Å	\bowtie	अश्	H-1049	¥., ااالج	अश्विचर	O mover[MBh] on horses[RV]

	Sign Variant		ant	Seal-ID	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
102		A	क	H-66		कामनन्	misremembering[Pāṇ,√म्ना]
103	十	×	क	H-513	∜⊕牛	क्षण	$\operatorname{moment}[\operatorname{\acute{S}ak}]$
104	\aleph_1	\bowtie	अश्	H-1513	ŬΚ'	अश्न	voracious[RV]
105	\bowtie	\bowtie	अश्	M-821		अशम्	$eating[ext{SBr}]$
106	Φ	甲	क	H-74	"	वदाकवि	wise speaker[RV]
107	承	ൂ)	आभा	M-742	大令号录	अ भामवरा	O gift[RV] of light[RV]
108	/0-0\	1001	अदा	Ad-6	₽/OO\UM'	तद्धनदाम	giver of that wealth[RV,RV,RV]
109	070	\otimes	द	H2048	₩ <u></u>	मद	$\operatorname{excitement}[\operatorname{RV}]$
110	//		वा	H-2192	で国外 外	दवामतं	honored[RV 10.68.7] fire[BhP]
111	olo	Ф	द	M-777	olo◆剣≫	असमामनिद	unequalled[RV] path[Un] giver
112	ŀ		न	M-986	UUF	नरं	man[TS]
113	\square	$oxed{\mathbb{H}}$	म	M-1367	$\Diamond \mathbb{\Delta}$	मर	$\operatorname{death}[\operatorname{AV}]$
114		$\lozenge \diamondsuit$	रल	K-122	₹ ₩♦	रर लता	$\operatorname{grant}[\sqrt{3}]$ lightning
115	\mathbb{A}	U	अन्	M-89	びXXIIQ	अमवान् उन्न	powerful[RV] wet one[KātyŚr]
116	M	\mathfrak{M}	न	H-228	[続))姒	नायी	guiding [nms. नायिन्]
117	Ħ	A	म	M-899	人。	मय्य	(name of a Brahmin)
118	(+)	⊗	त	H-142	U(﴿)⊕()\X	कम् तथा तान	thus $\operatorname{reciting}[K\bar{a}ty\acute{S}r]$ $\operatorname{well}[TS]$
119	(3)	Ψ	श	M-207	Dø	शद	revenue[Gaut]
120	\oslash	⊗	त	K-11	U₩#Ø)	अत्यदं	excessive[RV] eating
121	A	凢	मद	C-8	℧℗℣℧ⅆ	मदं महं	abundant[RV] joy[RV]
122	*	∞₽	व उष	M-1106		नव उषद	new[RV] dawn[RV] giver(Sun)
123	₩7	₩□	बत	Frm-1329	#	भट	warrior[MBh]
124	*	*	क	$M-68 \leftrightarrow$	((じ&び水※)	दमं सन काम	serve[√सन्] the home, O Kama
125	**	MM	लल	M-751A	***	ललक	little delight[√ लल्]
126	17	Л	प	H-1024	UMAX	मव पण	bind[√मव्] the wager[MBh]
127	8	\mathfrak{H}	व	MS-5062	¾ □\0\)	अवभस	shine forth[अवभास्:MBh]
128	\emptyset_m	ۯ	धी	M-605	\emptyset_m	धी	devotion[RV]
129	D0	X O	रक	K-15/2	01401	अर्कार	reached $[\sqrt{\pi}]$ the Sun $[RV]$
130	3	>	त	M-1792	UUXU@U	अन्तं मरं	end[RV] of $death[RV]$
131	卅	1	म	Louvre	◎ " 」	आमज्ज अयतस्	$unrestrained[RV] \ ascent[RV]$

Table 17: Variants and Composite signs

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	Seal-Id		ription	Translation		Seal-Id		ription	Translation
1	Bhirrana	Ţ	अम्	to fix[TS]	2	M-1203	Û	अम्	to fix[TS]
3	H-367	\bigvee	अम्	to fix[TS]	4	L-106	\bowtie	अस	shine![√अस्]
5	M-842		असि	$\operatorname{sword}[\operatorname{RV}]$	6	M-1198	≴	अ	(vocative)[T]
7	M-1905		अ	(vocative)[T]	8	H-481	釟	आ	$(vocative)[P\bar{a}n]$
9	C-52	X_{I}	अक्क	$O mother[P\bar{a}n]$	10	M-1105	(A)	अ रवि	O Roarer[√रु]
11	H-1113	#	इ	$(interj)[P\bar{a}n]$	12	M-597	JU.	ईश	O Shiva[MBh]
13	K-464	\mathbb{K}	उषा	dawn[RV]	14	M-949	*	क	joy[Nir]
15	H-1113	\mathbb{X}	क	joy[Nir]	16	H-1833	IIII	च	$also[P\bar{a}n]$
17	M-607	##	च	$also[P\bar{a}n]$	18	M-262	☆ III	च आ	$and[RV] also[P\bar{a}n]$
19	M-331	Ш	ज	born[Mn]	20	M-85-5	\otimes	त[म्]	him[RV]
21	D-50318	#	त[म्]	him[RV]	22	L-66	11	त[म्]	him[RV]
23	H-94	☆ ⊚	ता[न्]	them[MS]	24	M-996	\bigcirc	द	next[षोड VPrāt]
25	M-326	0-0	द	$\operatorname{next}[$ षोड $\operatorname{VPr}ar{\operatorname{at}}]$	26	M-470	\bowtie	द	$\operatorname{next}[$ षोड $\operatorname{VPrar{a}t}]$
27	H-1514	D	द	next[षोड VPrāt]	28	H-1011	A	द	$\mathrm{next}[$ षोड $\mathrm{VPr}ar{\mathrm{a}}\mathrm{t}]$
29	K-476	\mathbb{M}	दाद	gift[MBh]	30	M-605	\mathfrak{D}_{m}	धी	prayer[RV]
31	M-326	#	न	praised[प्रस्तुत TS]	32	M-1118	¦ ∕\}¦	नमन	$bow[M\bar{a}rkP]$
33	M-1084	l灸l	नामन्	sign[RV]	34	D-48576	11.	नवन	praising[Nalod]
35	K-53	急	बद्ध	bound[RV]	36	M-273		भ	$O \operatorname{star}[S\bar{u}ryas]$
37	K-67	伞	भ	O star[Sūryas]	38	L-105	##	बभ	shining[√भा]
39	M-1465		प	protection	40	M-410	¢	मा	to me[माम्]
41	M-1898	类	मा	to me[माम्]	42	K-462	\uparrow	मा	to me[माम्]
43	L-54	П	मा	$\mathrm{to}\ \mathrm{me}[$ माम् $]$	44	M-516	M	मा	to me[माम्]
45	Blk-5	Т	य	him[यद्]	46	M-1162	$\hat{\pi}$	य	him[यद्]
47	Lakhanjo	恭	य	him[यद्]	48	K-446	8	य	him[यद्]
49	C-94	נכנ	य	him[यद्]	50	M-1563	to)	₹:	possessing[Nais]
51	M-604	*	₹:	possessing[Nais]	52	B-12	*	र	possessing[Nais]
53	M-1641	Y	र	possessing[Nais]	54	M-1205	\circ	र	possessing[Nais]
55	M-1233	\otimes	र	possessing[Nais]	56	M-593	₩	र	possessing[Nais]
57	M-599	₩	र	possessing[Nais]	58	D-17490		व	powerful
59	M-1642	Ш	वि	two[RV]	60	K-458	\wedge	श	blessing[शम् RV]
61	L-66	\mathbb{X}	श	blessing[शम् RV]	62	B-10		श	blessing[शम् RV]
63	Bhirrana	ШШ	श	blessing[शम् RV]	64	H-1016	⋫	श	blessing[शम् RV]

