The History of Devanagari Typography

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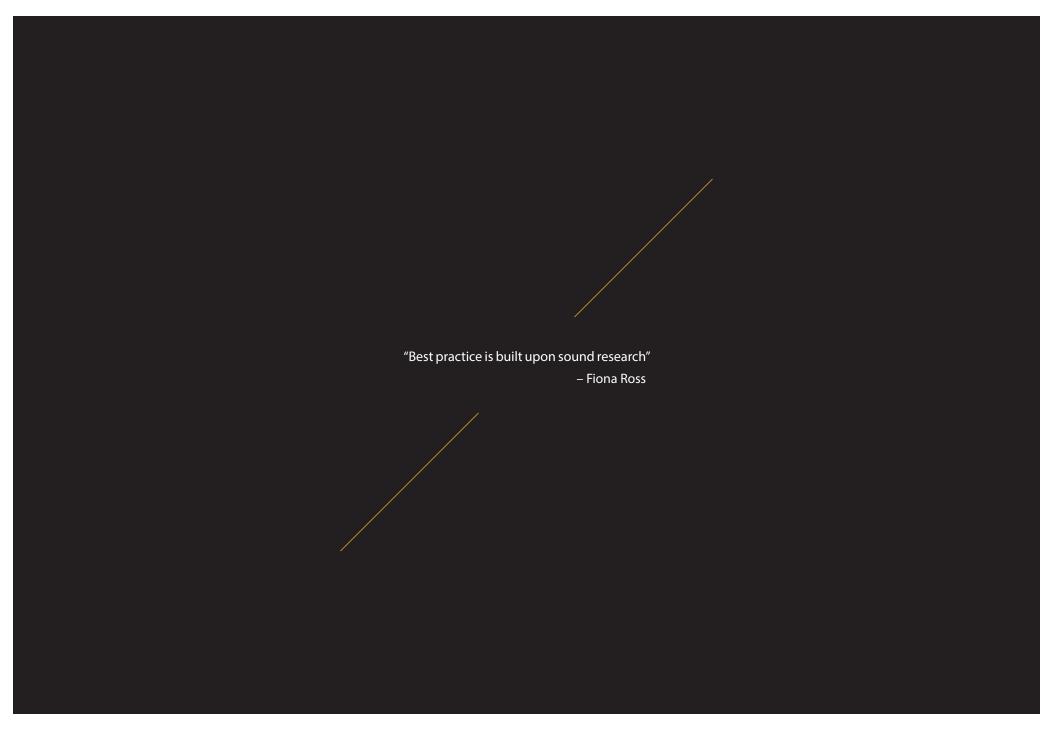
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Preface

An insight into the scope, aims, methodology and organization of this report.



Prologue

Latin typography, has been through enough debate and discussion to establish clarity in its pattern of evolution, chronologically and stylistically. This clarity allows modern day designers to look up to history for inspiration and understand the years of work and evolution that have gone into creating the kinds of typefaces we do today, and assigning use to them based on their evolved features and nuances. It is clear that a particular invention, at a particular point of time in history allowed for a new method or style of typedesign to be created, its cultural and historical context is understood and applied in design being created today.

Unlike Latin typography—which spread far and wide due to the propagation of Christianity during the Dark Ages, and therefore has a well-documented chronology and evolution—Devanagari, the script that has been the basis for writing close to 140 languages in the Asian subcontinent, has a long history of being overshadowed by India's Oral Tradition.

The strong belief that literature is best passed down generations verbally, in order to preserve the expression and emotion of the content, has not been ideal for the cause of longevity or the accuracy of documentation of history. Noble as the intention may have been, the consequence of this belief has lead to severe losses for Indian history.

In India, there is often confusion even till this day and age, as to the concept of "possession" of a typeface.

It is believed that a script is a common property of the people, and thus no one bats an eyelid when stealing occurs or gives a second thought to paying for typefaces, thereby discouraging the rare designer that does decide to venture into designing typefaces for the script. Thus, for a young design student or designer interested in Indian typography, the only database to study or analyze an aspect of design evolution would be academic papers by few type historians who worked with Devanagari types. There is precious little literature on the subject of the two schools of thought regarding modernization and adaptation of Devanagari to technology. One school believes in adapting the typeface to the medium for the type to evolve, whereas the other school works on preserving the original nuances of the letter-forms that have been through much erosion and mutilation by submitting to the demands and constraints of technology, and it loses much of its rigor and texture—and thereby loses its meaning (—Prof. Kirti Trivedi, Iconography of Letterforms). Without knowing how to align themselves to any particular philosophy of design, a designer's selfawareness is incomplete.

This project aims at providing a solution to the combination of such issues. Through analysis and study of academic papers, I have aimed to gain perspective and create value to the script by creating a concise database, that will hopefully fuel further discourse and study in this field, or at the very least provide an outline for layman reference and promote a common awareness for the history of our oldest native script.

WE OWE A DEBT

[Language] is a magnificent inheritance, and as long as this endures and influences the life of our people, so long will the basic genius of India continue. Apart from its being a treasure of the past, it is, to an astonishing degree, for so ancient a language, a living tradition.

—The Honorable Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Former Prime Minister of India.

Abstract

The first stage of this project involved collection of data from various academic sources—papers, journals, blogs; my study relies on Bapurao Naik's "Typography of Devanagari"—the book is comprehensive until a certain point in Devanagari's time-line. After that, the guidance and works of Professor G V Sreekumar and Dr. Girish Dalvi, combined with references to reports by previous students at IDC that attempted to study various aspects of type-design brought to light newer perspectives and data.

This data has been analyzed and sifted through, in order to create a perspective that is accurate and free from bias. Content was created with focus on the message, regardless of medium. A time-line was created for the script right from its evolution from Brahmi until the creation of modern day type foundries such as Ek Type and Indian Type Foundry. The History of Devanagari has been traced through inscriptions, first attempts at hot metal printing in India and overseas during the colonial era, until current day where it is designed on a computer. Filling the gaps in the information to create a concise output has been the greatest challenge of this project.

