

## Classical Indian Music

A classical Indian music performance generally comprises of the vocalist and the instrument- playing musicians. Certain classical ensembles would probably not have a vocalist, as is the case with classical instrumental performances. Traditionally the classical music of India was distinguished into two forms:

- Those compositions comprising of *alaps*, which is basically movements that are free in time and do not require percussion instruments
- Those musical performances that were fixed in time and required a percussion instrument.

However, presently classical Indian music classified as

- Hindustani: This form of classical music has been continuously evolving over time and originates from all other parts of India, except the southern states
- Carnatic: This classification of music hails from the southern part of India and has continued to maintain its original form as it has traveled through centuries since its origination.

Mainly, Hindustani North Indian Classical portion has been dealt with in this document.

The origins of classical Indian music is said to date back to over 5000 years ago. Basically this genre of music came about to serve a spiritual purpose. The melodies that were composed brought about feelings of peace, calm, tranquility, serenity, bliss and a closer bond with god. In fact according to the Vedas, music is considered to be a divine gift to humanity.

Prior to the invasion of the Mughals, India had more or less uniform musical creations. However, the invasion of the Mughals brought with it the influence of Arabic and Persian culture. This is when Hindustani music took birth and shifted the north Indian musical compositions from spiritual to entertaining. The Carnatic style of music continues to be purely classical, till date.

The composition of Hindustani music is based on ragas, which are the scales that comprise of the seven basic notes. These are sa, re, ga, ma pa, dha and ni. The commonly played musical instruments of this genre of Indian classical music include the sitar, surbahar, sarod, sarangi, santoor, bansuri, pakhavaj and tabla.

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This genre of Indian classical music is said to have originated in the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries when north India was invaded by the Mughals. It was at then that influences of Arabia and Persia permeated into the north Indian classical compositions, distinguishing it from that of south India. As the south Indian states remained untouched by these invasions their compositions continued to progress maintaining the ancient heritage. However, there did develop a distinction in the kind of music composed by the northern and southern regions of India.

## CONCEPT OF RAGA

The musical scale contains 7 + 5 notes. (7-shuddha & 5 komal and tivra)( flat and sharp).

From these 12 notes selected notes (minimum 5) are used to build up a melodic structure and are called a Raga. It is believed that there are about 300 Ragas. However, only around 50 are heard in performances. The lesser known and difficult to perform Ragas are called “Aachhop’ and ‘Anavat’ or ‘Aprachalit’ respectively.

Every Raga has melodic centers, two of which include - one of principal importance and the other a little less important and are called Vadi’ and ‘Samvadi respectively. Notes which support Vadi and Samvadi notes are called Anuvadi notes. Notes that are excluded from the Raga structure are called Vivadi notes.

Ragas with melodic movements centered in the first half of the scale (Sa to Pa) is called “Purvang Ragas and the second half of the scale (Ma to upper octave Sa) are called ‘Uttarang Ragas’.

According to tradition, every Raga has a definite time period for performance during a time cycle of 24 hours. A large section of the music community accepts this concept even at present. Some believe that the concept is scientifically based on an intimate relationship between sound and light.

Tradition also has it that specific Ragas are performed during specific seasons such as spring, monsoon, etc. E.g. Basant, Bahar in spring time and Miyan Malhar and Desh in monsoon.

It is generally accepted that there are 9 basic emotions (Rasas), which form essential ingredient of any performance in the field of music, dance and theater. Every Raga, therefore has a basic emotion (Rasa) as an undercurrent of its exposition. It is however incorrect to believe that a complete Raga exposition from Alap to Jhala is based on only one Rasa. Allied Rasas do play significant role in Raga development depending upon the area of the melodic development, or the speed and the tempo at which the Raga is performed.

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In the Indian Classical Music, **RAGA** is the basis of melody & **TALA** is the basis of rhythm. Each melodic structure of RAGA has something akin to a distinct personality subject to a prevailing mood.

Ragas involve several important elements. The first element is SOUND---metaphysical and physical, which is referred as NADA. Nada is the manifestation of the first of five elements of creation—the elements of SPACE. There are 2(two) types of Nadas—ANAHATA NADA or unstruck sound & AHATA NADA or struck sound. The next element of Raga is PITCH, relegated to SWARA (whole and half tones) and SHRUTI (micro tones). Raga also involves the production of emotional effects in the performer and listener, which are known as RASAS. The aim of Raga is to elicit emotional and psychological responses from the listener. The production of these specific responses can be understood exploring the concept of RASA. Rasa has been referred to as 'AESTHETIC DELIGHT' and is free from the limitations of personal feelings. There are NINE(9) RASAS—  
 LOVE(Shringar), HUMOUR(Hasya), PATHOS(Karuna), ANGER(Rudra), HEROISM(Vir), TERROR(Bhayanka), DISGUST(Veebhatsa), WONDER(Adbhuta) and PEACEFUL(Shanta).  
 Raga is the basis of Classical Music. Raga is neither a SCALE nor a MODE. It is based on the principle of a combination of notes selected out of 22 (twentytwo) note intervals of OCTAVE.

### Relationship between SHRUTIS AND SWARAS

Sa		Re	Ga	Ma	Pa	Dha	Ni														
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Teevra	Kumudwati	Manda	ChanDob ati	Daya bati	Ranj ani	Rak tika	Raudri	Krodhi	Vaj rika	Pras arini	Pri ti	Marj oni	Khit i	Rakt a	Sand ipani	Alapini	madant i	Rohi ni	Ram ya	Ugra	Khobhi ni

**Shrutis:** The smallest possible distance between audio frequencies that is distinguishable to the human ear. There are 22 shrutis in an OCTAVE.

### **Swaras:**

- i) Seven notes: Sa(Sadaj), Re(Rishav), Ga(Gandhar), Ma(Madhyam), Pa(Pancham), Dha(Dhaivat), Ni(Nishad).
- ii) Shuddha and Vikrit swaras. Vikrit swaras consist of Komal and Teevra.

### **OCTAVES:** MANDRA(lower), MADHYA(middle), TAAR(upper)

**AROHA:** Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Dha Ni Sa' and **AVAROHA:** Sa' Ni Dha Pa Ma Ga Re Sa  
**POORVANG** is Sa Re Ga Ma and **UTTARANG** is Pa Dha Ni Sa'.

Raga has its own principal mood such as tranquility, devotion, eroticism, loneliness, pathos and heroism. Each Raga is associated according to its mood, with a particular time of the day, night or a season. A performer with sufficient training and knowledge, alone, can create the desired emotions through the combination of Shrutis and notes.

## 22 Sruti scheme

Sruti      Frequency      Frequency

ratio      (Hertz)

Sa      1      240

Re 1      32/31      252.8

Re 2      16/15      256

Re 3      10/9      266.6

Re 4      9/8      270

Ga 1      32/27      284.4

Ga 2      6/5      288

Ga 3      5/4      300

Ga 4      81/64      303.7

Ma 1      4/3      320

Ma 2      27/20      324

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Ma 3	45/32	337.5
Ma 4	64/45	341.3
Pa	3/2	360
Dha 1	128/81	379
Dha 2	8/5	384
Dha 3	5/3	400
Dha 4	27/16	405
Ni 1	16/9	426.6
Ni 2	9/5	432
Ni 3	15/8	450
Ni 4	31/16	465

**As per physiological science experiments, it has been noticed that human ears can identify a frequency range from 20 to 20,000 hertz.**

In Hindustani music there are seven main *swara-s* or notes. These notes correspond to the solfege in western music. The names of the seven *swara-s* are *Shadja* (Sa), *Rishab* (Re), *Gandhār* (Ga), *Madhyam* (Ma), *Pancham* (Pa), *Dhaivat* (Dha) and *Nishād* (Ni) but they are usually referred to by their corresponding symbols for convenience.

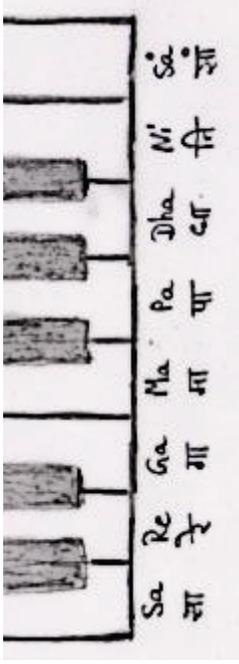
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This group of seven notes is called the *saptak* (sapt=seven). The eighth note is the repetition of the first, but is one octave higher. This scale is analogous to the Western major scale.

If we consider C note(the first white key) on a piano or keyboard as the tonic or the Sa, then the position of the other notes would be as follows. The seven *swara-s* occupy the seven white keys of the keyboard. This is shown below.



It can be seen above that in between the seven *swara-s* we have five intermediate notes. These notes are called *vikrit swara-s* (altered notes). In this context, the original notes are referred to as the *shudha swara-s* (pure notes).

The *swara-s* between the pairs Sa and Re, Re and Ga, Pa and Dha and Dha and Ni are known as *komal* Re, *komal* Ga, *komal* Dha and *komal* Ni. The term *komal* means soft or flat. The *swara* between Ma and Pa is called *tivra* Ma; *tivra* meaning sharp. The *swara-s* Sa and Pa do not have altered forms and they are known as *achal* or immovable *swara-s*. The following table shows the twelve *swaras*, their western counterparts and the notes if C is taken as the Sa.

Hindustani Name (Symbol)	Solfa	Scale of C	Ratio to Sa
Shadjia (Sa)	Doh	C	1
Komal Rishabh (Re)		C#,Db	256/243
Shuddha Rishabh (Re)	Re	D	9/8
Komal Gandhār (Ga)		D#,Eb	32/27
Shuddha Gandhār (Ga)	Mi	E	5/4
Shuddha Madhyam (Ma)	Fa	F	4/3

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Tīvra Madhyam (Mā)		F#,Gb	45/32
Pancham (Pa)	Sol	G	3/2
Komal Dhaivat ( <u>D</u> ha)		G#,Ab	128/81
Shuddha Dhaivat (Dha)	La	A	5/3
Komal Nishād ( <u>N</u> i)		A#,Bb	16/9
Shuddha Nishād (Ni)	Ti	B	15/8
Shadja (S <sup>o</sup> a)	Doh	C'	2

It should be noted here that this analogy to the keyboard is not technically correct. In western music the instruments are tuned to the chromatic or the even-tempered scale whereas in Indian music the notes are based on the natural or the diatonic scale. For this reason the harmonium is not considered correct by many classical musicians.

Every Raga is derived from some **THAAT** or Scale.