Table 18: Very short inscriptions

8. Derivation

390 8.1. U अन् ।अं from अनुतर्ष drinking vessel

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
H-764 B	UUU	अननं	the living[Nir]
Dmd-1	U	अन्	O soul[RV]
(Many)	U *	*अं	(terminal अनुस्वार)

$$U = 3$$
न् (1)

₃₉₁ 8.2. । अ from आजिन stick

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation	
Harappa	UUUI	आननम्	face[R]	_
H-1550	ľŬ	अना	indeed[RV]	
H-1919	ŬΙ	आम्	verily[MaitrS]	
		`	,	
= अ from 1				(2)

392 8.3. $\mathbb D$ द from दण्डार bow

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation	
C-80	DU	अन्ध	O Soma[RV]	-
H-1919	UD	धन	wealth, prize[RV]	
H-1545	IDD	ददा	give[RV]	
	D =	द from 1, 2		(3

393 8.4. 🕇 अ from आयु man

The regular expression used for M-191 is $/^[dD](.+)\1$

Seal-1d	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation	
M-191	大大D	धा	to place[RV, कर्णे करं धा]	
H-346	ひ大	आम्	verily[MaitrS]	
	†	_ अ from [1, 3	(4

395 8.5. 🛚 इ from इषीक stalk of grain

Seal-IdInscriptionSanskritTranslationM-87A
$$\mathbb{D} \mathbb{R}$$
अधिabove[RV]H-2244B $\mathbb{D} \mathbb{E}$ इद्(affirmation)[Ved]

 $_{
m 396}$ 8.6.) द from दण्डार $variant\ of\ bow\
hd$

Seal-Id	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation	
B-8	ŬĻ	तन	offspring[AV]	
H-150	人びタタタ	दददान्त	Given[RV 1.39.9] by	
			pacified one[√दम् + क्त]	
	\downarrow	= त from 1 ,	6	(7)

398 8.8. 🟵 श from शुक्र seed

Regular expression used to capture the repeat sequence followed by ξ in seal M-916 is /^(.+)a?\1i\$/.

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation	
M-916A	EΨΨ	शशी	the Moon[ŚvetUp]	-
M-482A	$\mathbb{E} \mathcal{T} \Theta$	शनि	Saturn[R]	
	(8)			

401 8.9. ► न from नाल stalk

402 8.10. धि ई from इइ

403 8.11. III ज from झर waterfall; cascade

404 8.12. 🛇 र from रथ chariot

405 8.13. १ र from रथर्वी multi/split snake

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation
H-1745A	ШŸ	रज	pollen[Prasangābh]
H-585A	ΨIII	जर	aging[RV]
M-1170A	Ϋ́Ē	ईर	$\operatorname{move}[\sqrt{ ईर् लोट् RV}]$

406 8.14. III च from चतुर four

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation	
D-33544	ĘΨIII	चरी	(a name)[Pravar]	
M-749A	ŸIII	चर	move[MBh]	
H-215B	₹ IIII	चण	chickpea[MBh]	
	(14)			

407 8.15. 🖒 अ from अज horn

	$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation	
	L-20a	¥1111 💆	अचर	immovable[RV]	
	H-70a	¥ III ⊅	अजर	undecaying[RV]	
	H-2173	EU♦A	अरणि	kindling wood[RV]	
$ bar{A} = 36 \text{ from } 1, 5, 11, 12, 13, 14 $				(15)	

408 8.16. 🌣 म from मत्स्य fish

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
M-238a	U⊕X	मसन	transformation[√मस् + ल्युट्]
M-1344A	UΨX	मरण	death[MBh]
H-1192A	ŢΧIII	चमन्	eating[√चम् + शत्ँ]

$$X = H \text{ from } 1, 8, 13, 14$$
 (16)

409 8.17. " वि from वि two

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
H-292A	" 🔷	रवि	the Sun[MBh]
H-651a	♦"	अवीर	having no sons[RV]
M-982a	₹\$"	विरण	recovery[RV]
M-1297A	⊕"♦	रवीश	the Sun lord[MBh, MBh]

$$" = \overline{\mathsf{q}} \text{ from } 1, 2, 8, 12$$
 (17)

8.18. \otimes र from रथार chariot wheel

	Seal-Id	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation	
	M-1119a	U⊕''⊕U	अंशवीर	betting man[RV,RV]	
	H-829a	◊"★	अवीर	having no sons[RV]	
$\Theta = T \text{ from } 1, 4, 8, 17$					(18)

411 8.19. 🗌 ब | भ from भक्षपत्र betel leaf

Seal-1d	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation		
M-311A		भानवी	a kind of pace[Saṃgīt]		
	$\square =$ ৰ from $5, 9, 17$				

🗚 8.20. 🛱 य from यवश्रेष्ठि grain merchant

This symbol also occurs as * * .

Seal-Id	Inscription	${\bf Sanskrit}$	Translation	
H-81A	羨Ⅲ	जय	victory[AV]	
M-209A	炎ひ袋	मान्य	respected[MBh]	
	क्रै = य	from 1, 11,	16	(20

414 8.21. X अ from अयु variant of 太

415 8.22. \diamondsuit नि|णि from अणि point of arrow; nail

The word शमनी is attested as both ��� and ६०४० (M-1781a) illustrating that long vowels may be written as short when unambiguous. Usage in �� मणि is illustrates that retroflex usage is implied in context.

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation	
M-1781A	$\Diamond X \Diamond$	शमनी	soothing[MBh]	
H-1879A	∤ III III	जि्	germinating[TS]	
	(22)			

🗚 🔀 अस्। अश् from अष्टापद eight legged; spider

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
H-1513	ŬΧ	अश्न	voracious[RV]
B-1A	オ℧깛″⊫⋉⊕⊛	ररस्नविमान	Giving[Śiś] object[Uṇ]
			traversing the sky[RV]
	NA 2000 2000		oraversing one sny [107]

$$\mathbb{K} =$$
 अस् | अश् from 1, 4, 9, 16, 17, 18 (23)

120 8.24. 🔋 अम from अङ्क + मत्स्य composite curve + fish

The symbol) placed rotated above X. This vertical assembly occurs with other symbols as well.