In order to preserve the nuances of the script and not lose it to the constraints of technology, value has to be added to it by those who design. There is a dire need for designers in the field of script typeface design in this age of digitization and responsive web design. My project aims to inspire and provide a comprehensive reference point for such designers.

The report concludes with a set of typographic panels, that can be displayed at academic institutes or design gatherings attended by students and professionals alike.

"The demands of visual presentation are, so as to speak, already embodied in the context." — Helmut Schmid

Identification of the Problem, Requirement & Approach

Identification of Problem:

There is an acute lack of awareness about Indian typefaces and their evolution. This in turn provides very little to enable the development of an informed approach to type design today. The failure to recognize typographic traditions by modern day graphic designers leads to the non-appreciation of the extraordinary manuscript tradition, it's evolution and the effort that goes into the creation of modern day indic script fonts.

Lack of academic discourse leads to a lack of understanding about Devanagari typography as well as type design. In the days of desktop publishing and now digital publishing, there is a greater need for Indian language fonts due to the widespread access of information through the internet. We do not innovate within typography as it is not common knowledge to classify type based on period or usage, to observe and analyze it. We do not associate type with our own history.

This lack of an easily accessible, comprehensive database of the evolution of Devanagari typography creates doubt and confusion about the working of ownership laws. Fonts are often deemed as a public property and no one wants to pay for the design of an indigenous typeface as "language belongs to everybody".

(Source: "Conceptual Model for Devanagari Typefaces", Girish V Dalvi, 2010).

Need and Requirement:

Non-Latin scripts account for being the means of nearly 60% of the world's communication today—be it social religious, cultural, economic, literary—business, education, day-to-day activities, etc. (Graham Shaw, "Non-Latin scripts: From metal to digital type", 2012). Being able to appreciate, criticize, design, develop typefaces will help us be a part of the globally connected society, which is being dominated by Latin-centric design.

In the decade where typeface design has grown exponentially due to the advent of the Internet, an easily available, comprehensive, satisfactory account of the chronological developments of Devanagari typography is not only long overdue but also urgent.

Approach:

The study not only serves as a repository of past typedesign practices, but also as a resource to understand how type design has undergone painstaking evolution and refinement through years and years of primitive technology and production techniques in order to create and maintain ideal forms.

It serves to create more opportunity for conversation and discourse in Indian type design, in an unbiased and fair manner. In design, we do not replicate the past, we need not be condemned to repeat its mistakes or triumphs, but we can always learn from it, especially in coming to critical awareness of quality and appropriateness.

— Paul Luna, "Non-Latin scripts:

From metal to digital type", 2012

Design Objective

The main objective of this study is to survey the history and understand the concepts underlying Devanagari typography and present it with clarity of concept in a manner that will empower typeface designers and typographers to make well-informed decisions when dealing with indic script fonts.

It aims at creating a database that is simple to understand for design students and professionals alike. It will aim to make understanding the nuances of the script easier and to make known its evolution through the years of changing at the pace of innovation in tool/technology that influences methods of design practice.

Such a solution would aide in the fight for understanding of ownership of typefaces in a country that doesn't appreciate font design due to a lack of association with the script's history.



A Brief Introduction

An introduction to Devanagari and an overview of its time-line.

Devanagari: An Introduction



(i.e. from a-"not" and kshar-"melt away, perish")

Imperishable, Indestructible, Fixed, Immutable.

Devanagari is the most widely used script of India with a rich evolutionary transition. It is used for over 120 languages,including Hindi, Nepali, Marathi, Pali, Konkani, Bodo, Sindhi and Maithili among other languages and dialects, making it one of the most used and adopted writing systems in the world. It is the working script of Awadhi, Bhatneri, Bihari. Bhojpuri, Khandeshi, Konkani, Kurku, Malwani, Newari, Pali, Rajasthani, etc.

It is an abugida (alphasyllabary: the writing system in which consonant–vowel sequences are written as a unit: each unit is based on a consonant letter, and vowel is secondary, unlike a full alphabet, in which vowels have status equal to consonants) alphabet of India and Nepal. It is written from left to right, and is recognizable by a horizontal line that runs along the top of full letters.

The written system has forty-seven primary characters, of which fourteen are vowels and thirty-three are consonants. The script has no capital or small letters as in Latin, and weighs all characters as equal. The letter order of Devanagari, is based on phonetic principles that consider both the manner and origin organ of articulation of the consonants and vowels they represent. This type of arrangement is known as the Varmala—"garland of letters".

The Devanagari script has been used as the medium for many classical Sanskrit texts.

(Source:Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia.en.wikipedia. org/wiki/Devanagari)

History of Devanagari Writing

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History of Devanagari Writing

Early Evolution of Devanagari: The Inscription Era.

Evolution of Devanagari Letterform through Manuscripts

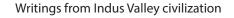
Oral Tradition

In India, although the system of writing was known, the preservation of knowledge was handed down generations through oral tradition. This was because it was believed that vocal and verbal learning were superior to in terms of capturing the expressions and meanings of language.

Indus Valley Script, 2600-1900 BC

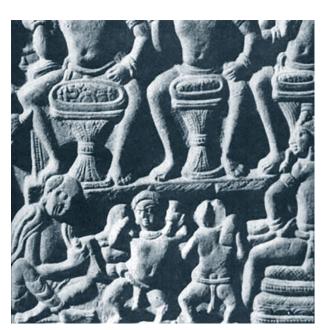
The earliest script in India so far known is the Indus Valley pictographic script, which was found on over 4000 terracotta seals. This script of the Mohen-jo-daro and Harappan era called Proto-Indian. The inscriptions on these seals seem to be phonetic and ideographic in nature, but they have not been clearly deciphered.