According to Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande (1860-1936), one of the most influential musicologists in the field of North Indian classical music in the twentieth century, each one of the several traditional ragas is based on, or is a variation of, ten basic thaats, or musical scales or frameworks. The ten thaats are Bilawal, Kalyan, Khamaj, Bhairav, Poorvi, Marwa, Kafi, Asavari, Bhairavi and Todi; if one were to pick a raga at random, it should be possible to find that it is based on one or the other of these thaats. For instance, the ragas Shree and Puriya Dhanashri are based on the Poorvi thaata, Malkauns on the Bhairavi, and Darbari Kanada on the Asavari thaata. It is important to point out that Bhatkhande's thaata-raga theory is hardly infallible, but it is nevertheless an important classificatory device with which to order, and make sense of, a bewildering array of ragas; and it is also a useful tool in the dissemination of the music to students. It is worth noting that almost all the thaats mentioned above are also ragas; and yet a thaata is a very different musical entity from a raga, and in this difference may lie, crucially, a definition of what a raga is or is not. A thaata is a musical scale, conceived of as a Western musical scale might be, with the seven notes presented in their order of ascent (arohan). For instance, Asavari is presented, and notated, as Sa Re Ga (flat or komal) Ma Pa Dha (flat) Ni (flat) in ascent, or arohan. This is, however, only the skeletal musical structure of the raga Asavari, an abstraction that is to be found nowhere but on the printed page or inside a textbook; the raga Asavari, in reality, and in exposition, is a very different thing. It goes straight from Re to Ma, and comes down to touch Ga, as it ascends; having touched Ni later, it returns to Pa, and, touching the upper Sa, returns to Dha and Pa again and again. Arohan and avarohan are, thus, inextricably and inseparably intermingled in the structure of this raga. The raga, then, is not a musical scale in the Western sense; it is a characteristic arrangement or progression of notes whose full potential and complexity can be realised only in exposition, and not upon the printed page. A condensed version of this characteristic arrangement of notes, peculiar to each raga, may be called the

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pakad, by which a listener hears the phrase Sa Re Ga Ma Pa Ga, none of these notes being flat or sharp. Repeated in a recital, they will know that they are listening to the raga Gaud Sarang.

Two ragas may have identical notes and yet be very different ragas; for example, two ragas mentioned earlier, Shree and Puriya Dhanashri, have exactly the same notes, but are unmistakably different in structure and temperament. The first can be identified by its continual exploration of the relationship of the note Re to the note Paa; while the repetition of the phrase Ma Re Ga Re Ma Ga, a phrase that would be inadmissible in the first raga, is an enduring feature of the latter. Certain arrangements of notes, then, are opposite to particular ragas and taboo to all others. A simple and abstract knowledge, thus of the notes of a raga or the thaat on which it is based, is hardly enough to ensure a true familiarity or engagement with the raga, although it may serve as a convenient starting point. That familiarity can only come from a constant exposure to, and critical engagement, with raga's exposition.

### **Ragas are placed in 3(three) categories:-**

- a) ODAVA or PENTATONIC; a composition of 5(FIVE) NOTES. [Similar to BLUES scales in western system]
- b) SHADAVA or HEXATONIC; a composition of 6(SIX) NOTES
- c) SAMPOORNA or HEPTATONIC; a composition of 7(SEVEN) NOTES

Every Raga must have atleast 5(five) notes, starting at 'SA', one principal note, a second important note and a few helping notes. The principal note, "KING" is the note on which the Raga is built. It is emphasized in various ways, such as, stopping for sometime on the note or stressing it.

The second important note or the "QUEEN" corresponds to the KING as the FOURTH or FIFTH note in relation to it. The ascent & descent of the notes in every Raga is very important. Some Ragas in the same scale differ in ascent & descent. The SPEED of a Raga is divided into 3(THREE) parts:-

- a) VILAMBIT(Slow)
- b) MADHYA(Medium)
- c) DRUT(Fast)

Another aspect of the Ragas is the appropriate distribution in time during the 24 hrs of the day for its performance, i.e., the time of the day denotes the type of the raga to be sung. Based on this, the ragas are divided into following types----

- i) SANDI PRAKASH—Twilight Ragas

ii) Midday ragas

iii) Midnight ragas

iv) Ragas for the first quarter of the morning and night

v) Ragas for last quarter of the day and night

All the Ragas are divided in two broad groups

- a) POOR RAGAS:- The POOR ragas are sung between 12 noon & 12 midnight
- b) UTTAR RAGAS:- The UTTAR Ragas are sung between 12 midnight & 12 noon.

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### CLASSIFICATION OF RAGAS IN RELATION TO THAATS.

THAATS	CHARACTERISTICS	RAGAS	TIMINGS OF THE DAY
1.BILAWAL	All Shudh or natural notes	1.Alahiya bilawal 2.Aarvi 3.Asha 4.Bhabani 5.Bhaskari 6.Bihag 7.Bihagda 8.Bilahari 9.Bilawal 10.Chakradhar 11.Chandrika 12.Chaya 13.ChayaNat 14.Chaya Tilak 15.Chitta Mohini 16.Debarati 17.Deebabati 18.Deepak 19.Deshkar 20.Deep Sikha 21.Durga 22.Gaud Bilawal 23.Gaud Shankara 24.Gaud Shankaravaran 25.Hamswadhvani 26.Hamswa Kalyan 27.Hem Bihag 28.HemKalyan 29.Jairaj 30.Jaladhar/Jaladhar Kedar 31.Jana Ranjani 32.Kalavarana	10 A.M. to 12 Noon 12 A.M. to 3 A.M 12 A.M. to 3 A.M 12 A.M. to 3 A.M 12 A.M. to 3 A.M 10P.M. to 12 Midnight 10P.M. to 12 Midnight 9 P.M. to 12 A.M. 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. 12 A.M. to 3 A.M 12 A.M. to 3 A.M 12 A.M. to 3 A.M 9 P.M. to 12 A.M. 12 A.M. to 3 A.M 9 P.M. to 12 A.M. 12 A.M. to 3 A.M. 12 A.M. to 3 A.M. 9 P.M. to 12 A.M. 6 A.M. to 9 A.M. 9 A.M. to 12 P.M. 9 P.M. to 12 A.M. 6A.M. to 9 A.M. 12 A.M. to 3 A.M 9 P.M. to 12 A.M. 6 P.M. to 9 P.M. 9 P.M. to 12 A.M. 12 A.M. to 3 A.M 12 A.M. to 3 A.M 9 P.M. to 12 A.M.

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	33.Kamal Ranjani	6A.M. to 9 A.M.
	34.Kamod Nat	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	35.Kaushikdhwani	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	36.Kedari	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	37.Kedar Nat	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	38.Kukubh	6A.M. to 9 A.M.
	39.Lachasakh	6A.M. to 9 A.M.
	40.Lajwanti	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	41.Lum	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	42.Maluha Kedar	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	43.Mand	Any time/6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	44.Maru bihag	3 P.M. to 6 P.M.
	45.Mewara	Any Time
	46.Nag Durga	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	47.Nat	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	48.NatBihag	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	49.Nat Bilawal	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
	50.Nat Narayan	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	51.Nat Nagswarabali	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	52.Pahari	Evening
	53.Pat Bihag	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	54.Pat Manjari	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	55.Rasa Chandra	6A.M. to 9 A.M.
	56.Rasa Ranjani	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	57.Sarang Bilawal	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
	58.Sarparda	9 A.M. to 12 P.M.
	59.Saoni Kalyan	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	60.Shankara	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	62.Shankaravaranam	6A.M. to 9 A.M.
	63.Shukla Bilawal	6A.M. to 9 A.M.
	64.Yamani Bilawal	6A.M. to 9 A.M.
	65.Barati/Barari	6 P.M.to 9 P.M.
	66.Basant	3 A.M. to 6 A.M.
	67.Bibhashi	6 P.M. to 9 P.M
<b>2.MARWA</b>	<b>re as Komal &amp; ma as Teevra</b>	

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	69.Bhatiyar	3A.M. to 6 A.M.
	70.Bhatiyar Lalit	6 A.M. to 9 A.M.
	71.Hem Lalit	6 A.M. to 9 A.M.
	72.Jait	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	73.Lalit	3 A.M to 6 A.M.
	74.Mali Goura	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	75.Marwa	3 P.M.to 6 P.M.
	76.Pancham	3A.M. to 6 A.M
	77.Pitambar Bhairav	6 A.M. to 9 A.M.
	78.Pradosh	6 P.M. to 9 P.M
	79.Pravabalika	6 P.M.to 9 P.M.
	80.Puriya	3 P.M.to 6 P.M.
	81.Puriya Kalyan	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	82.Purva	6 P.M.to 9 P.M.
	83.Purva Kalyan	6 P.M.to 9 P.M.
	84.Sanjhgi	6 P.M.to 9 P.M
	85.Sanjh ki Hindol/Sanjh	6 P.M.to 9 P.M.
	86.Sohini	2A.M. to 4 A.M/3 P.M.to 6 P.M.
	87.Surya Shankar	6 P.M.to 9P.M
	88.Vibhas	6A.M. to 9A.M.
	89.Ahir Bhairav	6A.M. to 9A.M.
	90.Ahiri Desakar	6A.M. to 9A.M.
	91.Anand Bhairav(Suryakanta)	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	92.Araj	6A.M. to 9A.M.
	93.Bairagi	6 A.M. to 9 A.M.
	94.Bangal Bhairav	6 A.M. to 9 A.M.
	95.Basant Mukhari	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	96.Bhairav	6A.M. to 9 A.M.
	97.Bairagi Bhairav	9 A.M.to 12 P.M.
	98.Bhankar	3A.M.to 6A.M
	99.Bhoskar	6 P.M.to 9P.M
	100.Bhatiyar	3 A.M. to 6 A.M.
	101.Bhinna Bhairav	9 A.M.to 12 P.M