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation	
 M-686a	수 ��	शमनी	soothing[MBh]	•
M-748a	€XŶ	अमसि	helping[√अम्]	
	ऐ = अम fr	rom 5, 8, 22	(24)	

Seal-Id Inscription Sanskrit Translation

H-59A
$$U \bowtie$$
 अश्नं a stone[RV]

M-1118A \bowtie नमन salute[MārkP]

 $! = \overline{\tau} \text{ from } 1, 16, 23$ (25)

424 8.26. ७ न from नाव boat

8.27. $\overset{\text{\tiny H}}{\ }$ य from यव+आजिन $composite\ barley\ +\ stick$

 $_{ t 426}$ 8.28. \parallel व from ਕਾਤ spear

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
H-586A	U♦I	वरण	choosing[MBh]
M-137A	ll⊕l	न रवण	no[RV] yelling[Bhaṭṭ]
M-999A	X X	वमनम् न	no[RV] vomiting[√वम् + ल्युट्]
M-514B	∥ III (∤	अञ्जव	fast mental impulse[RV]

$$\| = \overline{\mathsf{q}} \text{ from } 1, 11, 12, 16, 18, 25, 26 \tag{28}$$

427 8.29. **※ क** from कट wood

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation	
H-300B	% ►◊	रणक	delights in battle(name)[BhP]	
M-134A	♦∥※	कवर	braid[Pan, BhP]	
		X = क from 9, 12, 28		

₄₂₈ 8.30.) अ from अङ्क curve

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation		
H-1520	X III)	अजक	name of king[Mbh]		
M-511	ひ (जनाभ	appearing like[R] person[RV]		
) = 3 from 1, 11, 19, 29					

Regular expressions used were /S(.+)n/, /m(.+)n/, /j(.+)n/. Boldface variants all symbols are seen to be identical to their regular versions.

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation
M-917a	U)⊕	सान	destruction[√सो+ल्युट्]
M-945a	UDX	मान	destruction[√मी+ल्युट्]
M-1482a	₹ }) III 🖟	आञजान	indeed[MaitrS] decay[√जैं+ल्युट्]

(30)

432 8.32.)) आ from अङ्क variant of curve)

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
H-1897A	[U))次	मानि	measure[√मा]
H-240A	び)) ※Ψ	शम् अवान	happy[RV] and untroubled[RV]
L-111a	び))炎食	अममान	$powerful[RV]\ appearance[RV]$

$$)) = 31 \text{ from } 1, 5, 8, 16, 24, 28$$
 (32)

433 8.33. े अ from अङ्क variant of curve)

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation	
M-951	ŪλλάΙ	अमान्	many powers[RV]	
M-2021	太 ひ 	अना	indeed[RV]	
	(33)			

434 8.34. । म from मदार मस्त variant of elephant head 🎉

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
H-665a	Ÿ₩J <u>X</u>	कम् चर	move[MBh] well[TS]
H-2090B	♦७₩	रमर	possessing[Nais] death
H-2040	U⊕IJ≫	आसमसन	transforming[√मस् + लयुट्] to ashes[AV]

(35)

⁴³⁵ 8.35. । ै म from मय variant of horse भ

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation		
M-1989b	※) び 作	मानक	measure[Hcat]		
M-624	⋉ţD凸	मदाश	joy[RV] of food[ŚBr]		
M-1233a	₽ŨĦ	मणि	$\operatorname{gem}[\mathrm{RV}]$		
			0. []		

436 8.36. **■ न** from नाल time card

437 8.37. 🖁 व from वरण्ड lamp wick

Sea	\mathbf{d}	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation	
M-9	925A	1 1	नवन	praising[Nalod]	
M-1	.689a	娩⊕₽	वश्य	dutiful[MBh]	
				. ,	
	(37)				

438 8.38. № श from शाखर squirrel

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
H-1080a	ላ ያህ	शाण	hempen[ŚBr]
M-1829a	4	शनि	Saturn[R]
H-1830a		शय	$sleeping[Dh\bar{a}tup]$
L-35A	X & U	मसन	transformation[√मस्+ल्युट]

8.39. ≝ म from मन्दिर dwelling

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation
M-832a	VM.	शमन	soothing[MBh]
H-892B	&MU]	शमनी	soothing[MBh]
M-1115a	₩"\$	रविम् मान	honor[√मान् लोट] the Sun[MBh]

440 8.40. Ű र from रथ Dalbergia tree

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
H-1975A	ŬÜŢ∫X	कम् तरन्	swimming[√ নৃ + श ন্] well[TS]
M-1908a	υÜ	रण	pleasure[RV]
H-289A	ŢŢIIII	चरण	feet[MBh]
M-2024a	ŬÜ≌⊕	समरण	war[RV]

$$\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{z} \text{ from } 1, 7, 8, 14, 29, 34, 39 \tag{40}$$

441 8.41. 🖂 द from दुन्दम hourglass drum

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
H-1740	\bowtie	दद	given[√दा लिट]
M-1088	U⊠''⊕	रविदान	gift[RV] of the Sun[MBh]
L-112	UUF"MI	वद विनरान्	speak[√वद् लोट्] to
			dispersed[RV] men[MBh]

$$\bowtie = \mathsf{\zeta} \text{ from } 1, 9, 17, 18, 37, 40$$
 (41)

₄₄₂ 8.42. ' अ from अयुग one

The regular expression used for M-865a is /^r(.*)ma.*\$/.

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation	
M-865a	★び汝袞′⊗	राममान	pleasing[MBh] respect[MBh]	
M-1177A	ŬÜ'''◊	रवि आरम्	I have reached[√ऋ लुङ्], O Ravin[√रु + अच् + इन्]	
$' = \mathfrak{F} \text{ from } 1, 4, 12, 16, 17, 18, 24, 40 \tag{42}$				

444 8.43. Y र from रथर्वी multi/split snake

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$		$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation	
D-9093	Y""'''Y&	शं अविचर	bless us[RV], O unwavering one[MBh]	
M'daro 84-2	Υ"	वीर	$\mathrm{hero}[\mathrm{RV}]$	
M-361	Y⊕★	अरर	door[Mcar]	
$Y = \tau \text{ from } 1, 4, 14, 17, 18, 38, 42 \tag{43}$				

445 8.44. **Ш** य from यव barley

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{V} \text{ from } 2, 4, 5, 11, 15, 16, 17, 42$$
 (44)

(45)

(47)

8.45. $\mathbb O$ द from दुन्दम variant of hourglass drum \bowtie

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation		
M-619A	100	दव	heat[Car]		
H-844A	₩ "	विदन्	knowing[√ विद् शत् jँ]		
M-190	歳 ① 	वधवय	weave[√वे लोट्], O destroyer[RV]		
$\emptyset = द g \text{ from } 1, 11, 17, 20, 28$					