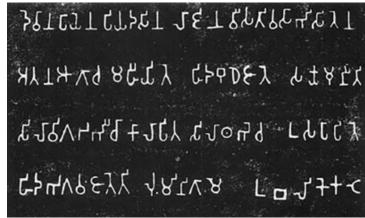


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Nagarjunakonda, 2nd Century AD





Fragments of Ashoka's 6th pillar edict (238 BCE) in Brahmi, sandstone

Scribe recording, 2ND CENTURY AD

Perhaps the earliest known record of writing was a temple sculpture depicting a scribe (bottom left corner) recording three soothsayers depicting a dream about Queen Maya, mother of Lord Buddha in the courtroom of King Suddhodana in Nagarjunakonda—a historical Buddhist town, now an island located near Nagarjuna Sagar in Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh.

Brahmi Inscription, 3RD CENTURY BC

The script of the Brahmans is written from left to right. Widely considered to be the mother of all Indian scripts including the Devanagari Lipi, which evolved from the northern variety of Brahmi script: Gupta, which in time evolved into the Nagari script, and then eventually became the Devanagari that we recognize today.

Asoka Edict on the Rummindei pillar

Brahmi, the script of the Brahmans is written from left to right. Ashoka used this script for his inscriptions, carved into the face of rocks or on stone pillars for longevity of the writings.

Image source: design in india. net

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This chart shows the modern descendants of the ancient Brahmi script, ancestral to most of the scripts of South Asia, Southeast Asia, some Central Asian scripts like Tibetan and Khotanese, and possibly Korean hangul (1444 AD).



Imagesource:designinindia.net

Temple Inscriptions: Parisnath at Phabosa, 1st Century BCE

Siddham Letter 'A', 5th Century AD





Jain Instructions using old Gujarathi prose describing how to live a Jain way of life, 16th Century AD

Devanagari manuscript, 17th Century AD

Imagesource:designinindia.net

Origin of Devanagari

Brahmi 3rd C. BCE 1st C. CE Southern Scripts Northern Scripts 3rd C. CE 6th C. CE 8th C. CE 10th C. CE 12th C. CE Modern ≥ ണ Bengali Telugu Kannada Malayalam

Writing Systems of India:

Writing is perhaps the most important communication system to be invented. In a region as vast and varied as the Indian subcontinent however, the oral tradition persevered as writing was considered unidimensional as it depended on language. Writing is considered a cultural phenomenon that has revolutionized social history.

Florian Coulmas, in 'The Writing Systems of the World', 1989, claims that in India, the achievement of writing is associated with myths and legends, specifically, Lord Ganesh is said to have broken off one of his tusks to use as a pencil, i.e. it is believed that a God created writing.

Evolution of Brahmic Scripts:

Brahmi, over a millennium, evolved into numerous regional scripts, which are broadly classified into a rounded Southern India group and a angular Northern India group. Eventually, these regional scripts became associated with the local languages and writing was shaped by both.

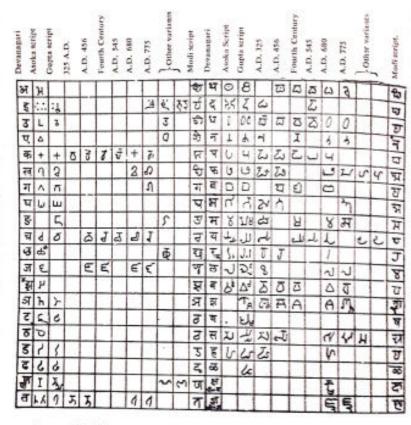
Northern Brahmi gave rise to the Gupta script during the Gupta Empire, (sometimes also called "Late Brahmi"—5th century), which in turn variegated into a number of scripts during the Middle Ages, such as the Siddham script (6th century), Sarada script (9th century) and Devanagari (10th century).

Southern Brahmi gave rise to the Grantha alphabet (6th century), the Vatteluttu alphabet (8th century), and due to the spread of Hinduism, also gave rise to scripts such as the Baybayin in the Philippines, the Javanese script in Indonesia, the Khmer alphabet in Cambodia, and the Mon script in Burma.

(Source: Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. en.wikipedia. org/wiki/Brahmi script)

(Adapted from Daniels and Bright, The World's Writing Systems.)

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Seven Modi letters resemble the letters of the Asoka Edicts and the remaining four resemble the Balbodh:

Comparison between Devanagari, Asoka-Brahmi, Post Asoka-Brahmi and Modi letters

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Development of Devanagari letters from Asoka-Brahmi

Image Source: Bapurao S. Naik – "Typography of Devanagari", Volume 1, Revised, 1971.

Visual Markers & Terminology

Stroke thickness:

Mukund Gokhale suggests the stroke thickness (thickness of the pen stroke) as the base unit. He suggests a minimum four strokes for the upper and bottom Matras and 8 strokes for the body. Totally, 16 units of strokes can be considered as a primary parameter for the total height. He also goes on to suggest the thickness of the pen stroke be $1/16^{\rm th}$ of the type height.

Source: "Anatomy of Devanagari", Girish Dalvi, 2009

Angular forms:

Every letter has one straight stroke, one right angle near the headline and at least one break. Every letter except \square and \square has at least a circle, a curve and a loop.

Problematic forms:

Every letter requires lifting of the pen; many back facing (the open face of the letter faces the left, i.e. opposite to the direction of writing. Eg. \(\mathbb{M}\)); few have back slopes (the slopes are opposite to the direction of writing, Eg. \(\mathbb{M}\)) and often the diacritics are placed at inconvenient places.

Source: Bapurao S. Naik – "Typography of Devanagari", Volume 1, Revised, 1971.

Other irregularities:

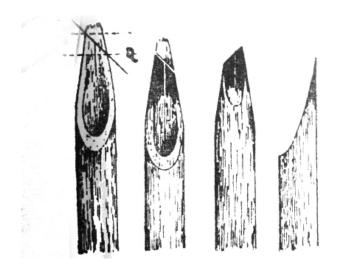
The distinctive parts of some letters like \boxtimes and \boxtimes do not cover the entire x-height. Others spread below the portion— \boxtimes , \boxtimes and \boxtimes . The Devanagari letters are aligned at the head-line and not at the base-line. The placement of matras in various positions with regard to the letter limits the legibility of Devanagari, especially when reproduced in small sizes.