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	108. Gunkari/Gunakri	6 A.M. to 9 A.M
	109. Hijaj	12 P.M. to 3 P.M
	110. Jangala	6 A.M. to 9 A.M
	111. Jhilauf	6 A.M. to 9 A.M
	112. Jogiya	6A.M. to 9 A.M.
	113. Jogmaya/Jogasree	6A.M. to 9 A.M.
	114. Kalingada	6A.M. to 9 A.M.
	115. Kaushiki Bhairav	9 A.M.to 12 P.M.
	116. Komal Durga	9 A.M.to 12 P.M.
	117. Lalit Pancham	3A.M.to 6A.M
	118. Malay Maruttoma	6A.M. to 9 A.M.
	119. Malin	6P.M. to 9 P.M.
	120. Mangalika/Mangal Bhairav	9 A.M.to 12 P.M.
	121. Megh Ranjani	3A.M.to 6A.M
	122. Mohini	6A.M. to 9 A.M.
	123. Nat Bhairav	9 A.M.to 12 P.M.
	124. Pari	6 A.M. to 9 A.M.
	125. Prabhat/Prabhat Bhairav	6A.M. to 9 A.M.
	126. Ramkali	6A.M. to 9 A.M.
	127. Rudra Bhairav	6A.M. to 9 A.M
	128. Saurashtra Bhairav/Taunk	6A.M. to 9 A.M
	129. Saveri	6A.M. to 9 A.M.
	130. Shib/Shibmat Bhairav	6A.M. to 9 A.M
	131. Ushangini	6A.M. to 9 A.M.
	132. Usha Ranjani	6A.M. to 9 A.M.
	133. Vibhas	6 A.M. to 9 A.M.
	134. Alankar Priya	9 A.M.to 12 P.M.
	135. Asha/Asha bhairavi/Asha Todi	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
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	143.Dwadashi Bhairavi	9A.M. to 12P.M
	144.Kaushiki Todi	12 P.M. to 3 P.M
	145.Kokil Pancham	9A.M. to 12P.M.
	145.Komal/Kamal	9A.M. to 12P.M
	146.Komal Rishav Asavari	9A.M. to 12 P.M.
	147.Malab Shambhabi	3A.M.to 6A.M.
	148.Malkauns	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	149.Malkauns Pancham	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	150.Margi Todi	12 P.M. to 3 P.M
	151.Motki	Any Time
	152.Nandkaus	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	153.Panchamkaus	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	154.Ragamanjari	9A.M. to 12P.M
	155.Salak Barari/ Bhaili Todi	12 P.M. to 3 P.M
	156.Uttari Gunakali	6A.M. to 9 A.M.
	157.Ahir Lalit	3A.M.to 6A.M.
<b>5.POORVI</b>	<b>With re,dha,as komal and Ma as Teevra</b>	
	158.Basant	3A.M.to 6A.M
	159.Bhog Basant	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	160.Bibhas	3 P.M. to 6 P.M
	161.Chandra Kalyan	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	162.Deepak	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	163.Hansa Narayani	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	164.Jaitasree	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	165.Komal Basant	3A.M.to 6A.M
	166.Kumari	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.

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	167.Lalit	4A.M to 6 A.M.
	168.Lalita Gauri	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	169.Malabi	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	170.Manohar	3A.M.to 6A.M
	171.Namo Narayani	3 P.M.to 6 P.M.
	172.Paraj	2A.M.to4A.M.
	173.Poorvi	3 P.M.to 6 P.M.
	174.Puriya Dhaneshree	3 P.M.to 6 P.M.
	175.Ramkri/Ramkriya	6 A.M. to 9 A.M.
	176.Reba/Rewa	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	177.Shree	3 P.M.to 6 P.M.
	178.ShreeTaunk	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	179.Taunki/Sri Taunki	3 P.M.to 6 P.M.
	180.Triveni	3 P.M.to 6 P.M.
<b>6.TODI</b>	<b>With re,ga,dha as komal and ma as Teevra</b>	12 P.M.to 3 P.M.
	182.Bhupali Todi	9A.M. to 12P.M.
	183.Bilaskhani Todi	9A.M. to 12P.M.
	184.Gurjari Todi	9A.M. to 12P.M.
	185.Jog Multani	6 A.M. to 9 A.M.
	186.Lilavati	6 A.M. to 9 A.M.
	187.Madhuvanti	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
	188.Miyan Ki Todi	12 P.M.to 3 P.M
	189.Multani	3 P.M.to 6 P.M.
	190.Rama Todi	12 P.M.to 3 P.M
	191.Ranjani	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	192.Seshnad	12 P.M.to 3 P.M
	193.Shivraj	3 P.M.to 6 P.M.
	194.Todi	9A.M. to 12P.M.
<b>7.ASAVARI</b>	<b>With ga,dha,ni as komal</b>	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	196.Ananda Bhairavi	6 A.M. to 9 A.M.
	197.Anjani Todi	6A.M. to 9A.M
	198.Asavari	9 A.M.to 12 P.M.
	199.Averi	6A.M. to 9A.M.

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		200.Bedabati	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		201.Bhup Kanara	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		202.Chap Ghantarab	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		203.Chandrakaus	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
		204.Chitra	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		205.Darbari Kanada	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
		206.Desi	9 A.M. to 12 P.M.
		207.Dev Gandhar	12 P.M. to 3 P.M
		208.Gandhari	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
		209.Gopika Basant/Gopi Basant	6 A.M. to 9 A.M
		210.Gunji Kanara	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		211.Jangala	6 A.M. to 9 A.M
		212.Jaunpuri	9 A.M. to 12 P.M.
		213.Jhilauf	6 A.M. to 9 A.M
		214.Jog Barna	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
		215.Jogkaus	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		216.Kalyan Basanta	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
		217.Katyayani	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
		218.Kaushiki Kanada	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
		219.Khaat	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
		220.Komal Bahar	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		221.Komal Desi	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
		222.Lachari Todi	12 P.M. to 3 P.M
		223.Nat Bhairavi	9 A.M. to 12 P.M.
		224.Sarang Asavari	12 P.M. to 3 P.M
		225.Sarangi Sarang	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
		226.Sindhu Bhairavi	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
		227.Suddha Kanara	3 A.M. to 6 A.M
		228.Surti/Saurati Kanara	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		229.Baijayanti	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
		230.Bhupali	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
		231.Bihag	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
		232.Bhup Kalyan	
<b>8.KALYAN (YAMAN)</b>	<b>With ma as Teevra only</b>		

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	233.Chandni kedar	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	234.Chandrakanta	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	235.Chaya Malhar	MONSOON
	236.ChayaNat	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	237.Deepavali	12 A.M.to 6 A.M.
	238.Dhabalasree	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	239.Durga Kalyan	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	240.Gaur Kalyan	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	241.Gaud Sarang	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
	242.Hameer	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	243.Hemant	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	244.Hindol	3 A.M.to 6A.M
	245.Jait Kalyan	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	246.Jay Kalyan	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	247.Kamod	EVENG
	248.Kedar	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	249.Komal Kedar	9 P.M. to 12 A.M
	250.Kusum	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	251.Lachmi Kalyan	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	252.Malani Basant	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	253.Malarani	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	254.Malasree/Malabasree	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	255.Maru Bihag	3 P.M. to 6 P.M.
	256.Maru Hindol	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	257.Maru Kalyan	9 P.M. to 12 A.M
	258.Mohan Kalyan	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	259.Nand	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	260.Panch Kalyan	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	261.Rabi Kalyan	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	262.Raj Kalyan	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	263.Rasa Kalyan	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	264.Sanjh Kalyan	9 P.M. to 12 A.M
	265.Saraswati	12 A.M. to 3 A.M

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		266.Shankar Yaman	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		267.Shyam Kedar	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		268.Sree Kalyan	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
		269.Sree Kamod	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
		270.Subha Kalyan	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
		271.Suddha Kalyan	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
		272.Shyam Kalyan	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
		273.Suddh Sarang	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
		274.Yaman	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
		275.Yaman Kalyan	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
<b>9.KHAMAJ</b>	<b>With ni as komal</b>	276.Andhali	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
		277.Arun Malhar	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		278.Bangala	3A.M.to6A.M.
		279.Bangesree	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		280.Bhinna Sadaj/Kaushikdhwani	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
		281.Bihari	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		282.Bhup Hemanta	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		283.Champak	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		284.Champakali	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		285.Debarati	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
		286.Desh	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
		287.Desh Malhar	MONSOON
		288.Dhundhiki Malhar	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
		289.Durga	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
		290.Gaud Malhar	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
		291.Gara	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		292.Gawati	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		293.Gorakh Kalyan	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
		294.Gara Kanara	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		295.HansaSree	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
		296.Har Shringar	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
		297.Hom Sikha	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
		298.Jaj	12 P.M. to 3 P.M
		299.JanaSambodhwani	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.

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	300.Jayayanti	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	301.Jila	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	302.Jhinjhoti	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	303.Jog	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	304.Kalavati	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	305.Kalasri	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	306.Kamai	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	306.Kamasu	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	307.Kamboji	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	308.Kantal	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	309.Karanka Barali	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	310.Kaushikhwani/Bhinnsadaj	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	311.Kedar Goud	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	312.Khamaj	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	313.Khambabati	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	314.Khaukar	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
	315.Kuntal Barali	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	316.Lankeshri	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	317.Lum	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	318.Madhuri	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	319.Madhyamad Sarang	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
	320.Malgunji	9 A.M. to 12 P.M.
	321.Nag Swarabali	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	322.Narayani	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	323.Nat Kunjarika/Kuranjika	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	324.Nupur	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	325.Pratapbali	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	326.Rabikaus	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	327.Rageshree	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	328.Raini Kalyan	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	329.Sajan	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	330.Shree Shankar	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	331.Sohan Malhar	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	332.Sorat	12 A.M. to 3 A.M

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		333.Surat Malhar	12 A.M. to 3 A.M./MONSOON
		334.Tilak Kamod	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
		335.Tilang	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
<b>10.KAAFI</b>	<b>With ga,ni as komal</b>	336.Abhogi	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
		337.Abhogi Kanara	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		338.Abhogi Malhar	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		339.Ahang	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		340.Ahiri	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
		341.Bageshree	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		342.Bageshree Kanara	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		343.Bahar	NIGHT
		344.Barahans Sarang	12P.M. to3 P.M
		345.Barwa	12P.M. to3 P.M
		346.Bhima	3 P.M.to 6 P.M
		347.Bhimpalasi	3 P.M.to 6 P.M.
		348.Bhogbati	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		349.Bijay	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
		350.Binod	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
		351.Brindavani Sarang	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
		352.Charjuki Malhar	MONSOON
		353.Chanchal saus Malhar	MONSOON
		354.Chandrakauns	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
		355.Chaya Malhar	MONSOON
		356.Daulati Kanara	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
		357.Desakhya/DeoSakh/Debsug	9 A.M. to 12 P.M.
		358.Desi	9 A.M. to 12 P.M.
		359.Dhaani	12P.M. to3 P.M./ANY TIME
		360.Dhanasree	3 P.M. to 6 P.M
		361.Dhulia/Dhuria Malhar	MONSOON
		362.Gaud	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		363.Goud Malhar	MONSOON
		364.Gaurhar Sarang	12P.M. to3 P.M
		365.Gop Kamboji	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
		366.Hansa Kankani	3 P.M.to 6 P.M.

