Neo-Brahmi Generation Panel (GP) – Bangla Meeting

Notes from meeting on 12 September 2019

Meeting Attendees (in alphabetical order)

NBGP members:
1. Ajay Data
2. Anupam Agrawal
3. Haseeb Rahman
4. Jay Paudyal
5. Mahfus Majumder
6. Mamun Or Rashid
7. Mohamad Abdul Haque
8. Neha Gupta
9. Rajib Chakraborty
10. Udaya Narayana Singh

Staff:
1. Joyce Chen
2. Pitinan Kooarmornpatana
3. Samiran Gupta

Meeting Notes

1. **Updates from Bangladeshi team**

   Bangladeshi team held two meetings with Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (BTRC) and Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC). The results from both meetings were shared on the mailing list. It was concluded that the basic of writing Bangla should be preserved. It was well understood that LGR work has very limited scope, but the Bangladeshi team see that this work would set a standard for Bangla language in the digital word. And therefore, it should not reach any intangible conclusion. The Bangladeshi team request to hold the proposal and let the Bangladeshi team continue working with the standard bodies.

2. **Discussion how to move forward**

   Bangladeshi team proposed to hold the LGR proposal based on following reasons:
   a. The option to leave the three characters from the LGR proposal would make the LGR incomplete and it is not acceptable.
   b. The option to use Nukta sequence violates the conventional Bangla writing system. Therefore, it is not acceptable.

3. **Discussion on Face to Face meeting**

   Face to Face meeting was discussed and it was agreed that it is possible if there are sound reasons to arrange one. To start the process, the chair invited any interested members to submit a proposal with two new topics that cannot be solved online to the chair.

4. Responses to the two meetings with BTRC and BCC

It was agreed that the NBGP will response to the result of two meetings in writing.

5. Next meeting

It was agreed to be held 29 September 2019 with all NBGP to make decision.

6. Other discussions

a. The proposal on wiki page might be outdated. Members should only work on the proposal circulated on the mailing list.
b. The information of what are the effort for Unicode to make the change of atomic should be made available.
c. Mahfus Majumder and Mohamad Abdul Haque will consider inviting Rajib Chakraborty, Udaya Narayana Singh, and Akshat Joshi to meet in Dhaka.

Action Items

S. No.	Action Items	Owner
1	*Develop the response to BTRC and BCC meeting results*	ALL
2	*Hold a full NBGP meeting on 29 September 2019*	PK
3	*Follow-up with Mamun and review the outdated information in wiki page*	PK