Vowel	Matras	Name
	\boxtimes	Kana
		Short velanti
		Long velanti
		Short ukar
		Long ukar
		Single prithvi sign
		Double prithvi sign
		Single klpti sign
		Double klpti sign
		Single matra
		Double matra
		Kana matra
		Kana double matra
		Anuswar
		Visarg

A consensus of terms agreed by Naik, Bhagwat and Gokhale.

Source: "Anatomy of Devanagari", Girish Dalvi, 2009

Influence of Writing Materials & Tools



Bamboo/Reed pen traditionally used to write Devanagari

Tools:

Traditionally, Devanagari is written with a reed or bamboo pen that is cut broad to a slant in the opposite direction. The angle of the pen-point to the head-line is kept steady at 45°.

Writing Materials:

Stone inscription:

Emperor edicts were chiseled into polished stone for longevity, written in ink after the stone had been polished by rubbing, then inscribed. The chiseling created sharp-pointed ends and did mot permit very fine lines.

Iron inscription:

The Mirhauli Iron pillar at the Qutub Minar has an engraving and casting which is done with precious metals like gold and silver.

Tada patra (Palm leaf) inscription:

A common writing medium in the south, the palm leaf varied from 1-3 feet in length and 1-4 inches in width on which the script was incised with a stylus after which lamp black was rubbed on it. It was widely popular in the South. In North India, ink was used and the letters took a more rounded form. The veins of the leaves prevented the alphabet from having straight lines. The stylus used for incising was usually blunt to prevent tearing of the smoothened, dried leaf.

Tamra patra (Copper plate) inscription:

Hammered, engraved copper plates were widely used and reused with ink after the invention of paper in the 12th century.

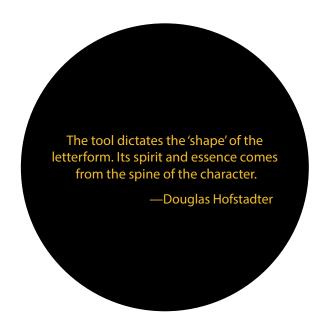
Cloth:

Done with brush and ink, but it is not a long lasting option but it did allow for fine lines.

Paper:

With the advent of paper in the 12th century, writing became easy, light-weight and convenient as even irregularities on the surfaces helped hold the ink or trap particles of charcoal.

Image source: "Typography of Devanagari", B S Naik, 1971





History of Devanagari Printing

Beginnings of the Letterpress Era.

Devanagari Printing— Beginnings & Attempts at Mechanization

Although the printing press arrived in India in 1556, books were not printed in Devanagari till 1796, when John Gilchrist printed his "*Grammar of the Hindustanee Language*".

The early type-founders had to cast as many as 1000 molds for one 'fount' of Devanagari.

Degree System:

The Nirnaya Sagar Type Foundry introduced three step setting—known as the degree system in which the main character is cast at half of required point size, the *matras* and *ukarsare* cast at quarter point size each. Justification and displacement of vowels were a recurring problem in this method.

This method helped bring down the number of molds to about 600 per fount.

Early attempts at mechanization

The earliest Indian printing center was set up in Goa, and subsequently more centres were set up in Cochin, Quilon, Calicut, Vaipicotta. Later it spread to the east coast at Tranqebar, Madras, Fort William, Calcutta and Serampore.

First printing press of India:

A press intended for installation in Abyssinia (shipped March 29, 1556) from Portugal arrived in Goa on September 6, 1556. The Spaniard that came with it, Br. Juan de Bustamante, stayed behind and went on to publish the first pamphlet on Indian soil— "Conclusoes" by Antonio de Quadros—it was in Latin. Jesuit Missionaries printed "The Spiritual Compendium of the Christian Life" in Goa that same year around the same time.

The irregular construction of Devanagari letterforms scared away many early type cutters since the very beginning.

Attempts at printing Devanagari in other parts of the world

Devanagari block printing was attempted in Europe as early as 1667 (seen in "*China Illustrata*" by Athanassii Kircheri).

Between 1740 and 1744, in Rome, John Christopher got four Indian students who happened to be in Rome at the time to design a typeface, which he cut in order to publish "Alphabeticum Bhramanicum" for the Propogation of the Faith Press.

Bejamin Schultz published "Grammatica Hindostanica" in 1744 as well, which gave a description about the grammar of Hindi.

Early Printing in Indian Scripts

First Devanagari Printing Press at Surat:

Bhimji Parekh of Surat first thought of setting up a press to print in Devangari in 1670 $_{\rm AD}$. A printer, Henry Hills was promised a salary of £50 and the press was established in 1674. Bhimaji wrote again in 1678 asking for the help of a type founder instead, but the result of this communication is unknown.

The earliest Devanagari printed in India, was done in Calcutta at the Chronicle Press. "Asiatic Miscellany" (1787, Calcutta) contained Sanskrit verses printed with movable type.

Some notable events:

- Lokmanya Tilak got types cast as early as 1904.
- G P Vijapure, then manager of Kirloskar Press, was granted a patent for his scheme of linear setting of Devanagari on August 27, 1930.
- Linotype Devanagari, designed by Hari G Govil, in the early 1930s but was not satisfactory, as was Monotype Devanagari—it was not designed for high speed newspaper printing.



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Devanagari types cast in Rome Image source: "Typography of Devanagari", B S Naik, 1971

Typographic Evolution

Charles Wilkins,
The Father of Devanagari Typography:

He arrived in India in 1770 and joined the East India Company as a writer. He published "Sanskrit Grammar" in 1779 and had translated works such as the "Bhagavadgita", "Sakuntala" and "Hitopadesa". He invented and cast types in Devanagari, Bengali and Persian.

He had experience in punch cutting and completed a Bengali fount himself for his book "*Grammar of the Bengalee Language*". In 1795, he cut a complete fount of Devanagari type.