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	367.Hansa Manjari	3 P.M. to 6 P.M
	368.Himal	9 P.M. to 12 A.M
	369.Hossaini/Hussaini Kanara	3 A.M. to 6 A.M
	370.Jaj Malhar	MONSOON
	371.Jaun Barshi	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	372.Jayant	3 A.M. to 6 A.M
	373.JayJayanti Kanara	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	374.Jay Kaus	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	375.Jayant Malhar	12 A.M. to 3 A.M/MONSOON
	376.Jayant Sena	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	377.Jog	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	378.Jog Bijay	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	379.Jog Madhu/Chalnat	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	380.Jogeswari/Shyambati	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	381.Kafi	ANY TIME/6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	382.Kafi Kanara	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	383.Kafi mixed Sindhurah	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	384.Kafi Sindhu	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	385.Kaulhas	3 P.M.to 6 P.M.
	386.Kanari/Gauri manohari	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	387.Khamachi Kanara	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	388.Kolahal Kanara/Kohal	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	389.Komal Bagesree	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	390.Komal Rasamanjari	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	391.Kusumabali	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	392.Lankadahan Sarang	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
	393.Madhu Ranjani	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	394.Madhyamad Sarang	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
	395.Malhar	NIGHT
	396.Mali Manjari	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	397.Manabi	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	398.Manohari	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	399.Megh	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	400.Megh Malhar	MONSOON

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	401.Mian Ki Malhar	MONSOON
	402.Mian Ki Sarang	12 P.M. to 3 P.M
	403.Mira Bai Ki Malhar	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	404.Misra Gara	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
	405.Mudraki Kanara	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	406.Nat Malhar	MONSOON
	407.Nagdhvani Kanara	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	408.Nilambari	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	409.Nayaki Kanada	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	410.Palasi	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
	411.Patdeep	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
	412.Pat Manjari	3 P.M.to 6 P.M.
	413.Piloo	ANY TIME
	414.Pradeepki/Patdeepki	9 P.M.to 12 A.M.
	415.Pulindika	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	416.Pushpa	9 P.M.to 12 A.M.
	417.Raga Ranjani	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	418.Raga Bijay	3 P.M. to 6 P.M
	419.Rajeswari	12 A.M. to 3 A.M
	420.Raktahansa	3 P.M. to 6 P.M
	421.Ramdasi Malhar	MONSOON
	422.Rebati(Kanara)	6 A.M.to 9 A.M.
	423.Rupamanjari Malhar	MONSOON
	424.Saindhabi/Sindhurah	6 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	425.Samanta Sarang	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
	426.Sanjeevani	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	427.Saon/Saban	MONSOON/Any time
	428.Saraswat Ranjani	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	429.Shahana	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	430.Shahana Kanara	3 A.M.to 6 A.M.
	431.Shyamkaus	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	432.Shibani/Abhog Ranjani	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	433.Shrikanthi	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	434.Shri Ranjani	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.

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	435.Sindhu	12 A.M. to 3 A.M.
	436.Sivranjani	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	437.Suddha Malhar	MONSOON/12A.M. to 3 A.M.
	438.Suddha Sarang	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
	439.Sughrari	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
	440.Suha	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
	441.Sur Malhar	MONSOON
	442.Surdasi Malhar	MONSOON
	443.Surki Malhar	MONSOON
	444.Sur Sarang	12 P.M. to 3 P.M./MONSOON
	445.Surti Sarang	12 P.M. to 3 P.M.
	446.Basant Bahar	3 A.M.to 6 A.M./SPRING
	447.Bhairav Bahar	6 A.M.to 9 A.M./SPRING
	448.Hemkaus	3 A.M.to 6 A.M.
	449.Hindol Bahar	6 A.M.to 9 A.M./SPRING
	450.Jaya	12A.M. to 3 A.M.
	451.Kafi Multani	6 P.M. to 9 P.M.
	456.Lakshmi Todi/Lachmi Todi	6 A.M.to 9 A.M.
	457.Latangi	6 P.M. to 9 P.M
	458.Madhukaus	12A.M. to 3 A.M.
	459.Rajashri	12A.M. to 3 A.M.
	460.Shyamalanga Pawani	12 A.M.to 3 A.M
	461.Bachaspati	3 A.M.to 6 A.M.
	462.Bagdhiswari	12A.M. to 3 A.M.
	463.Baruna Nandini	12 A.M. to 6 A.M
	464.Basant Bhairavi	9 A.M. to 12 P.M.
	465.Charukesi	3 P.M. to 6 P.M./ 6 A.M. to 9 A.M
	466.Dharmabati	3 P.M. to 6 P.M
	467.Dhenuka	9 A.M. to 12 P.M.
	468.Harkaus	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.
	469.Harikaus	12A.M. to 3 A.M.
	470.Hemabati	6 P.M. to 9 P.M
	471.Jana Sammohani	EVENING
	472.Kirwani	9 P.M. to 12 A.M.

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	473.Natak Priya	9 A.M. to 12 P.M.
	474.Raga Bardhini	12A.M. to 3 A.M.
	475.Rishabh Priya	Chakra 1 /karnatik
	476.Shambhabi/Mohankaus	12A.M. to 3 A.M.
	477.Shanmukh Priya	Chakra 10/karnatik
	478.Singhendra Madhyam	3 P.M. to 6 P.M

One of the unique characteristics of Indian music is the assignment of definite times of the day and night for performing Raga melodies. It is believed that only in this period the Raga appears to be at the height of its melodic beauty and majestic splendor. There are some Ragas which are very attractive in the early hours of the mornings; others which appeal in the evenings, yet others which spread their fragrance only near the midnight hour.

This connection of time of the day or night, with the Raga or Raginis is based on daily cycle of changes that occur in our own body and mind which are constantly undergoing subtle changes in that different moments of the day arouse and stimulate different moods and emotions.

Each Raga or Ragini is associated with a definite mood or sentiment that nature arouses in human beings. The ancient musicologists were particularly interested in the effects of musical notes, how it effected and enhanced human behavior. Music had the power to cure, to make you feel happy, sad, disgusted and so on. Extensive research was carried out to find out these effects. This formed the basis of time theory as we know it today.

It is believed that the human body is dominated by the three Doshas - Kaph , Pitta and Vata . These elements work in a cyclic order of rise and fall during the 24 hour period. Also, the reaction of these three elements differ with the seasons.Hence it is said that performing or listening to a raga at the proper allotted time can affect the health of human beings.

### Raga and Day Time

The following schedule will summarize the specific time periods.

The 24 hour period is divided into 8 beats(Prahar) each three hours long, as follows:

1. 3 a.m. - 6 a.m. 4th beat of the night. Early Dawn; Dawn (before sunrise);
2. 6 a.m. - 9 a.m. first beat of the day. Daybreak; Early Morning; Morning;
3. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. 2nd beat of the day. Late Morning; Noon; Early Afternoon;
4. 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. 3rd beat of the day. Afternoon; Late Afternoon;
5. 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. 4th beat of the day. Evening Twilight; Dusk (sunset);
6. 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. first beat of the night. Evening; Late Evening;
7. 9 p.m. - 12 a.m. 2nd beat of the night. Night; Midnight;

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8. 12 a.m. - 3 a.m. 3rd beat of the night. Late Night

Similarly Everyday two cycles of change pass through our body, each bringing a Vata, Pitta, or Kapha predominance. The approximate times of these cycles are as follows:

First cycle:

- 6 A.M. to 10 A.M. - Kapha
- 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. - Pitta
- 2 P.M. to 6 P.M. - Vata

Second cycle:

- 6 P.M. to 10 P.M. - Kapha
- 10 P.M. to 2 P.M. - Pitta
- 2 A.M to 6 P.M. - Vata

### **Raga and Ritu(Seasons)**

There are Ragas associated with the rainy season, Varsha (Raga Megha and Raga Malhar), the autumn season, Basant (Raga Basant) and the spring season (Raga Bahar). Seasonal Ragas can be sung and played any time of the day and night during the season allotted to them. The obligation of time in case of such melodies is relaxed.

Vasanta Ritu (Spring Season)

In this season, increased kapha is liquified by the heat of sun which causes diminished agni (digestive activity) causing diseases

Grishma Ritu (Summer Season)

In this season, Sunrays become powerful. Kapha decreases vata increases day by day

Sharat Ritu (Autumn Season)

Sudden exposed to sunlight after cold season aggravates pita.

<b>DOSHA</b>	<b>ACCUMULATION</b>	<b>VITIATION</b>	<b>DIMINUTION</b>
Kapha	Shishir	Vasant	Grishma
Pitta	Grishma	Varsha	Sharad
Vata	Varsha	Sharad	Hemant

Another division of Ragas is the Classification of ragas under 6(SIX) principal Ragas, which are considered as FUNDAMENTAL RAGAS—

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## HINDOL//DEEPAK//MEGH//SHREE//MALKAUNS//BHAIRAV.

### Raga and Ritu(Seasons) Association :-

Raga	Ritu
Bhairav	Shishir
Hindol	Vasant
Deepak	Grishma
Megh	Varsha
Malkauns	Sharad
Shree	Hemant

Other ragas are derived from these six Ragas. The first derivatives of the Ragas are called "RAGINIS." Each of the Six Ragas has Six Raginis under them. All the Ragas are supposed to have been derived from their THAATS.

Every Raga has a fixed number of KOMAL(Soft) or TEEVRA(Sharp) notes from which THAAT can be recognized.

### RAGA—RAGINI SYSTEM

RAGAS:-Male Ragas

RAGINI:-Female Ragas

PUTRA RAGAS:-Sons of Ragas

One of the most aesthetic aspects of Hindustani music, which either ignored or side-lined, is the Raaga-Raagini system. Medieval musicologists like Damodar Misra, author of Sangeet Darpana, Hanuman Matta and Someshwar Matta were responsible for popularizing this concept. This aspect is iconized in poetic form as dhyananamantram and in visual form as raagamalika paintings. A musician is supposed to mediate on this composite visual and verbal media and derive inspiration from them. Following this he proceeds to portray the raaga, line by line, contour by contour evoking both its outward form (rupa) and also its inbuilt attributes (guna). For instance, the early dawn Raaga Bhairav is depicted as follows:

"Shiva seated as a sage atop Himalayas. Ganga falls on his matted locks. His head is adorned with the crescent moon. In the centre of his forehead - the third eye which reduced Kama to ashes. Serpents twine around his body and are smeared with ashes. He holds a trident in one hand and a skull in the other. He mounts Nandi which stands before him."

Raagas Megh and Malhar, associated with the monsoon season, are also depicted using evocative language and complemented with lovely miniature paintings, which often provide the guiding lines for raaga elaboration:

"Megh-Malhar is a good, wise king. He dances well and enjoys the pleasures of life with gay abandon. Of a slightly dusky complexion

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with bright shining eyes, King Megh-Malhar is dressed handsomely, wearing a tiger skin, and adorned with all kinds of bright ornaments. He is in the company of beautiful maidens bedecked with jewels. The king dances with them to the resounding beat of drums and clapping. The dancing and music bring forth clouds of various colours in the sky. The moving clouds thicken to the accompaniment of thunder and lightning which brings the rain."