Seal-I	\mathbf{d} In	$\mathbf{scription}$	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation	
M-228	4	VEW	मथन	churn[MBh]	-
M-459A	4	UI	तन	offspring[AV]	
M-2079	A	\mathbb{G}	तद्	there[AV]	
			`		
		$\square = d = d \operatorname{fre}$	om 1, 16, 45		(46)

448 8.47. 🎉 म from मदारमस्त elephant head

	Seal-Id	Inscription Sanskrit Translation			
	M-286a	UZU	नमन	saluting[Śiś]	
	M-100a	◇"UQUT大	रविनमन	Sun[MBh] salutation[Śiś]	
	H-921A	JĮJ	तमन	desire[√तम् + ल्युट्]	
▼ = ▼ from 1, 4, 7, 12, 16, 17, 26					

8.48. % त from ताडुल fighter

450 8.49. "" स from सप्त seven

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
M-673	WIIII	सर	move[√सृ लोट्]
Krs-2	Մ Ո''''	समन्	keeping calm[√सम् + शतृँ]
H-9	Χ''''	सम	equal[RV]
H-296	[Ŭ↑!!!''⟩	दासमानि	patronym दासमानः[√दास् + शानच्]

451 8.50. ○ र from रथपद variant of wheel 🛭

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
H-668A	Ŭ0	रण	joy[RV]
H-841A	EUO	ऋणी	debtor[BG]
H-1951A		रजसाश्नन्	eating[√अश् + शतृँ] unclean[AV]

$$O = \mathsf{T} \text{ from } 1, 5, 11, 23, 36$$
 (50)

🗚 8.51. 🧗 श from शाखर variant of squirrel 🖈

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
H-443A	► TXI	अमपन	powerful[RV] wager[MBh]
H-758A	ひ巻つ	पान	drink[RV]
M-967A	EE♦7X	(अ)मपरी	attain[AV] power[RV]
H-101a	υľΊ	पारण	$\operatorname{accomplishing}[\operatorname{MBh}]$
D-19655	₩ 1111 	यजपर	pleaser[√प + अच्] of the sacrifice[ŚBr]

454 8.53. **Ш** द from दन्त teeth

	Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation	
	M-326c	∞	दधद्	wearing[√धा + शतृँ]	
	H-2336	UMAX	मादन	exhilarating[RV]	
	H-86a	<u> </u>	अदनि	should eat[√अद् लोट्]	
M I from 1 2 15 16 22 45					
	₩ = द from 1, 2, 15, 16, 22, 45				

455 8.54. भ म from मय horse

M-1444B Жभ मख festival[RV] M-1955 ४)भि⊕''७ रविसमादर Respected[Pañcat] like[RV] Sun[MBh]	$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
M-1955 ४९६६ प्रे भि⊕'' ७ रविसमादर Respected[Pañcat] like[RV] Sun[MBh]	M-1444B	ХĦ	मख	festival[RV]
	M-1955	% <i>}#</i> ⊕''⊕	रविसमादर	$Respected[Pa\~ncat]\ like[RV]\ Sun[MBh]$

$$\mathbb{H} = \mathbb{H} \text{ from } 6, 8, 13, 17, 18, 29$$
 (54)

(53)

456 8.55. ब म from मय variant of horse भ

Seal-1d	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
L-52a	₽XX	आश्म्	$\operatorname{food}[\operatorname{\acute{S}Br}]$
M-965a	ONTA	मन्ववरं	Wise[RV] favor[RV] boon[RV]

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	${f Translation}$
M-950a	\$1XU	माखं	festival[RV]
M-97A	夏1歳	माय	illusion[MBh]
M-189a	&U1	सान	destruction[√सो + ल्युट्]
L-11a	##\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	रविः रमानव	Sun[MBh] is $beloved[W]$ and $beneficent[RV]$
	1 = 3	from 1, 17,	18, 23, 26, 20, 29, 37, 38, 47 (56)

458 8.57. 🐧 ल from लता lightning; lash of whip

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
M-13a	►《★D	दालन	decay[Suśr]
H-390a	≒⊕⋒ ĝ	अमलरम	pleasing[MBh] purity[AV]
M-183A	今次り ⋒	लं मानि	pleasing[SBr 5.3.2.3] and honored[MBh]
	$\emptyset = \emptyset$	ल from 3, 4,	9, 16, 18, 22, 24, 34, 55 (57)

४५९ 8.58. ⊚ त from ताल small cymbal

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation	
M-1097A	<i>⊗#</i> ∤	तमत	desirous[Uṇ]	
M-831A	⊗ ★	यत	restrained/governed[RV]	
M-150a	೮⊚	तन	offspring[AV]	
	⊚ =	त from 1, 7.	27. 54	(58)

460 8.59. 🖱 अन् from अनुतर्ष variant of drinking vessel 🖰

461 8.60. ▲ अ from अग mountain

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
H-139A	►◇A	अरण	foreign[RV]
H-157A	染田 魚	आनय	leading to[T]
M-1307a	$\Delta M \Delta$	अदन	eating[√अद् + ल्युट्]

$$\mathbb{A} = \mathfrak{F} \text{ from } 1, 9, 12, 20, 36, 53 \tag{60}$$

462 8.61. ा भ from भक्षत्र oven

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
H-136A	☆∵ Ⅲ ⋒汝	माञ्जाभर	dont[RV] carry[RV] quickly[RV]
M-742A	大令() (1)	आभाम् वरा	splendorous[RV] choice[MBh]
M-1777a	\U\\\!\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	सभाम्	$\operatorname{council}[\operatorname{RV}]$
M-492A	VΦΨŪ	मसभान	measured[W] evidence[Vedāntas]

8.62. III **v** from **v** six

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
H-98A	♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦	समानि धर	support[√धृ लोट्] of all[RV]
M-1314A	٧!!! ' U)	अना शर	move[√सृ लोट्] indeed[RV]
H-514a	●" 次歳	रविसमय	solar[MBh] time[MBh]

464 8.63. 隊 श from शक chitraka flower 隊

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
M-2033A	热冷◇咪 》	दशरथ्य	ten[RV] chariot horses[RV]
M-1095a	び必须食	अमम् शं	powerful[RV] blessing[RV]

466 8.65. ∧ स from शिखर mountaintop

₄₆₇ 8.66. ८ ह from ह स = ह

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation	
M-1705	UXŶ	आमहं	to[RV] might[RV]	
M-1845	U⊕ĝ	आमहं	to[RV] might[RV]	
M-445	Q&U	आमहं	to[RV] might[RV]	
H-474	ひ)∧∧)	असहाम्	$impatient[Kath\bar{a}s]$	
	↑ _ Z from	1 0 20 02	24 29 65	(66)
	$\mathfrak{C} = F \text{ from } 1$	1, 0, 30, 23,	24, 30, 00	(66)