মর্যাদা থাকিতে কেনো নাজাহো ওচিয়া। আপন সদৃশ দ্বানে ওচি বৈস গিয়া॥

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Wilkins' types used in the Grammar of the Bengal Language", Hooghly, 1778."

Image Source: Bapurao S. Naik – Typography of Devanagari, Volume 1, Revised, 1971.

William Carey

Carey aimed to spread the word of the bible to the Hindus and therefore had been gifted a printing press in 1798, by an indigo planter named Uday from Madanabati, which he took to Serampore with him. He published "Bengalee translation of the New Testament" in 1801 at the Serampore press. He went on to publish a "Mahratta Grammar", a "Sanskrit Grammar", a "Punjabee Grammar", and a "Telinga Grammar".



काहणी।भानां उगा आणि ये उका यां ची

ह्काप वे तो ब कन ए किनि में लपाण्याचा था हलयेन हो ता ने के ये क्या उष्ण का ली ए क दि वत्ती ए कला उगाव ए कये उका उभ यता ही ए क्या च मुह्नी पाणी प्याय यास आने ला उ गाउनन प्रदेशी उभा राहिला हो ताव ये उ कालालप ट प्रदेशी का ही दूर जंन राने उभा होता ला उग्याचे म नी काण्या म का रें हो ये उ क्या मी दाट ब लें भी उले कराव या वे हो ते न द नुपार ये उक्या सविचा के लागला जे ज रे ये उ क्या नि में ल आहे ने प्राणी उहु लून म ला प्याव

Wilkins' types used in Balbodha Mukhavali

A GRAMMAR, &c.

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Types cut under the supervision of William Carey, Calcutta, 1805.

नघुनी भास्त्राची

पीळ पूरुव घाषात्री भास हे पाठी ह माने छींगजी ष धानडो ष छेपगांपपगेने रानम पारस प्रांता उष्याचा पौस्तान घेपना घाषानी भासहे बास उन पडीष्ठ उन माधेनी भोस्रेड सास उन चान पडीष्ट शाधनी नाने धप्रते शनपानी नाने सास् प्रत गुणानी साचे पंशास् वंशापन प्रांताव नाक्य पारासानी खास छोड्छ पनगणे प्रणीवप्र ? धप्रते दन पीठावी साम दन पर पडीष्ठ चैप्रेनी नाने चुसना जीवनी नाने वाणधीन सा हेंत्र घेरारा ! पडीप्र छोत्रेमी नाम छिप्रेमणे पाछसायमी मांच हेपप्र चेता चीहाँकेनी जीपनी नाने मळून चेतात

Modi types used by William Carey, Raghuji Bhosalyachi, Serampore, 1815.

> Image Source: Bapurao S. Naik – Typography of Devanagari, Volume 1, Revised, 1971.

17th Century Printing in Bombay (Nirnaya Sagar Era)

The Bombay Courier Press was established in 1970.

Nana Fadnavis first conceived the idea of printing the Bhagavadgita by copperplate impressions. It was completed in 1805 under the patronage of Chief of Miraj.

Fardunji Marzban is credited with setting up the Bombay Samachar Press in 1812, the first to print Indian Languages.

The Bombay Government started its press in 1830, which was taken over by the Byculla Education Society in 1848.

Nirnaya Sagar Era

Ganpat Krishanji constructed a wooden press and set up a Litho Printing Unit in 1830. He then made his own ink and proceeded to print the Marathi calendar (Panchang Saka, 1753).

He learnt the art of letterpress from Thomas Graham, and cut Marathi and Gujarati types, and went on to print several books.

By 1867 there were 25 printing presses in Bombay; namely,

- —Times of India
- —Bombay Gazette
- -Byculla Education Society
- —Indu Prakash
- -Jame-Jamshed
- -Akbari-i-Soudagar
- —Darpan, etc.

Jaoji Dadaji started his own type foundry in 1864. He prepared punches and cast types at his residence in a heated iron Kadhai.

Nirnaya Sagar was started with one Super Royal Hand Press at Kalbadevi. The first book printed was Garud-Puran in Sanskrit.

During 27 years of its existence, Nirnaya Sagar produced 20 Marathi typefaces, 15 Gujarati typefaces and 44 English heading types. The Press and Foundry printed 193 Sanskrit and 228 Marathi titles of its own,

Gujarati Type-Foundry

Founded in October 1900 to maintain types required by the Gujarati Printing Press.

The Lokasangrah and Prakash type-foundries of Pune made use of the pantograph machine for the first time in India. Lokasangrah in 1941 introduced a typeface akin to a sans-serif.

BOOK FACES ISSUED BY THE NIKNAYA SAGAR TYPE FOUNDBY

1 8 Point Marothi

विकास राज को आहार : तके व्यक्ति तर कु रक्षण होत्र वस्त्र गाड़ी, गाउँ गाउँ सम्बाधना हात् स्थान अवस्था है। कार्यवाली क्षेत्रसंत्री क्षेत्रेयों उत्सद्ध वैदार अस्त्रा त्यार होता. उत्तरम कार्या सुंदर्व क्षेत्रिक प्रतिकारक अहेरायूने कार्या राजुक्तीय एक अस्तिका मानवार्यीय वार्याकारा आहे. Occ