Similarly raagas are also associated with emotions and feelings. In the raaga-raagini system, the masculine raagas embodied and portrayed feelings like wonder, courage and anger; while raginis, or the feminine counterparts of the raagas, personified feelings like love, laughter and sorrow. In Sangeet Darpana, Damodar Misra maintains that there were six raagas, which were considered as masculine and 26 raginis, which were feminine. The reasons for making such distinctions are not stated. The six masculine raagas comprise - Shree, Vasant, Bahirav, Panchama, Megh and Nat-Narayan. Each raaga affiliates with specific raginis - usually six raginis for one raaga. The raaga becomes a nayaka and the raagini the nayaki and their love-pranks were translated into miniature paintings by artists who belonged to the Rajasthan, Mughal, Kangra and Pahadi schools of painting. These paintings were reinforced by couplets, which describe the themes depicting the mood, the visualized figures and situations. A singer has to keep both the icon and the couplet in mind to help him evoke the mood of the raaga. For instance, the touch of mysterious sorrow inherent in the morning raaga Lalit is depicted in paintings, illustrating a woman waiting for her lover early in the morning and wondering with whom she should share the dream of her night (captured poignantly in the popular bandish, Raina ka sapna). Similarly, when artists sing the Malhar group of raagas, they evoke the dark clouds or snaking lightning seen in the raagamalika paintings and capture these musically, using words like dhoom and jhoom and make references to damini (lightning). The onomatopoeic references to the song of koels in spring-time raagas like Basant and Bahar, greatly punctuate the mood. Imaginative composers coalesce such visual and symbolic details into their bandishes; and sensitive singers endeavour to transmute these pictorial and poetic details into a melodic array. Strangely, some of the raagas depicted in the miniatures have vanished from the midst. Only the delightful pictorial depictions of these vanished melodies remain as mute testimonies of invigorating and colourful times.

North Indian classical music, as a system, came into being around the 14th and 15th centuries with the publication of important musical treatises like Raga Tarangini by Pandit Lochana and Raga Tatva Vibodha by Shrinivas Pandit. They wholly rejected the raaga-raagini system and put a more studied system into place. Pandit Lochana detailed the 12 thaats or the parent-scales for the classification of various raagas as also the 75 janya raagas, most of which are recognizable to this day. Shrinivas Pandit drew the fundamentals of raaga formation by relating their fundamental notes to melas or thaats. The notes to be included or excluded in raagas were rationalized using the logic of parent-scales to which they belonged. The foundation was thus set for the evolution of Hindustani music along ways and lines different from the past.

**To create any Misra raga, though the name implies combination of 2(Two) ragas or raginis, one school of thoughts suggests that it must contain atleast a combination of minimum 3(Three) or at times more ragas which may or may not belong to the same Thaat.**

**86(EIGHTY SIX) Ragas are given below with details. The details of balance Ragas are available with the writer and will be given on request by the interested Classical music loving community on personal visit in person.**

**1.Raga Name: Ahir Lalita**

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**That Name:** Purvi  
**Aroha:** S r G m M m G M D n S'  
**Avaroha:** S' r' S' n D M D G M m G M G r 'n 'D r S  
**Jati:** Sadava – Sadava  
**Vadi:** m  
**Samvadi:** S  
**Swarupa:** m M G M G r S 'n 'D r S

**Raga Information:**

Raga Ahir Lalita is a version of Raga Lalita with the “ahiranga” or the “D n S” notes in the latter half of the scale. It gives the raga a unique flavor to the raga.

**2.Raga Name:** Bangala

**That Name:** Khammaja

**Aroha:** 'N S 'n S R m m P D n S'  
**Avaroha:** S' N S' n D m m P G R m R S'  
**Jati:** Sadava – Sampurna  
**Vadi:** m

**Samvadi:** S

**Swarupa:** m D P m G R S R m m

**Raga Information:**

This is a morning raga that is found in many Bengali morning bhajans including Samsara Davanala Lida Loka. For this reason, this raga is known by Bengalis as “Mangala Aratik raga.” This song has strong focus on ma that it is easy to lose focus on which is the real tonic. As the morning progresses, the Pa and suddha Ni can have more presence.

**3.Raga Name:** Basanta

**That Name:** Purvi

**Aroha:** S G M d r' S'  
**Avaroha:** S' N d P M G m G M G r S  
**Jati:** Audava-Sampurna  
**Vadi:** S

**Samvadi:** P

**Swarupa:** M d r' S' N d P M G M G

**Raga Information:**

The other spring time raga, besides Bahar, is Raga Basanta. It is sometimes a confusion for academic scholars of music to see how Raga Bahar, with notes in the Kafi That, can emote the same season as Raga Basanta which is in Purvi That. Those who study ragas in the totality scope will notice that Bahar precedes Basanta by one full prahar. Bahar, the Kafi That raga, falls in the time period where

many Kafi That ragas exist, like Bagesri, Malhar, and Megha. Raga Basanta falls in the prahar where komal re might be more predominant like Lalita.

Even within its own that, Basanta is unlike the rest of the family, due to the fact it is uttaranga oriented. The aroha jumps quickly to touch the komal re in the tar saptak, its only upward allocation allowed. The downward scale has a higher preference for the uttaranga. Following rules of raga, it'll have to come down to middle Sa. Singers will hardly ever hit the lower Sa, and will hover on upper notes.

#### **4.Raga Name: Bhankara**

**That Name: Bhairava**

**Aroha: 'N r S G m P G M D M G M D S' N r' S'**

**Avaroha: S' r' N D M m G m G r S**

**Jati: Sampurna – Sadava**

**Vadi: S**

**Samvadi: P**

**Swarupa: S' r' N D M m G m r S**

#### **Raga Information:**

Raga Bhankara is a very rare and unusual raga. It has shades of evening raga Marwa and raga Bhairava, which occurs later than the typical time for Bhairava to be sung. To make and even more confusing, this has a Lalitanga, or the consecutive use of both madhyama forms (M m).

#### **5.Raga Name: Bhatiyara**

**That Name: Marwa**

**Aroha: S r S S m P G M P m D P N D S'**

**Avaroha: S' r' N D m D N D P D P m P G r S**

**Jati: Sampurna – Sampurna**

**Vadi: m**

**Samvadi: S**

**Swarupa: S' D m P G P G r S**

#### **Raga Information:**

This is a very beautiful and ancient raga which is often debated when classifying information on this. The raga has characteristics of Bhairava as it has faint Bhairava characteristics. However, the strengths of the notes used and that pinch of tivra Ma in the aroha make it feel as if it is Marwa. This raga is nominally sung in the late night, however when studying each aspect of the raga, it can be in the sung in the evening, if D was given strength. It is a beautiful union of Raga Bhairava, Marwa, and Raga Mand.

**6.Raga Name: Hindol**  
**That Name: Kalyana**  
**Aroha: S G M D N M D S'**  
**Avaroha: S' D M D N D M G M G S**  
**Jati: Audava – Audava**  
**Vadi: D**  
**Samvadi: G**  
**Swarupa: S G M D M G M G S 'D S**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Hindol is one of the most interesting ragas in the Hindustani musical scene. Originally, this raga comprised of four notes, excluding the N. As four note melodies would be quite difficult to make songs, the “Ni” was included to adhere to the definition of “raga” (i.e. minimum of five distinct notes). Therefore, this raga is a notable exception. Raga Hindol is a janak raga (raga based on seasons) denoted for spring time. In singing this raga, one must be careful of few points.

- 1) Sing it according to chalan in such a way, that over-emphasis of D and G are not made. If they are made, this raga will sound like Sivaranjani.
- 2) Be very careful about doing the m̄nd (glissando) from S to G or vice versa. A m̄nd done incorrectly will confuse the listener into believing that this raga is Sohini, or some other raga of the Marwa That.
- 3) Ni is not originally in the raga, as this was meant to be a four-note raga. Ni should be used the least amount of times as possible.

**7.Raga Name: Lalita**  
**That Name: Marwa**  
**Aroha: 'N r G m M m G M D N S'**  
**Avaroha: N r' N D M D M m G M G r S 'N S**  
**Jati: Sadava – Sadava**  
**Vadi: m**  
**Samvadi: S**  
**Swarupa: 'N r G m M m G M G r S**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Lalita is a North Indian raga with an unusual structure. This raga has a chromatic formation of ma, with strength of suddha ma. The uttaranga presented here uses suddha Dha, hence this raga is in Marwa that. Many musicians use komal dha instead, thus singing Raga Lalita in Purvi that. The raga is named after the gopi, Lalita, who wakes up Krsna in the middle of the night (hence the timing of the prahar of the raga). This raga is used in the song from the film “Meera (1979)” with the song “Jago Bansurivale.”

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**8.Raga Name: Ahir Bhairava**

**That Name: Bhairava**

**Aroha: S r G m P G m D n S'**

**Avaroha: S' n D P m G m r S 'D 'n r S**

**Jati: Sampurna – Sampurna**

**Vadi: m**

**Samvadi: S**

**Swarupa: D P-m G m r S 'D 'n r S**

**Raga Information:**

This is a beloved raga from the Bhairava that, which has a variety of emotions attached to it. Some will find devotion, while others find melancholy. Some find love and happiness through this raga. This raga was originally thought to be from the Carnatic raga “Cakravaham.” The raga from the technical standpoint is known as Ahir Bhairava in the Hindustani musical scene, because it has the Bhairavanga (G m r S) along with the Ahiranga (D n S').

**9.Raga Name: Bhairava**

**That Name: Bhairava**

**Aroha: S G m P (N) d\* N S'**

**Avaroha: S' N S' (N)d\* P m P G m (G)r\* S'**

**Jati: Sadava-Sampurna**

**Vadi: r**

**Samvadi: d**

**Swarupa: S G m P m P G m d P G m P G m r S**

**Raga Information:**

It is believed to be the first raga created after forming all of the seven notes. Hence, this raga is also known as adi-raga or the primordial raga. This raga is also very dear to Lord Siva. With so much Vedic history backing this raga, it has become a very difficult raga to sing. It is a morning raga and singing this must represent a devotional atmosphere with some element of pathos included. Many people incorrectly relate the scale of this raga to Egyptian or Mid-Eastern melodies. Those melodies lack many of the important vakra, or zig-zag features, of the raga. In addition, they don't account for andolans (light shake of the notes) and minds (glissandos). As this raga is a difficult one, not many people sing this. Most people sing an easier night version of this raga known as Raga Kalingada.