8.67. \ddagger इfrom इषीक $variant\ of\ stalk\ of\ grain\$

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
H-1511	≢ ⊠	अहि	Vrta[RV]
M-1632	ΓΙΧ≢	ईम्प	his[RV ईम् = एनम्] protector[RV]
H-2102	≢ ★	अइ	vocative particle
Luristan	⊕≢⑪太太	आदिः	the beginning [ChandUp] $$

469 8.68. ₩ व from वरट wasp

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
H-3a	び#!!!"T = U	अङ्कविसभां	mark of the council[RV]
M-56A		ढक्कः माम् वरन्	The temple[Rājat] is
			enclosing[√ वृ + शत् j me
H-1076a	ƯΨ♨''♡	रविनखम्	Ravin's fingernails[RV]
D-signboard		रकवरारक अररस्	"gem of chosen gems"
			entrance[Mcar]

$$T = \mathbf{\pi} \text{ from } 1,2,12,17,18,23,24,26,28,29,34,36,45,49,50,61,59,68}$$
 (69)

471 8.70. ब क from खट variant of axe; plough \P

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation	
M-1889A	900TH	कान्दर	from a valley[R]	
H-1987A	\$\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	वङ्कश्चर	move[√चर्] about roaming[Bhadrab]	
M-1684a	%	अऋ	banner[RV]	
$\phi = \Phi \text{ from } 1, 2, 13, 14, 37, 45, 63$				

472 8.71. " प from पञ्चन् five

473 8.72. № द from दुन्दम variant of hourglass drum 🖂

474 8.73. 🖞 छ from छत्त्र mushroom

475 8.74. ♠ भ from भक्षपत्र betel leaf

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
H-1850A	EUUA	भरणी	N. stellar mansion[AV]
M-213A	U&''Y#	मरविभां	dying[RV] shining[RV]
H-5a)U\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	नट दवभसानद	dance[√ नट् लोट्] giver[Pāṇ] of
			heat[Car] and shine[√भस् + ल्युट्]

476 8.75. (अ from अङ्क variant of curve)

477 8.76. 🛱 त from तरु tree; ladles

478 8.77. ९ म from मदार मस्त variant of elephant head 🎉

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation	
M-1826a	수 የ	दमनी	subdued[MBh]	
M-1961a	Ÿ₽''♦	रविमर	$possessing[Nais]\ immortality[RV]$	
	१ = म from 6, 12, 13, 17, 22			

479 8.78. 🛕 क from खट variant of axe; plough 🕆

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation	
H-152a	羨⊕為	क्षय	dominion[RV]	-
H-146	(株金銭)	अक्षय	undecaying[BG]	
M-1419	『	क्षयी	consumptive[MBh]	
	(78)			

⁴⁸⁰ 8.79. ⊌ ध from धात्र receptacle

	$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation	
	Ch-5A	U%!!\@U	अनलविदथं	fire[GaragS] knowledge[RV]	
	BM-123208	₩9'₩	छदाश्य	covered[MBh] resting place[ŚBr]	
⊌ = ध from 1, 8, 17, 27, 42, 48, 57, 73					

481 8.80. iiii झ from झ rain and wind

,	$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation	
I	M-1308a	℧∥ !!!!'' ' ≫''''	चराजवं	moving[MBh] swiftly[AV]	
	H-57a	彘))	अजय	undefeated[RV]	
]	M-836A		जनि	woman/wife[RV]	
1	M-1848a	IIIII	जव	$\mathrm{speed}[\mathrm{AV}]$	
	= 朝 from 1, 5, 9, 13, 14, 30, 20, 28, 42				

(80)

⁴⁸² 8.81. 月 म from मय variant of horse ⊯

${\bf Seal\text{-}Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
M-648A	大び米炎 び月)	आमानवमान	to[RV]wish[RV] for men's benefit[RV]
H-1706A	ŸШ" 《 用	मल्लविजर	strong[MBh] and ageless[RV]
H-6A	AD'∥U□	भारवादम	burden[RV] of powerful self-restraint[ŚBr]
K-40A	₩''�@A₩	दमदरवि आर	I go[√ऋ लोट्] (to you) O Sun[MBh],
			giver[MBh] of self-restraint[ŚBr]

$$H = \mathbf{\pi} \text{ from } 1,3,4,\ 2,11,12,\ 13,16,17,\ 19,21,30,\ 28,40,42,\ 45,57,79 \tag{81}$$

483 8.82. ई त from तर्द Indian blackbird

Seal-Id	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation	
M-1204	(4)H&	मम अथा	mine certainly[Ved]	_
M-214	[(﴿)₩	रात अइ	O bestowed[RV]	
M-1896	♦ 44	ततर	that one of two[Pan]	
$A = \overline{a}$ from 5, 12, 18, 30, 47, 75, 81				(82)

8.83. χ य from यष्टि variant of χ

485 8.84. 🖁 म from मदारमस्त variant of elephant head 🎉

$$\Upsilon = \Psi \text{ from } 1, 16, 17, 30, 22, 81$$
 (84)

486 S

⁴⁸⁷ 8.85. ⊞ म from मन्दिर dwelling

Seal-Id Inscription Sanskrit Translation
D-24795
$$\Box U \psi$$
 ਤਜ਼ਸ੍ moist[KātyŚr]
$$\Box = \pi \text{ from } 1, 64$$
 (85)

488 8.86. ਪੋ ਰ from ਬ three

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation
H-1711	U@'!U 4	कान्तदान	delightful[GargaS] gift[RV]
H-1713	₩""\	रतजय	pleasing[BhP] victory[RV]
H-351	[U) '¦	तमवाणि	voice[RV] in the darkness[RV]
	$"= \overline{d} \text{ from } 1, 2, 5, 11, 12, 28, 34, 44, 45, 70$		

489 8.87. 🂢 उ from उद्भट tortoise

490 8.88. 🛛 उ from उद्घट variant of tortoise 💢

Seal-Id	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation
H-720	UΧ	उन्न	$\operatorname{moist}[\mathrm{K\bar{a}ty}\mathrm{\acute{S}r}]$
H-149	♥!!	रविम् तुञ्जतर	Sun[MBh] with[BhP] shock[Nir]

$$X = 3 \text{ from } 1, 7, 11, 13, 16, 17, 18, 26, 46$$
 (88)

₄₉₁ 8.89. ' अ|ए from अयुग|एक one

492 अयुग is also used as एक since both words mean "one".