- 3. Long Primer (208)
 फिलेस्ट्रांसर है सहाराष्ट्रपुरुषकारणे, सहाराष्ट्रपाण्याची एक चूचन अन्ते हें सूच्याचा तथा।
 बायम प्रात्माची कार्य केंद्र कुम्माम जावली कांची कारण माहक रोगीने पार पासने होगी
 बोधक अधिकेशमात अर्थ-वर्ष अन्ति संस्कृतीय यह समित्रमा नाज्यादीन नवशिष्यात अले.
- 4 Pice No. 1 (Ola) प्राहेत तथार करण्याच्या कार्यात सुंबहेस जावारी रादाणी व सम्मात कृष्णाती या रीजातीच नांक मिळभेकें, (केसरी---१२-५२) हुँच्ये बंदिस अधिकारांत क्रियुवर्ण सराठी राज्यमीचे एक अभिक्षण नाकारकंत व्यक्तियांत आहे. ०००
- 5 Pro Black No. 1 (NG) मीलमञ्च हा विहार प्रांताचा राजा शुक्रोतन श्राचा पञ्चलता पन पुर होता. मुंबई बीधेस अधिवेशश्रात कहेल्यपूर्व मराठी रंगभूमीचे एक अभिकृष नाट्यदर्शन प्रविक्यांत आसे. १२१५५ ०००
- पुन्न कार्याः (१६६) पुन्ने ब्रोडेसा अधिकाराना कर्नुन्तर्गं कार्याः स्थल्पाणे यस स्थिता स्थल्यान दर्शनिकारा कार्यः १३६५५६०८५ ।
- ह हिन्दा रूप । एका प्रोमेत गृहकाने आपल्या अभिन्दायन प्रहाश करूपास एक शियाँ विकित्त मुंद्धे कोक्स अधिकान कर्नुव्यक्त कराटी शासूमीचे एक अधिक्य नान्यदर्शन अहादिकात आहे. १२ व ४ ६ ७ ८ ६
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Great Primer No. 1 (325)

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ा Great Primer Black No. 1 (323)
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Great Primer Black No. 2 (324)

लोकांनीं आपणांस चांगलें म्हणावें, आपली बाहवा व्हावी, अशी साहजिकच इच्छा असते मुंबई काँग्रेस अधिवेशनांत कर्तृस्वपूर्ण मराठी रंगभृमीचे एक अभिरूप नाट्यदर्शन घडविण्यांत आले.

13 Great Primer No. 3 (327)

'बादरायणसंबंध' हा शब्द अनेकदां येतो. ज्या गोष्टींचा संबंध मुळींच नसतो, त्या गोष्टींचा संबंध....मुंबई कॉंग्रेस अधिवेशनात कर्तृत्वपूर्ण मराठी रंगमूमीचे एक अभिरूप नाट्यदर्शन घडविण्यांत आले. १२३

14 Great Primer Black No. 3 (469) मुंबई काँग्रेस अधिवेशनांत कर्तृत्वपूर्ण मराठी रंगभूमीचे एक अभिरूप नाट्यदर्शन घडविण्यांत आले. १२३४५ ०००

ाड One-Nick Great Primer (322) मुंबई काँग्रेस अधिवेशनात कर्तृत्वपूर्ण मराठी रंगभूमीचे एक अभिरूप नाट्यदर्शन घडविण्यांत आले. १२३४

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One-Nick Great Primer Black No. 2 (321)

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Image Source: Bapurao S. Naik – Typography of Devanagari, Volume 1, Revised, 1971.

Book faces issued by the Nirnaya Sagar type foundry.

FACES ISSUED BY THE GUJARATI TYPE FOUNDRY

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16 Point Pushpa Balic
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18 Point Vasant

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Faces issued by the Gujarati type foundry.

FACES ISSUED BY THE PRAKASH TYPE FOUNDRY, POONA

12 Point Raghunath

सुदूरवर्ती पर्वत सुगम्य और उसपर बढ़ना सरल मालून होता है । उसका जित्तर आवाहरू करता दिखाई देता है लेकिन ज्यों ज्यों हम उसके नजदोक पहुँचते हैं. कठिनाईयाँ दिखाई

29 12 Point Ashok मुद्दरवर्ती पर्वत सुगम्य और उसपर चढ़ना सरल मालूग होता है। उसका शिखर जाबाहन करता दिखाई देता है, लेकिन क्यों क्यों हम उसके नजदीक पहुंचते हैं।

30 14 Point Madhav मृनुष्यमें सबसे वडी शक्ति विचारोंकी शक्ति हैं। द्वासकेद्वारा मृनुष्यमें बडे बडे द्वाविष्कार किये हैं। किन्तु मृनुष्य द्वापनी विचारशक्तिका श्वीमणेश धुमार एडका ोणेश श्वामान द्वातिक ेटिश्य ज्वात

31 14 Point Narayan सुदूरबर्ती पर्वत सुगम्य और उसपर चढ़ना सरल मालूम होता है । उसका शिखर आबाहन करता दिखाई देता है, लेकिन ज्यों ज्यों हम उसके नजदीक पहुंचते हैं।

32 हम समाज के साथ ही ऊपर उठ सकते हैं और समाज के साथ ही नीचे गिरना होगा। यह तो जितान्त असम्भव है कि कोई व्यक्ति अपूर्ण

16 Point Vishnu

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24 Point Vishnu

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Faces issued by the Prakash type foundry.

Image Source: Bapurao S. Naik – Typography of Devanagari, Volume 1, Revised, 1971.

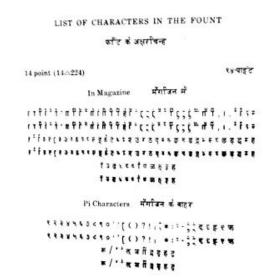
Photo Typesetting & Beyond

Phototypesetting allowed for greater economy and efficiency of space over hot metal and aided flexibility in font size.

For Devanagari this meant clearer, sharper glyphs and proper positioning of Matras, i.e. better kerning and creation of more typefaces.

Monotype introduced Nirnaya Sagar Pica No. 1. Linotype introduced Linotype Devanagari in traditional pen by Matthew Carter and Linotype Rohini (Now Linotype Saral), a mono linear font by Fiona Ross and Georgina Surman in 1986.

In the early 1970s Adrian Frutiger was consulted by NID to help Mahendra Patel created Monotype Devanagari Univers, but the font was not commercialized. Years later, he designed the Maha font family, to match Univers and also NIDMahendra to match Frutiger. These were released in 2001 and 2004 respectively.



Linotype Devanagari hot-metal font synopsis, 1970.