**10.Raga Name: Bhairavi**

**That Name: Bhairavi**

**Aroha: S r g m P d n S'**

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**Avaroha:** S' n d P m g r S

**Jati:** Sampurna-Sampurna

**Vadi:** P

**Samvadi:** S

**Swarupa:** 'n S g m d P g m g r S

**Raga Information:**

This is one of the most beautiful ragas in Indian classical music. The scale, except for Sa and Pa which are immoveable, consists of all flat notes. Even though the aroha and avaroha depict that this is a straight-chained raga, the raga is not necessarily. Bhairavi is considered the freest raga, as there are many ways to go about performing this raga. Artists even will include vivadis, or grace notes, to sweeten the flavor. The most common grace notes are the usage of Re and Dha. Bengali artists use Ga, especially in the Baul bhajans. Ma and Ni are used less frequently, but are found here and there. Another factor that adds to its freedom status is that even though it is recommended for the morning, it is really sung at any time. Usually, after a long performance, this raga is almost always used as a grand-finale raga. Majority of classical based numbers are in Bhairavi. Even popular and folk music employ Bhairavi in unique ways. Most of them tend to use "ma" as the strong vadi and the samvadi being "Sa."

**11.Raga Name:** Desakara

**That Name:** Bilavala

**Aroha:** S R G P D S'

**Avaroha:** S' D P R G R S 'D S

**Jati:** Audava – Audava

**Vadi:** D

**Samvadi:** G

**Swarupa:** P D (n)D P G P D P

**Raga Information:**

Raga Desakara is one of the lesser known and one of the most confusing ragas in North Indian music. Raga Desakara shares the same notes as Bhupali and often, it is quite difficult to tell the real difference between the two ragas. The rule of thumb is that Raga Desakara is uttaranga oriented with D as its vadi, while Bhupali is purvanga oriented with G as its vadi. Note the svarupa of the raga to see the orientation of the two ragas.

**12.Raga Name:** Gunakri

**That Name:** Bhairava

**Aroha:** S r m P d S'

**Avaroha:** S' d P m r S

**Jati:** Audava – Audava

**Vadi:** P

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**Samvadi: S**  
**Swarupa: m P d P m r S**

**Raga Information:**

This raga is a morning raga heard in the daybreak around 9 AM. The raga has heavy emotions of melancholy, pining for love, and unity embedded in it. The vadi is Pa and emphasis on the notes Sa and Pa are used to remove any characteristics of a very similar raga Jogiya.

**13.Raga Name: Jogiya**  
**That Name: Bhairava**  
**Aroha: S r m P d S'**  
**Avaroha: S' N d P m P m (G)r S**  
**Jati: Audava – Sampurna**  
**Vadi: S**

**Samvadi: m**  
**Swarupa: S r m (G)r S**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Jogiya is a morning raga sung from the Bhairava family of ragas. Raga Jogiya shares its form with Raga Gunakri with its only differences being in the harmony of S and m (as opposed to S and P), and latching Ni and Ga in the minds of the avaroha. This raga has a more devotional atmosphere than Raga Gunakri, which has a more emotional feel.

**14.Raga Name: Ramakali**  
**That Name: Bhairava**  
**Aroha: S G m P G m d N S'**  
**Avaroha: S' N d n d P M P d d P G m (G)r S**  
**Jati: Sadava – Sampurna**  
**Vadi: S**

**Samvadi: P**  
**Swarupa: S G m P M P d n d P G m d N S' r' N S' N d n d P d M P G m (G)r S**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Ramakali (“the flower of Lord Rama”) is a raga of the Bhairava That that is played in the mornings. Specifically, this raga is played around the time that Gunakri is played. The flow of Ramakali is a very unique one that differs greatly from other Bhairava ragas. First, no other Bhairava that raga (except for schools that include Raga Lalita in this family) has a raga that contains both tivra

Ma and suddha ma. Although the suddha ma has the stronger and frequent use, the tivra Ma slips in. This will give a ‘Purvi-esque’ feel to the raga. In addition, both suddha Ni and komal ni are used. The suddha Ni has the greater strength.

**15.Raga Name: Vibhasa**

**That Name: Bhairava**

**Aroha: S r G P d S’**

**Avaroha: S’ d P G r S**

**Jati: Audava – Audava**

**Vadi: d**

**Samvadi: r**

**Swarupa: G P G P d P G r S**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Vibhasa is a very diverse raga heard in the early morning hours, slightly before the actual prahar time. In fact, some people classify this raga to be in the first prahar. The stability of this raga seems to be fixed on S and P, as none of the other notes can remain on hold for a long time. Some musical gharanas, or succession, will use a D instead of d. Thus, this raga would be placed in the Marwa That, since the properties fit the flow of a Marwa That raga than a Bhairava That. The audio clip below features both varieties.

**16.Raga Name: Alankara Priya**

**That Name: Bhairavi**

**Aroha: S r g m D n S’**

**Avaroha: S’ n D m g r g r S**

**Jati: Sadava – Sadava**

**Vadi: m**

**Samvadi: S**

**Swarupa: S’ n S’ D n D m r g r S**

**Raga Information:**

This morning raga is derived from the South Indian raga, Alankara Priya. It is not commonly used in North Indian musical system. This raga omits P and emphasizes ma throughout the raga. This raga will give one a great shade of a similar raga, Charukesi.

**17.Raga Name: Asavari**

**That Name: Asavari**

**Aroha: S R m P d S’**

**Avaroha: S’ n d P m g R S**

**Jati: Sampurna – Sampurna**

**Vadi: d**

**Samvadi: g**

**Swarupa: R m P S' (n)d P R m P n d P**

**Raga Information:**

This morning raga is the representative of the Asavari That. The overall mood is perceived as either a sad raga or just a serious raga. Raga Asavari shares a very similar scale to Raga Jaunpuri, but Asavari has more simplistic flow and fewer notes in the aroha than Jaunpuri. Generally, most artists use suddha re for this raga. Some older artists, especially rudra vina players, use komal re instead. Thus, this raga is known as Raga Komal Risabha Asavari.

**18.Raga Name: Bairagi**

**That Name: Bhairava**

**Aroha: S r m P n S'**

**Avaroha: S' n P m P m r S 'n S**

**Jati: Audava – Audava**

**Vadi: m**

**Samvadi: S**

**Swarupa: m P n P m r 'n r S**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Bairagi, also known as Raga Bairaga Bhairava, is a raga based on the South Indian raga, Revati. Some say this raga was introduced by Ravi Shankar, although there are many musicians who refute this idea, saying that the origins of this raga in the North Indian system was found well before Ravi Shankar. Nonetheless, Raga Bairagi has an enchanting and devotional property, beyond most of the Bhairava That ragas. The raga contains five notes with a great level of harmony between each notes, S, r, m, P, n and S. This raga is heard usually in light classical musical areas and devotional settings. Many hymns of Lord Siva are found in this raga, as this is considered a Bhairava that.

**19.Raga Name: Bhupala Todi**

**That Name: Todi**

**Aroha: S r g P d S'**

**Avaroha: S' d P g r g r S**

**Jati: Audava – Audava**

**Vadi: d**

**Samvadi: g**

**Swarupa: S 'd S r g r g r S**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Bhupala Todi is pentatonic raga sharing the same swarasthanas as Bhupala, with the only differences being the re, dha and ga are komal instead of suddha. Due to the notes, it can be considered that this raga is either Bhairavi or Todi that. However, the svarupa

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(pakkad) of this raga, it can be deduced that this is based on more on the Todi realm, due to purvanga of the avaroha. The characteristic “g r g r S.”

#### **20.Raga Name: Bilas Khani Todi**

**That Name: Bhairavi/Todi**

**Aroha: S r g P d S'**

**Avaroha: S' r' n d m g r g r S**

**Jati: Audava – Sampurna**

**Vadi: d**

**Samvadi: g**

**Swarupa: S' r' n d,m P d n d m g r g r S**

#### **Raga Information:**

Raga Bilas Khani Todi is a very interesting raga, as many confusion has come from it. This raga is based on Carnatic raga Hanumana Todi, which is the Carnatic equivalent of North Indian Bhairavi. However, it wasn't recognized by Bilas Khan, son of famous musician Miyan Tansen, hence the name “Bilas-Khani Todi.” The format of the raga is very similar to ragas that are Bhairavi in notes (no tivra ma), but have the flow of Todi. Bhupala Todi is also in this format as well.

#### **21.Raga Name: Bilawala**

**That Name: Bilawala**

**Aroha: S G R G m P D N S'**

**Avaroha: S' N D n D P m G R G m G R S**

**Jati: Sampurna – Sampurna**

**Vadi: G**

**Samvadi: N**

**Swarupa: S' D m D P D n D P m G G m R S**

#### **Raga Information:**

The raga is pretty much the major scale, as it is appropriately placed in the Bilawal That. The catch is the pinch-usage of the komal ni in the avaroha. It should not be used excessively or else it is will be confused with Raga Khamaja. This raga is so freely used that is heard in countless forms.

#### **22.Raga Name: Desi**

**That Name: Kafi**

**Aroha: S R m P D m P S'**

**Avaroha: S' P D m P R g S R 'n S**

**Jati: Audava – Sampurna**

**Vadi: P**

**Samvadi:** S

**Swarupa:** P g R g S R 'n S

**Raga Information:**

Despite its name resembling the more popular Raga Desa, the raga has nothing similar to it. Raga Desi (“countryperson”) is a Kafi based raga with an Asavari touch to it. The most notable aspect of the avaroha has a patterned combination format downwards.

**23.Raga Name:** Gujari Todi

**That Name:** Todi

**Aroha:** S r g M d N S'

**Avaroha:** S' N d M g r g r S

**Jati:** Sadava – Sadava

**Vadi:** d

**Samvadi:** g

**Swarupa:** M d N d M g r g r S

**Raga Information:**

Raga Gujari Todi is one of the most famous ragas in the Todi that. This raga lacks a Pa, thus placing all of its harmonic strength on komal dha.

**24.Raga Name:** Jaunpuri

**That Name:** Asavari

**Aroha:** S R m P d m P d n S'

**Avaroha:** S' n d P d m P g R S

**Jati:** Sadava – Sampurna

**Vadi:** S

**Samvadi:** P

**Swarupa:** d m P d n S' d P d m P R m P

**Raga Information:**

Raga Jaunpuri is a raga very similar to Raga Asavari with the only difference being the harmonic points and the subtle de-emphasis of ma and its upper harmony with komal ni.

**25.Raga Name:** Malgunji

**That Name:** Khammaja

**Aroha:** S R G m D N S'

**Avaroha:** S' n D P m G m g R S

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**Jati:** Sadava – Sampurna  
**Vadi:** m  
**Samvadi:** S  
**Swarupa:** G m g R S 'N S 'D 'n S G m

**Raga Information:**

Raga Malgunji is a light raga from the Khamaja family of raga. This raga is considered special as this song with predominantly major notes is sung in the morning, when ragas with komal re and komal ga are considered supreme. Depending on some artists, they will make this raga sound more like Jhinjhoti. Others will make it sound like an altered version of Bagesri.