493 8.90. !!!! अष् | अश् from अष्टम eight

	Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation	
	M-283A	WIIII	अशर	unwounded[W]	
	H-818	ŬĦIII	अश्मन्	sky[RV]	
			`	, <u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	
$ =$ अष् $ $ अश् $\mathrm{from}\ 1,\ 13,\ 39$					(90)

₄₉₄ 8.91. ||||| न from नव nine

495 8.92. 🖺 र from रथ variant of chariot 🛇

$$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{r} \text{ from } 1, 7, 8, 11, 16, 26, 38 \tag{92}$$

496 8.93. 🖁 य from यष्टि pearl necklace

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
H-465A	U 8	आयान	arrival[RV]
M-324b	U \$	यान	leading[RV]
M-99A	₩" > ★♦	राणवियान	royal leadership[RV]
	8 _ य fr⊙	m 1 9 4 (19 17

$$\$ = \mathtt{u} \text{ from } 1, 2, 4, 9, 12, 17 \tag{93}$$

497 8.94. र य from यष्टि twig; arm

	Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation	
	H-1922	₹ ₩\$ ¥ ₩\$ ₩ \$	अहम् अममयानि	I am Amamayani[√मय् + शानच्]	
	M-290a	E#18	यमी	(Yama's) twin sister[RV]	
$\mathcal{X} = \mathbf{\Psi} \text{ from } 1, 5, 16, 23, 24, 54$				(94)	

498 8.95. भें क from खट variant of axe; plough \P

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
H-90A	TH?KN	पश्य नाक	observe[Up] the heavens[RV]
C-6	◇竹竹 ★び(次)" ▲	आवि आमानककर	protection[√अव् लोट्], to[RV]
			honorable[MBh] kakara bird[SBr]

499 8.96. 义 朝 from 朝 variant of rain; waterfall ||||

500 8.97. / ग|घ from गडुर|गडु bent; spear

8.98. $ext{ } ext{ } ex$

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation	
M-1850a	∏ "♦	रविनमन	bowing[Śiś] to Sun[MBh]	
H-391	び国領別	दमम् मान	respect[√मान् लोट्] the house[MBh]	
M-285	∑₩፞፞፠''፟፟፟፟፟	रविमच्छम्	towards[Ved] the Sun[MBh]	
		•		
	४ = म from	1, 2, 12, 1	16, 17, 24, 25, 34, 6, 73	(98)

502 8.99. ∮ द from दण्डार variant of bow D

Seal-Id	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation
H-7a	}¶% ' ⋈ ∢	दद एकपद	given[Pāṇ] single word[Śiś]
M-331a	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	अमादभचाप	powerful[RV] benevolent[RV] bow[MBh]
M-159A	び('''')ひ§fl	मदनासन	exhilarating[MW] pose[Mn]

 $_{503}$ 8.100. $^{\circ}$ $^{\circ}$

Seal-Iu	Inscription	Sanskin		
H-91	수 ₽ኚリ፠	कम् दमनी	overpowering[MBh] well[TS]	
M'daro 84-6	Ţζ	दव	heat[Car]	
	ए = द f	rom 22, 29,	34, 37, 77	(100)

₅₀₄ 8.101. ७ म from मन्दार hibiscus flower

	Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation	
	H-1411	J.J.III	समान	uniform[RV]	
	H-950	Ÿ⋫X∥	वमसम	evenly[RV] emitting[W]	
	M-760	℀⅌℗℧ℰ	मनशयम्	$sleeping[Dh\bar{a}tup] mind[RV]$	

505 8.102. !! स।श|स|ष from शस repeating

Seal-Id	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation	
M-260A	★びX!''®	रविसमान	like[RV] the Sun[MBh]	
H-472a	℧ӷ҉∥♦	रसाभं	essense[RV] of beauty[MBh]	
	"= श स ष from 1, 4, 12, 16, 17, 18, 30, 61			(102)

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
M-628a	₩X" @ XX	अस्खलविमुषं	unshakeable[PārGṛ] crucible[MārkP]
H-1708A		तुष व	like chaff[AV]
M-1262a	ℽℼஂ℧℣ℷ℟ℷ℟	बभ उष्णचर	moving[MBh] heat[Un]
			has shined[√भा लिट]
X	= उष् उश् from	1, 13, 14, 1	6, 17, 23, 29, 37, 42, 46, 57, 61 (103)

507 8.104. ≯ त from तण्डुल rice plant

$$A = \overline{\mathsf{d}} \text{ from } 1, 4, 20, 57, 73$$
 (104)

508 8.105. ∧ श|स from शिखर mountaintop

 $_{509}$ 8.106. ेश | स from शिखर $variant\ of\ mountain top$ \wedge

${\bf Seal\text{-}Id}$	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation	
M-264a	ひ个个	शशम्	hare[RV]	
L-98A	수 ጆ٣个个	शशयमानि	abundantly[RV] respected[MBh]	
M-1709a	田介粱"♦	रविमसम्	solar[MBh] month[RV]	

₅₁₀ 8.107. W ल from लता creeper

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation		
M-751A	XMM.	ललक	playful[W] happiness[ChUp]		
Dholavira	ŸWMJX	कमलास्र	red[TS] blood[Ragh]		
$\mathcal{W} = \overline{q} \text{ from } 13, 23, 29, 34$					

511 8.108. 🛣 श from शुऋ variant of chitraka flower 🕏

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	$\mathbf{Sanskrit}$	Translation	
M-241a	** * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	सभान्धवन	decoration[√धू + ल्युट्]] of the counc	eil[RV]
M-1674a	★び(※ ※ ◇※	सरवी मनमान	go to[√सृ लोट्, RV] thoughtful[Mn] re	gard[Mn]
	% = श fi	com 1, 4, 9, 1	12, 16, 17, 28, 45, 61, 75	(108)

512 8.109. १ँ म from मदारमस्त variant of elephant head 🎉

Seal-Id	Inscription	${\bf Sanskrit}$	Translation	
M-34A	4**" &\	तम्रविषमं	unequalled[W] red[VS]	_
M-43a	U>>> ''!!!!"	मज्जवीमहं	great[RV] $sunset[RV]$	
M-1823A	ŸIII '' } ∀ }	अम अविचर	serve[√अम् लोट्] the unwavering[RV]	
Ÿ) = म from 1, 2	2, 13, 14, 16	, 17, 23, 33, 38, 39, 80, 104	(109)

513 8.110. 🐧 व from ਕਟ banyan tree

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation
M-1397	ŵ₩XH	मानव	human[RV]
M-101	Ŷ#U@U@Y	रवि वनार	O Ravin[√रु + अच् + इन्]
			destroy[√वन् लोट्] all enemies[Śiś]

$$\mathbf{\hat{n}} = \mathbf{\bar{q}} \text{ from } 1, 12, 13, 17, 26, 33, 60, 81 \tag{110}$$

514 8.111. 🗗 र from रथ variant of Dalbergia 🖔

$\mathbf{Seal}\text{-}\mathbf{Id}$	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation		
M-1773	U₽MÞ	उदरं	belly[RV]		
M-1514	UP	रण	joy[RV]		
M-1275	UUTXIX	अश्वम् परम्	best[MBh] among horses[RV]		
	$\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{t} \text{ from } 1, 16, 23, 28, 52, 53, 64$				

