

of which are not discussed here. It is enough to say that the परिवर्धित नागरी script is quite suitable to represent the Jarawa sounds and the same has been done on the basis of the Jarawa language sound system.

The sound system of the Jarawa language

The Jarawa language has the following vowels and consonants as are attested by the data collected uptill now. They are given below in phonetic notation:

Vowels:

	Front		Central		Back	
High	i	i:			u	u:
Mid	e	e:	ə	ə:	o	o:
Low	æ		a	a:		

Nasalisation : / ~ / All vowels are nasalised which are marked by the symbol / ~ / on the vowels.

Consonants : There are in all 26 consonants of which 13 are stops, 5 are nasals, 3 are fricatives and 2 each of laterals and semi vowels and one trill. They are given in the chart below:

Consonant chart

	Bilabial		Dental		Alveolar		Retroflex		Palatal		Velar		Glottal
	vl.	vd.	vl.	vd.			vl.	vd.	vl.	vd.	vl.	vd.	
Stops	p	b	t	d			ʈ	ɖ	c	j	k	g	
		ph		th				ʈh					
Nasals		m		n			ɳ		ɲ		ŋ		
Fricatives	f								ɕ				h
Laterals					l		ɭ						
Tril					r								
Semi vowels		ʋ (v)											
Trill							y						