Image Source: Non-Latin scripts: From metal to digital type by Fiona Ross and Graham Shaw, 2012



Digitization of Devanagari

Early attempts at digitizing fonts and typedesign in India today.

Early Attempts

Devanagari is considered one of the most complex typefaces to be digitized due to its intricacies and large number of glyphs.

Linotype first digitized Matthew Carter's Devanagari into a postscript. Monotype soon followed, Date's Devanagari became Devanagari MT which was supplied to Microsoft as Arial Unicode MS and Macintosh.

In 1978, Linotype introduced the phonetic keyboard (Ross, 2012), which removed direct entry keyboarding and brought down the numbers of character sets.

Open type enabled fonts like Adobe Devanagari to possess as many as 800 glyphs.

Digitization in India

Laxman Shridhar Wakankar's book "Ganeshvidya—The Indian Traditional Approach to Phonetic Writing" was published by Tata Press in 1968.

The electronic commission of the Govt. of India accepted his Phonetic Input-Output concept.

such as Aalekh (1988). In 1996, he designed fonts for Microsoft's Windows 2000 and created 12 fonts for 'IndiX', an open source project at C-DAC(The Centre for Development and Advanced Computing, Pune). He is best known for his typefaces— Mangal and Raghu.

ITR

Mukund Gokhale, Wakankar and Vasant Bhat formed the Institute of Typographical Research in 1979.

ITR designed optical fonts for film, digital fonts for phototypesetting machines, electronic typewriters and metal type matrices.

They later formed a DTP solution called Swadesh and created fonts such as Natraj (Mohan Thatte) and Yogesh (Mehmuddin Ali Peerzade), which are widely known for their readability in small sizes, making them ideal for body copy.

R K Joshi

In 1982, Raghunath Krishna Joshi worked with R. Narasimhan at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) to create the Desha coding scheme and later in 1985, he developed Vinyas, a stroke based font development system at NCST (National Centre for Software Technology). He designed dot matrix fonts, PS fonts to suuport multilingual text processors

C-DAC

C-DAC was started in 1988 by the Ministry of Communications & Information Technology (MCIT)was started to develop technologies for supercomputers.
C-DAC has developed several True Type Fonts (TTFs) and Open Font Format for various Indian Languages.
For UNICODE support in various applications, C-DAC has developed Open Type Fonts for various scripts in all 22 official languages. Over 8000 fonts consisting of True Type, Open Type and Bitmap have been produced so far.

GIST (Graphics and Intelligence based Script Technology) started in IIT Kanpur in 1986 demonstrated Devanagari input into computers for users. This group went on to form the code of information later adapted by the Unicode consortium.

Fonts and Foundries

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Card #29: Font Name: Yogesh designed by Mehmuddin Ali Peerzade, originally published by Experto Systems, and later by ITR, now published by CDAC.

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Card #30: Font Name: Arial Unicode MS, Monotype Devanagari, originally a Nirnaya Sagar Typeface modified by S.R.Date, published by Monotype, now published by the Microsoft Corporation.

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Card #1: Font Name: NIDMahendra designed by Mahendra C. Patel for the National Institute of Design

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Card #2: Font Name: Alankar published by CDAC

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Card #3: Font Name: Akshar published by CDAC

Font Samples of fonts by C-DAC, Mahendra Patel, RK Joshi, Monotype, etc.

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Card #25: Font Name: Sanskrir 2003 published by Omkarananda Ashram a digitization of a letterpress typeface by the Nimsangar Press.

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Card #26: Fort Name: Mangal XP designed by Raghanath Joshi published by the Microsoft Corporation.

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Card #27: Font Name: Raghu designed by Raghunath Joshi, published by CDAC and several Linux distributions.

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Gnd #28: Font Name: Surekh published by CDAC

Image Source: "Conceptual Model for Devanagari Typefaces", Girish V Dalvi, 2010)

ITR Devanagari Fonts set in 16 point

Aabha - Light / Bold

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Abhishek - Light / Bold

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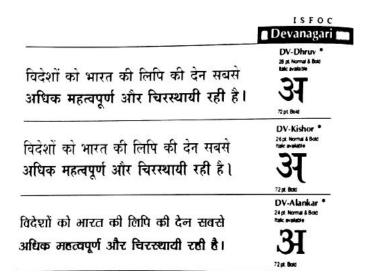
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Font Catalogue by ITR

The Modular Infotech Shree Lipi font catalogue is arranged numerically (alphabetically) as the fonts do not have names but rather numbers associated with them. (See figure 20)

Sh	ree-Lipi Pearl Devr	nagari	Shree Lipi : 7.1
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0707	भारत मेरा देश है। सभी	1014	भारत मेरा देश है।
0708	भारत मेरा देश है। सभी भार-	1016	भारत मेरा देश है। सभी
709	भारत मेरा देश है। सभी	1064	भारत मेरा देश है। गभी
079	भारत मेरा देश है। सभी	1065	भारत मेरा देश है। सभी
713	भारत मेरा देश है। सभी	1085	भारत मेरा देश है। सभी

Modular Infotech Font Catalogue by Shree Lipi Pearl, arranged alphabetically, each font is associated to a number.



Font Catalogue by C-DAC

Image Source: "Conceptual Model for Devanagari Typefaces", Girish V Dalvi, 2010)

Current-day Scenario

Two type foundries that are doing exceptional work in Devanagari type design today: Indian Type Foundry, started by Satya Rajpurohit and Peter Bilak of Typotheque and Ek Type by Dr. Girish Dalvi and Sarang Kulkarni (of White Crow). These studios are making Devanagari exciting again and bringing a modern sensibility to type design in India.