515 8.112. अ स from शशाद falcon

516 8.113. \bigcirc ਟ from ਟ hollowed coconut

Seal-Id Inscription Sanskrit Translation

M-2118 ा जा जिल्ला अप च पट bed[RV] and sheet[MBh]

$$\bigcirc = \mathsf{Z} \text{ from } 8, 14, 20, 71 \tag{113}$$

517 8.114. । अस् | अश् from अष्टापद variant of spider ⋉

518 8.115. 1 ओ from ओपश tuft of hair

519 8.116. ₹ र from स्थ variant of Dalbergia Ÿ

Seal-Id	Inscription	Sanskrit	Translation	
H-1522	# ##	ररर	possessing[Nais] love and desire	
L-45	門び必須に	तनमनं अनपर	sole[ŚBr] desire[RV] for children[RV]]
				_
	*	= 7 from 1.	16, 25, 24, 46, 52	(116)

9. Derivation Sequence

	Indus	Sanskrit	Name	
1	U	अन्	अनुतर्ष	drinking vessel
2		अ	आजनि	stick
3	D	ध	दण्डार	bow
4	大	अ	आयु	man
5	E	इ	इषीक	stalk of grain
6	þ	द	दण्डार	variant of bow \mathbb{D}
7	\downarrow	त	त	tail
8	Θ	श	शुऋ	seed
9		न	नाल	stalk
10	EE	ई	इ + इ	composite
11	Ш	ज	झर	waterfall; cascade
12	\Diamond	र	रथ	chariot
13	Ÿ	र	रथर्वी	split snake
14	IIII	च	चतुर	four
15	A	अ	अज	horn
16	X	म	मत्स्य	fish
17	П	वि	वि	two
18	\otimes	र	रथार	chariot wheel
19		ब भ	भक्षपत्र	betel leaf
20	恭	य	यवश्रेष्ठि	grain merchant
21	*	अ	अयु	variant of \uparrow
22	\Diamond	नि णि	अणि	point of arrow; nail
23	\bowtie	अष्∫अश्	अष्टापद	eight legged; spider
24	€	अम	अङ्क + मत्स्य	composite curve + fish
25	1	न	नळ	reed
26	\emptyset	न	नाव	boat
27	Ŧ	य	यव	barley
28		व	वण्ड	spear
29	×	क	कट	wood
30)	अ	अङ्क	curve
31))	अ	अङ्क	boldface variant of curve)
32))	आ	अङ्क	variant of curve)
33	5	अ	अङ्क	variant of curve)
34	"	म	मदारमस्त	variant of elephant head 🎉
35	П	म	मय	variant of horse \mathbb{H}
36		न	नाल	time card
37	F	व	वरण्ड	lamp wick
38	V	श	शाखर	squirrel

	Indus	Sanskrit	Name	
39	\bowtie	म	मन्दिर	dwelling; temple
40	Ű	र	रथ	Dalbergia
41	\bowtie	द	दुन्दम	hourglass drum
42	1	अ	अयुग	one
43	Y	र	रथर्वी	split snake
44	Ш	य	यव्य	barley field
45	\otimes	द	दुन्दम	variant of hourglass drum \bowtie
46		त	ताडुल	drum
47	夏	म	मदारमस्त	elephant head
48	*	त	ताडुल	fighter
49	1111	स	सप्त	seven
50	\circ	र	रथार	chariot wheel
51	₽?	श	शाखर	variant of squirrel 🦑
52	٦	प	पाणि	hand
53	W	द	दन्त	teeth
54	Ħ	म	मय	horse
55	þ	म	मय	variant of horse \mathbb{H}
56	1	अ	आजनि	variant of stick
57		ल	लता	lightning; lash of whip
58	⊗	त	ताल	small cymbal
59	! "	अन्	अनुतर्ष	variant of drinking vessel U
60	\blacksquare	अ	अंग	mountain
61	1,	भ	भक्षत्र	oven
62	111 111	ष	षष्	six
63	\bowtie	श	शुऋ	chitraka flower ₿
64	ф	उ	उद्यम	coil of rope
65	\wedge	स	शिखर	mountaintop
66	\propto	ह	ह	स = ह
67	#	इ	इषीक	variant of stalk of grain \mathbb{E}
68	*	व	वरट	wasp
69	甲	क	खट	axe; plough
70	þ	क	खट	variant of axe; plough \top
71	111	प	पञ्चन्	five
72		द	दुन्दम	variant of hourglass drum \bowtie
73	8	छ	छत्त्र	mushroom
74	\$	भ	भक्षपत्र	betel leaf
75	(अ	अङ्क	variant of curve)
76	#	त	तरु	tree; ladles
77	₽ •	म	मदार मस्त	variant of elephant head 🎉
78	<u>A</u>	क	खट	variant of axe; plough \top
79		ध	धात्र	receptacle

	Indus	Sanskrit	Name	
80	 	झ	झ	rain and wind
81	A	म	मय	variant of horse \mathbb{H}
82	Ą	त	तर्द	Indian blackbird
83	X	य	यष्टि	variant of \mathcal{E}
84	4	म	मदारमस्त	variant of elephant head 🎉
85	oxtlush	म	मन्दिर	dwelling
86	11	त्र	র	three
87	X	उ	उद्भट	tortoise
88	Х	उ	उद्भट	variant of tortoise 💢
89	1	अ ए	अइक एक	one
90	1111	अष् अश्	अष्टम	eight
91	1111	न	नव	nine
92	11	र	रथ	variant of chariot \Diamond
93	8	य	यष्टि	pearl necklace
94	Я	य	यष्टि	twig; arm
95	丫	क	खट	variant of axe; plough \mathbb{T}
96)(झ	झ	variant of rain; waterfall
97	\wedge	ग घ	गडुर गडु	bent; spear
98	\mathbb{Z}	म	मदारमस्त	boar head
99	Í	द	दण्डार	variant of bow \mathbb{D}
100	Ŋ	द	दण्डार	variant of bow \mathbb{D}
101	Ÿ	म	मन्दार	hibiscus flower
102	11 11	श स ष	शस	repeating
103	\bowtie	उष् उश्	उद्भट + अष्टापद	composite turtle + spider
104	¥	त	तण्डुल	rice plant
105	\wedge	श स	शिखर	mountaintop
106	\uparrow	श स	शिखर	variant of mountaintop \wedge
107	\mathcal{M}	ल	लता	creeper
108	*	श	शुऋ	variant of chitraka flower \aleph
109	Ϋ́	म	मदारमस्त	variant of elephant head 🎉
110	ŵ	व	वट	banyan tree
111		र	रथ	variant of Dalbergia V
112	≈ •	स	शशाद	falcon
113	\frown	ਟ	ਟ	hollowed coconut
114	Å	अस् अश्	अष्टापद	variant of spider \bowtie
115	1	ओ	ओपश	tuft of hair
116	*	र	रथ	variant of Dalbergia \forall

10. Proof of unique solutions to long cryptograms

We present a proof for the long-held belief that long cryptograms have unique solutions and only in the language of the puzzle.