**26.Raga Name:** Nata Bhairava

**That Name:** Bhairava

**Aroha:** S R G m P d N S'

**Avaroha:** S' N d P m G R S

**Jati:** Sampurna – Sampurna

**Vadi:** P

**Samvadi:** S

**Swarupa:** S R G m d P G G m R S R 'N 'd S

**Raga Information:**

Raga Nata Bhairava is a light raga in the Bhairava That. Its form has the svarasthanas of Raga Bhairava's uttaranga and the purvanga reversed. This raga is more purvanga oriented with its Sa stressed. Those who are not well versed in music will make this raga sound like Ahir Bhairava, which has different harmonic points. In addition, the starting paces will remind one of Carukeasi.

**27.Raga Name:** Todi

**That Name:** Todi

**Aroha:** S r g M d N S'

**Avaroha:** S' N d P M g r g r S

**Jati:** Audava – Audava

**Vadi:** d

**Samvadi:** g

**Swarupa:** g M d M g r g r S

**Raga Information:**

Raga Todi is the representative raga of the Todi That. The realm of Raga Todi, as well as many Todi That ragas have questionable origins. Some say the scale shown above was the original. Others believe that Todi came in two forms: Todi and Suddha Todi. Suddha Todi is a scale to which we now know as Bhairavi. Some ragas will have the term Todi latched on, even though the scale resembles a

Bhairavi scale. Today, Raga Todi, also known as Miyan Ki Todi, uses the Bhairavi scale with madhyama and nisada both having the sharpened forms. In this raga, Pa is extremely weak.

Another unique feature about this raga is the special flattened form of komal re. In fact, many ragas in the Todi That have a super-flattened komal re used.

**28.Raga Name: Dhani**

**That Name: Kafi**

**Aroha: S g m P n S'**

**Avaroha: S' n P m g S**

**Jati: Audava – Audava**

**Vadi: g**

**Samvadi: n**

**Swarupa: g m P n P g S**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Dhani is considered as a “sweet and romantic version of Raga Malkauns.” Raga Malkauns is very devotional in nature, while Raga Dhani is very romantic in nature. One can study the notes and see the transposition of Malkauns’ Sa to Dhani’s Pa. To add some difference, some musicians sparingly include shuddha Re. This has some hidden moments where it can confuse the listener to think it is Raga Malkauns or even Raga Bhimpalasi.

**29.Raga Name: Gaura Saranga**

**That Name: Kalyana**

**Aroha: S G R m G P M D P S'**

**Avaroha: S' N D P M P m G R G R m G P R S**

**Jati: Sadava – Sampurna**

**Vadi: G**

**Samvadi: D**

**Swarupa: S G R m G P R S**

**30.Raga Name: Madhuwanti**

**That Name: Todi**

**Aroha: 'N S g M P N S'**

**Avaroha: S' N D P M g M g R S**

**Jati: Audava – Sampurna**

**Vadi: P**

**Samvadi: S**

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**Swarupa: D P(M) P g M g R S**

**Raga Information:**

Considered to be in the Todi That due to the tivra Ma and komal ga, Raga Madhuvanti is one of the ragas which bend many rules of being classified into Bhatkhande's ten that system. This raga emotes a feeling of sadness and distress due to the tivra Ma and komal ga, followed by the pure notes. This raga tends to fill in the missing notes that Raga Sivaranjani does not fill.

**31.Raga Name: Madhyamad Saranga**

**That Name: Khammaja**

**Aroha: 'n S R m P n S'**

**Avaroha: S' n P m R m R 'n S**

**Jati: Audava – Audava**

**Vadi: S**

**Samvadi: m**

**Swarupa: 'n S R m P R m R S 'n S**

**Raga Information:**

Although very similar to Megha, this is a lighter version which does not create the intensity or thunder feel that Raga Megha has. As this is a Khamaja-based raga, the vivadis have greater freedom that with Raga Megha. Therefore, it is not unusual to hear an occasional suddha Dha or suddha Ga in a light-rendition of Madhyamad Saranga. Although the name of the raga ("the honey-like Saranga") has nothing to with the note madhyama ("ma"), the preferred orientation is centered around ma and Pa.

**32.Raga Name: Misra Gara**

**That Name: Kafi**

**Aroha: S R m P D n D S'**

**Avaroha: S' n D P D m P m G R g R S**

**Jati: Sadava – Sampurna**

**Vadi: P**

**Samvadi: S**

**Swarupa: S G m P G m R g R S 'n S**

**Raga Information:**

This raga is heard occasionally in bhajans glorifying Lord Ramacandra by Tulsi-dasa, along with a good number of Bengali and Gaudiya bhajans. This is a raga of the Kafi that, although its parent raga, Gara, is of the Khamaja That. The sweet feature is the trade off weight of the suddha ga and komal ga. A common chant people relate this raga to is "Raghupati Raghava Raja Rama."

**33.Raga Name: Patdipa**

**That Name: Kafi**

**Aroha: 'N S g m P N S'**

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**Avaroha:** S' N D P m g R S 'N S g R S

**Jati:** Audava – Sampurna

**Vadi:** P

**Samvadi:** S

**Swarupa:** P N S' D m P g m g R S

**Raga Information:**

Coming from the origins of Carnatic music, Raga Patdipa is essentially like a Hindustani Kafi or Raga Misra Pilu sort. The main feature of this raga that separates it from other Kafi That ragas is that it only has suddha Ni and no instances of komal Ni. Such a change in notes gives this a unique feel compared to other Kafi That ragas. A famous song in this raga is “Srila Prabhupada Gurudeva Tihare Carano Men Pranam.”

**34.Raga Name:** Suddha Saranga

**That Name:** Kalyana

**Aroha:** 'N S R M P N S'

**Avaroha:** S N P M P R m R S 'N S

**Jati:** Audava – Audava

**Vadi:** R

**Samvadi:** P

**Swarupa:** R M P R m R S 'N S

**Raga Information:**

This raga is essentially the pentatonic Saranga family of ragas under the constraint of Kalyana That notes, with the exception of avaroha “suddha ma.”

**35.Raga Name:** Bhimpalasi

**That Name:** Kafi

**Aroha:** 'n S g m P n S'

**Avaroha:** S' n D P D m P g m g R S

**Jati:** Audava – Sampurna

**Vadi:** m

**Samvadi:** S

**Swarupa:** 'n S g m P g m g R 'n S

**Raga Information:**

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This is a common raga which describes the ecstatic nature of the mid-afternoon's time, right before the twilight ragas (sandhya-prakasa ragas) take place. The aroha is similar to that of Raga Dhani with its pentatonic nature excluding Re and Dha. This raga is used in many genres of Indian music from classical to popular music.

**36.Raga Name:** Charukesi

**That Name:** N/A

**Aroha:** S R G m P d n S'

**Avaroha:** S' n d P m G R S

**Jati:** Sampurna – Sampurna

**Vadi:** P

**Samvadi:** S

**Swarupa:** G m P n d P G m G R 'n S

**Raga Information:**

Raga Charukesi is a very famous raga from the Carnatic system of music. It is a seven-note raga with flat notes at dha and ni. It evokes moods of devotion, love, or despair.

**37.Raga Name:** Maru Bihaga

**That Name:** Bilavala

**Aroha:** 'N S G M P N S

**Avaroha:** S' N D P M G M G R S m G P M G M G R S

**Jati:** Audava – Sampurna

**Vadi:** G

**Samvadi:** N

**Swarupa:** P M G R S m G S G M P

**Raga Information:**

Maru Bihaga is an evening raga from the Kalyana That. There are two big features to note about this raga. Firstly, the name implies that it has a relationship with Raga Bihaga. Raga Bihaga's aroha and avaroha are similar in the respect that the notes used are the same. However, the approach is different. In Raga Bihaga, D was used in a glance. In addition, the M and m usage was allowed a chromatic feel. The m swar had not much of an impact in the whole scope of the raga, but it was needed. In Maru-Bihaga, D has a little more importance. Even though it is not used as often as the purvanga, it has a full value, instead of a glimpse-value. In addition, m has its own sustain when used in the avaroha. It is not used in a chromatic sense or even attempt to try to reproduce a chromatic feel as Raga Bihaga does. It is a very lovely raga depicting devotion and love.

**38.Raga Name:** Marwa

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**That Name:** Marwa  
**Aroha:** 'N r G M D N D S'  
**Avaroha:** N r' N D M D M G r 'N 'D S  
**Jati:** Sadava – Sadava  
**Vadi:** r  
**Samvadi:** D  
**Swarupa:** D M G r 'N 'D S

**Raga Information:**

Raga Marwa is famous amongst classical musicians, as it is one of the most peculiar ragas in Indian music. The first unique feature of this raga is that there is no Pa or suddha Ma. These two notes imply stability with the Sa. The most likely reason why Pa and suddha ma do not take place is because, Sa, in this raga, is avoided a lot. It will be confusing for one to listen to this raga, as the tonic seems to disappear. Thus, the mood of this raga can be said to describe anxiety or melancholy, as there is no stability. There is no harmonic stability, as the komal re and dha form the vadi-samvadi pair. Since komal re is the vadi (the strongest note), the komal re in this particular raga creates an otherworldly ghostly feel. Hence, another mood of this raga is fear. Lastly, this raga is the supposed representative raga of the Marwa that. Marwa that has a Pa in it, however, Marwa's behavior and scale is absolutely different. Usually, almost all representative ragas will share the same notes as its that.

It is sung during the twilight hours, just in the process of the sunset. The tanpura can be tuned in two ways. The primary note can be either D or N. Ni is usually preferred with lower pitches, while D is used with higher pitches.

**39.Raga Name:** Multani  
**That Name:** Todi  
**Aroha:** 'N S g M P N S'  
**Avaroha:** S' N d P M P d M g M g r S  
**Jati:** Audava – Sampurna  
**Vadi:** P  
**Samvadi:** S  
**Swarupa:** 'N S g M P M g M g r S

**Raga Information:**

Raga Multani is a very unique raga in its family of Todi ragas. Unlike most Todi ragas, this one is in the evening right before the night. The differences are far more significant that timings. In the avaroha, the komal re is incredibly flattened that it sound so close to Sa. It is even flatter than Gujari Todi or Raga Todi. Another unique feature is that unlike most Todi ragas, the stress is on Sa and Pa, which has a greater harmonic strength than the ga and dha felt in Todi and Gujari Todi. Hence, this raga has different expression than Todi's.