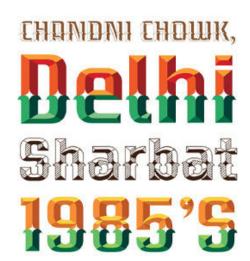


Image Source: ektype.in; indiantypefoundry.com

Font Samples by Indian Type Foundry

Painter Kafeel Font Sample by Whitecrow

Ek Devanagari

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Ek Devanagari Font sample by Ek Type



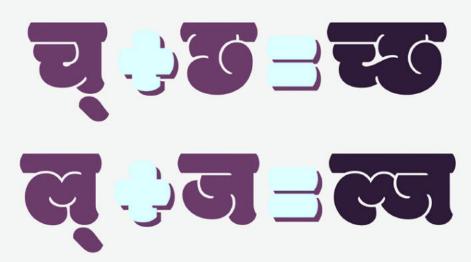


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Modak Font Sample by Ek type and Whitecrow



Anatomy

Varied attempts at classifying anatomy of Devanagari explained.

Anatomy

Descriptions and Definitions:

In the 'Anatomy of Devanagari', 2009, Girish Dalvi sums up the various approaches taken by experts in the field of Devanagari typography, describing and defining the anatomy of letters. Unlike the Latin alphabet, Devanagari has no standardized nomenclature that is widely accepted.

Bhagwat & Naik

Bhagwat's focused was on handwritten Devanagari and not on printed Devanagari;, to create a grouping system on the graphical structure of Devanagari based on the following criteria:

- 1. Size
- 2. Simplicity
- 3. Motion, stroke and angles
- 4. Endings, flourishes, fenced etc.
- 5. Groups according to the parts of letter design.
- 6. Groups based on graphical similarity

M W Gokhale

The next attempt was done by M W Gokhale; it was first published in 1975–76. Gokhale uses the "body" paradigm as a reference for the vertical proportion of the letters as follows:

- MXXXXX (head-line, start/end)
- MXXXXX (navel line)
- XXXXXXXX (knee position line)
- MXXXXX (foot line)
- XXXXXX (extreme bottom line)

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Bhagwat's graphical analysis and grouping



Image Source: Bapurao S. Naik – Typography of Devanagari, Volume 1, Revised, 1971.

	Vowels	Consonants	
Group 1	letters	with full verti-bar attached (अंत्यदंडयुक्त)	20
	अ	खघ चजझ तथधन प्रभम यवष स	तु ज्
Group 2	letters	with full verti-bar detached (अंत्यदंडयुक्त) गण श	3
Group 3	letters	with a short-bar (अल्पदंडयुक्त)	14
Group 4	उ ऊ लॄ ॡ letters	ङ छ टठडढ द ल हळ with a central-bar (मध्यदंडयुक्त)	4
Oloup 4	雅雅	क फ	
Group 5	letter	without a bar (दंडरहित)	1
		₹	

Bapurao Naik's "Graphical Classification of Devanagari Varnas")



"Cartographic description of Devanagari" — M. W. Gokhale



Scope of Work

Design process of final output.

Stylistic Exploration

Exhibition Design

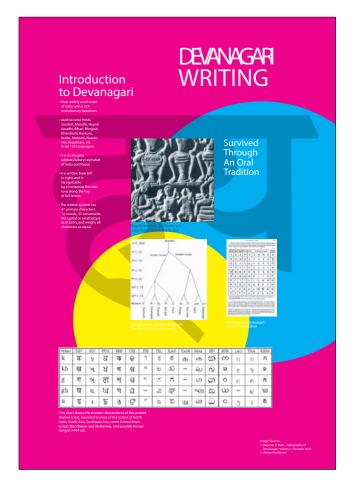
An Exhibition of Panels related to the history of Devanagari will be created for display as the final product of this project.

HISTORY OF DEVANAGARI WRITING Introduction to Devanagari Survived Through An Oral

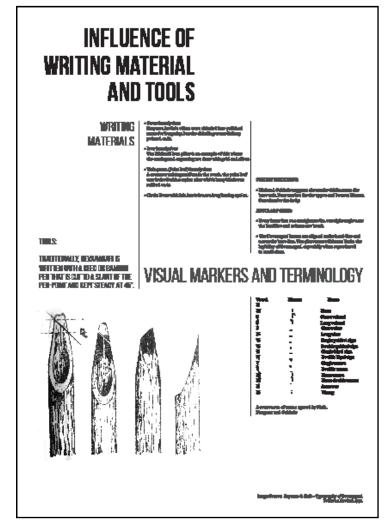
A brochure/booklet will also be created to aide onlookers during the exhibit.

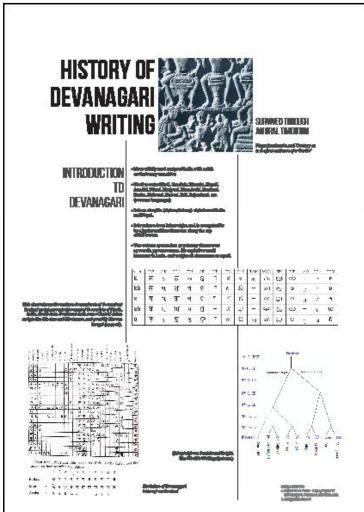
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Size: 420mm x 600mm



Creation of Panels (Process Underway)









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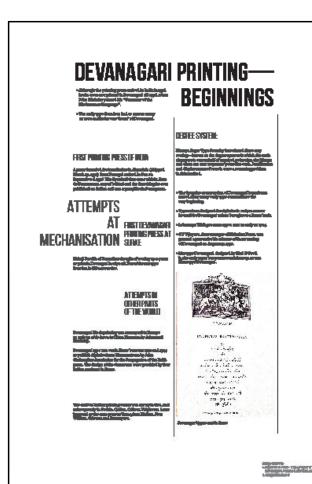
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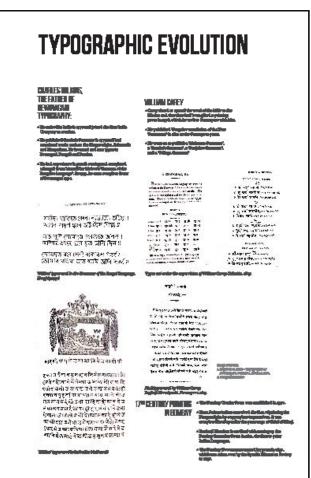
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