Theorem 1 (Cryptogram theorem). A corpus of text C_1 in language L_1 written using script Z is unreadable as language L_2 .

Proof. Let P_i be the set of phonemes of Language L_i

$$P_i = \{p_{i_1}, p_{i_2}, \dots\} \tag{117}$$

Let ΠP_i be union of cartesian products of phonemes in P_i

$$\Pi P_i = P_i \cup (P_i \times P_i) \cup (P_i \times P_i \times P_i) \cup \dots$$
 (118)

Let S_i be the set of n-tuples of P_i representing syllables in L_i

$$S_i \subset \Pi P_i = \{s_{i_1}, s_{i_2}, \dots\} = \{(p_{i_1}, p_{i_2}, \dots), (p_{i_3}, p_{i_4}, \dots) \dots\}$$
(119)

Let ΠS_i be the union of cartesian products of syllables in S_i

$$\Pi S_i = S_{L_i} \cup (S_i \times S_i) \cup (S_i \times S_i \times S_i) \cup \dots$$
 (120)

Let W_i be the set of n-tuples representing words in L_i

$$W_i \subset \Pi S_i \subset \Pi P_{L_i} = \{w_{i_1}, w_{i_2}, \dots\} = \{(s_{i_1}, s_{i_2}, \dots), (s_{i_3}, s_{i_4}, \dots) \dots\}$$
(121)

Let Z be a set of signs representing a script with allographs folded into a single z_i .

$$Z = \{z_1, z_2, z_3, \dots\} \tag{122}$$

Let $f_i^P(P_i)$ and $f_i^S(S_i)$ be a functions with domain P_i and range Z representing alphabetic and syllabic scripts for L_i . These functions above may be represented as matrix multiplication of vector of code-points representing the input string to the encoding matrix of phonemes or syllables resulting in an inscription in L_i rendered in Z.

$$\begin{bmatrix} s_{i_1} & s_{i_2} & \cdots & s_{i_n} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} z_1/s_{i_1} & z_2/s_{i_2} & \cdots & z_n/s_{i_n} \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} z_1 & z_2 & \cdots & z_n \end{bmatrix}$$
(123)

For brevity, we denote the above as $w_i \times T_i = c_i$ where T_i is the transformation matrix converting the word w_i to inscription C_i .

Let C_i be the corpus of inscriptions of L_i in Z.

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$$C_i = \{ f_i^S(w_{i_1}), f_i^S(w_{i_2}) \dots \} = \{ w_{i_1} \times T, w_{i_2} \times T, \dots \} = \{ c_{i_1}, c_{i_2} \dots \}$$
(124)

For a corpus in language L_1 to be readable in L_2 requires all rendered words in C_1 to be in C_2 .

$$C_1 \subset C_2 \tag{125}$$

Substituting in above, we get

$$\{w_{1_1} \times T, w_{1_2} \times T, ...\} \subset \{w_{2_1} \times T, w_{2_2} \times T, ...\}$$
 (126)

Since $|W_i| \ll |\Pi S_i|$, the chances of every (or even most) word string in L_1 being found in L_2 is negligible and therefore are readability-equivalent to random strings. A 1:1 mapping would run into unattested syllables like jhe, h, ghai in Sanskrit. In addition, of the possible 260100 $C_1V_1C_2V_2$ less than one percent are attested stems or words. The only way to get a compliant subset is to use a degenerate T such that the output can only generate attested words, i.e., T needs to create an output set which has only legitimate words in L_2 .

Let ζ_i be syllables in L_i that are stand-alone non-spurious words that are also legal words on reduplication. Let $\Pi\zeta_i$ be the cartesian product of ζ_i .

To enable reading words in L_1 as legal words in L_2 (not necessarily grammatically correct), reading identical-adjacent signs and inscriptions of both even and odd lengths, T must only produce syllables in ζ_2 . In addition, to enable reading any potential permutation of signs, all members of $\Pi\zeta_2$ must be legal words.

Most languages have a sparse ζ_i and only tiny $\Pi\zeta_i$ of a dozen or less words are possible. Therefore, it's not possible to read a script written in language L_1 as language L_2 .

10.1. Verifying Sanskrit

Let ζ_{Skt} be the set of non-spurious single syllable word/stem (e.g. śa ta) also present as a reduplicated syllable word (e.g. śaśa tata).

$$\zeta_{Skt} = \{cu, da, d\bar{\imath}, h\bar{a}, h\bar{\imath}, hi, hu, ja, khi, la, n\bar{a}, r\bar{a}, ru, śa, sa, ta, thai, th\bar{u}, va\}$$

$$(127)$$

However, most words in its cartesian product are not legal words. For full cartesian readability, we define a subset that does have full cartesian membership (using sa for all sibiliants). Let $\zeta'_{Skt} \subset \zeta_{Skt}$ whose full cartesian product are legal words.

$$\zeta'_{Skt} = \{da, ra, va, sa\} \tag{128}$$

 $\Pi \zeta_{Skt}' = \begin{cases}
dada, & dara, & dava, & dasa, \\
rada, & rara, & rava, & rasa, \\
vada, & vara, & vava, & vasa, \\
sada, & sara, & sava, & sasa
\end{cases}$ (129)

566 10.2. Verifying English

While English has a few words that when reduplicated form legal words, it has no subset whose full cartesian product are legal words.

$$\zeta_{Eng} = \{agar, boo, bye, can, do, ha, hush, is, pa, paw, put, so, tar\}$$
(130)

$$\Pi \zeta_{Eng} = \phi \tag{131}$$

Absent a tripled syllable word, deriving Indus script as English would not proceed beyond one sign. The jar sign can be derived as *do*, with the inscription H-764 read (somewhat facetiously) as *dododo*. However, further signs would be impossible to decipher.

573 10.3. Other degenerate cases

In addition to a degenerate T, other possible degenerate cases exist, which enable reading a corpus in one language in another language.

576 10.3.1. Single word corpus

This is readable if a word of the same length and pattern exists in L_2 . This essentially degenerates W_1 to a single member set.

579 10.3.2. Tiny corpus

This is an extension of the above, where W_1 is small enough that its probable to find them all in C_2 . The coverage of words in ΠS_i decreases sharply with the length of words, so even with a handful of long words, reading in L_2 becomes improbable.

583 10.3.3. Single syllable words

Degenerating W_i to S_i makes every sign a single syllable word. This is essentially reading the corpus as a logographic script.

586 10.3.4. Summary

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In practical terms, what this means is that reading a script in a language it wasn't originally written is possible for short texts only and almost certainly requires reading most words as single-syllable/single-sign words. This is before meaning, syntax, declensions are taken into account.

Corollary 1.1. A sufficiently long cryptogram has only a unique solution.

Proof. The subset requirement in equation (126) to create a degenerate T to transform W_1 to W_2 exists within a single language as well. With a sufficiently large corpus, the cartesian products will not be subsets and no valid reading is possible.

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627 Appendix A. Evolution of Brahmi signs