**40.Raga Name:** Namo Narayani

**That Name:** Purvi

**Aroha:** S r G M P d n S'

**Avaroha:** S' n d P M G r S

**Jati:** Sampurna – Sampurna

**Vadi:** P

**Samvadi:** S

**Swarupa:** G M d P M d n d n P

**Raga Information:**

This raga is from the Carnatic system of music having its scale share the same scale as the Purvi That. The only difference is that Namō Narayani (“Obeisances to Laksmi”) has a komal ni which has a lighter feel that its relative Purvi That. This is why one who is used to listening to Puriya Dhanasri will not be able to digest a komal ni which further disrupts the Ga-Ni harmony Puriya Dhanasri has.

**41.Raga Name:** Puriya

**That Name:** Marwa

**Aroha:** 'N r G M D N D N r' S'

**Avaroha:** N r' N D N M D G M G r S

**Jati:** Sadava – Sadava

**Vadi:** G

**Samvadi:** N

**Swarupa:** G M D G M G M G r S 'N 'D 'N

**Raga Information:**

Raga Puriya, the descendant of the Marwa matrix, and the ancestor of ragas like Puriya Dhanasri and Puriya Kalyana, is the almost forgotten raga which interestingly unusual properties. This raga behaves very similarly like Raga Marwa in the respect that it tends to the skip the Sa, although it can tolerate some presence of Sa. However, the focal points in this raga are the Ga and Ni, while Dha is underemphasized. It favors Ni to the point that the swarupa ends at Ni, rather than a note that has a harmonic relation with Sa. (The notes “N”, “r”, and “M” have the most dissonant relationship with Sa.) Unlike Marwa, the mood of this raga is more playful than and not as serious as Marwa.

**42.Raga Name:** Puriya Dhanasri

**That Name:** Purvi

**Aroha:** 'N r G M d N S' r' S'

**Avaroha:** N r' N d P M G r G r S 'N

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**Jati:** Sadava – Sampurna

**Vadi:** P

**Samvadi:** S

**Swarupa:** 'N r G M P M d P M G r G r S

**Raga Information:**

Raga Puriya Dhanasri is actually a mix of two ragas, Puriya and Dhanasri. This is one of the twilight ragas sung in the evening. Even though most of the evening ragas like Marwa and Puriya lack the stability, this raga is one of the rare harmonically stable ragas in the evening. Even though Sa and Pa are the strongest harmonic pair in this raga, another noteworthy pair is to consider is that of Ga and Ni. Whenever Ga is played, the shadow of Ni comes. This actually comes from Raga Puriya, which makes up the component of this raga. In Raga Puriya, Ga and Ni are the vadi-samvadi pair. It should come as no surprise that this pair will be apparent in this raga. Even though there are other ragas which will use the same notes as Raga Puriya Dhanasri, the multiplex of Sa and Pa vs. Ga and Ni is unique to this raga.

**43.Raga Name:** Purvi

**That Name:** Purvi

**Aroha:** N r G M d N S'

**Avaroha:** S' r' N d P M G m G M G r S'

**Jati:** Sadava – Sampurna

**Vadi:** G

**Samvadi:** N

**Swarupa:** P d P M G m G r G M G r S

**Raga Information:**

Raga Purvi, a rare raga, is the representative of the Purvi That. A famous song which uses this raga is from the film "Meera" called "Karuna Suno Syam More." The raga is like a similar raga "Puriya Dhanasri." In fact, the inventor of the ten thatas, Visnu Narayana Bhatkhande, debated on which raga would be representative of the raga "which resembles Yaman with komal re and komal dha." Puriya Dhanasri is the ideal choice; however, that raga is created as a result of two ragas. Therefore, Purvi was used, which had the flow just like Puriya Dhanasri, except with one exception: there was a shuddha ma used sparingly. The shuddha ma produces a haunting harmony with Sa, as the other strongest harmonic pair is Ga with Ni. The raga should be sung in the first part of the prahar in conjunction with Raga Sri.

**44.Raga Name:** Sohini

**That Name:** Marwa

**Aroha:** S G M D N S' r' S'

**Avaroha:** S' N D N D, G M D M G M G r S

**Jati:** Sadava – Sadava

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**Vadi: D**

**Samvadi: G**

**Swarupa: S' N D N D G M D N S'**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Sohini is a hexatonic raga from the Marwa that. Unlike the two other Marwa that ragas, Marwa and Puriya, Raga Sohini starts and ends with Sa, and has more stability on Sa. The komal re in the aroha is found in tar saptak, while it is featured once in the avaroha. This raga tends to confuse listeners to the lines of Raga Hindol (due to the exclusion of komal re in the avaroha, lack of komal re in svarupa) and Raga Sivaranjani (Vadi and Samvadi being D and G, confusing Da to be the Sa of Sivaranjani). The overall mood of this raga is romantic and melancholy. It is much lighter to sing than unstable Marwa or Puriya.

**45.Raga Name: Sri**

**That Name: Purvi (some will say Sri That)**

**Aroha: S r M P M P d P N S'**

**Avaroha: S' r' N d P (M)P (P)r (P)r G r S**

**Jati: Sadava – Sampurna**

**Vadi: r**

**Samvadi: P**

**Swarupa: r P M P d P (P)r G r S**

**Raga Information:**

Sri (another name of “Laksmi”) is one of the original six “janaka-ragas.” The janaka ragas represent the six seasons of the year. This raga represents the winter season. If one takes special note of the prahar, one will know that around this time frame, the sun sets earlier than before, thus creating a twilight feel. Usually, the Purvi That ragas of this prahar are performed toward the latter half. This one, however, is performed earlier in the prahar, to depict the sunset that is impending. As far as raga structure is concerned, this raga is not like the Purvi ragas, where Ni has great importance. This raga is similar to Raga Lalita, where Sa starts the raga off. Some Vainava musicians accept the Bhatkhande that, with an additional Sri That. If this is the case, this represent the Sri That.

As far as harmonic structure is concerned, the vadi-samvadi pair is quite unusual as komal re and Pa are the vadi-samvadi pair, despite the fact that the interval is quite unfavorable. This raga probably has the biggest mind, or glissando, from komal re and Pa.

**46.Raga Name: Abhogi**

**That Name: Kafi**

**Aroha: S R g m D S'**

**Avaroha: S' D m g R S**

**Jati: Audava-Audava**

**Vadi: S**

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**Samvadi:** m  
**Swarupa:** 'D S m m D D m m g R S

**Raga Information:**

Raga Abhogi is derived from the Carnatic system of ragas. It is a pentatonic raga that is very close to Raga Bagesri. Unlike Bagesri, it's straight-chained that omits komal ni and any chance of Pa's existence.

**47.Raga Name:** Bhupali

**That Name:** Kalyana

**Aroha:** S R G P D S'

**Avaroha:** S' D P G R S

**Jati:** Audava – Audava

**Vadi:** G

**Samvadi:** D

**Swarupa:** S G R S 'D S R G

**Raga Information:**

Raga Bhupali, also known as Bhupa, is a common evening raga describing melancholy. It is believed to be named "Bhupali", as the raga comes from the Bhupa area, which is near India and China. Hence, music from China, Bhutan, and Nepal all seem to have that melodic shape in their melodies. Raga Bhupali is sometimes confused with Raga Desakara, since the ragas both use the exact same swara set. Desakara, however, has a different swarupa, which causes it to be a different raga. The focus of this raga is on the first half, or the purvanga, while Desakara focuses on the second half, or the uttaranga. What harmonium players tend to do to differentiate this raga is to use a chord of D, S, and G to give Bhupali its unique flavor.

**48.Raga Name:** Bihag

**That Name:** Kalyana

**Aroha:** 'N S G m P N S'

**Avaroha:** S' N (D) P M P G m G R S

**Jati:** Audava – Sadava

**Vadi:** G

**Samvadi:** N

**Swarupa:** 'N S G m P, P M P G m G (R)S 'N S

**Raga Information:**

Bihag is a famous raga found in the Kalyan That. Unlike most of the Kalyana That ragas, this raga does not really put too much emphasis on the tivra Ma, as most other Kalyana That ragas do. The upward direction of the raga omits Re and Dha, while the downward direction only allows a spice or bare-touch (kans-swara) of Re and Dha. This really lets Ga and Ni stand out harmonically

and that creates a powerful tension and release format using major notes, except for Tivra Ma. Even that is no worry, as there is a suddha ma that creates a nice buffer from the uttaranga territory of this raga.

**49.Raga Name: Des**

**That Name: Khammaja**

**Aroha: S R m P N S'**

**Avaroha: S' R' n D P m G R G 'N S**

**Jati: Audava – Sampurna**

**Vadi: R**

**Samvadi: P**

**Swarupa: R m P n D P D m G R G 'N S**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Des is a raga heard in the night, like all of the ragas in the Khamaja that. The origin of the name of the raga is not known, although des means “country.” The Indian national anthem, “vande mataram” is heard in this raga. Raga Des has a special place in Bengali folk and devotional music as many bhajans in Bengali are heard in Des. Bengali singers use komal ga when singing it the high octaves as a grace note, but ultimately hit the high suddha ga when expressing emotion in the downfall of notes.

**50.Raga Name: Hamsadhwani**

**That Name: Bilavala**

**Aroha: S R G P N S'**

**Avaroha: S' N P G R S**

**Jati: Audava – Audava**

**Vadi: R**

**Samvadi: P**

**Swarupa: R G P (G) R G P N P G R S**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Hamsadhwani is a raga which came from the Carnatic or South Indian system of music. Its flow is that of a simple pentatonic raga. Some will try to place it in the Bilavala Thāt while it has many properties and flows of the Kalyan Thāt. As it is very confusing to classify a “foreign” raga, it is often considered by musicians to be “thāt-less.” Nonetheless, it is a raga many musicians use in Hindustani music using Hindustani methods of rendering a raga.

**51.Raga Name: Hemanta**

**That Name: Kalyana**

**Aroha: 'D ' N S R G m D N S'**

**Avaroha: S' N D P m N S' N D m P m G R S**

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**Jati:** Sadava – Sampurna  
**Vadi:** m  
**Samvadi:** S  
**Swarupa:** D m P m G m D N D S'

**Raga Information:**

Raga Hemanta is a rare raga which combines the qualities of Raga Kausikdhvani (Bhinna Sadja) and elements of the Kalyana That together. This is another pain-filled raga that is played in the night.

**52.Raga Name:** Jaya Jayanti  
**That Name:** Khammaja  
**Aroha:** S R G m P m G m P N S'  
**Avaroha:** S' n D P m G R g R S  
**Jati:** Sadava – Sampurna  
**Vadi:** R  
**Samvadi:** P  
**Swarupa:** R g R S,'N S 'D 'n R

**Raga Information:**

Raga Jaya Jayanti is a famous raga used especially in Northern and Eastern portions of India. It employs the use of sandwiched suddha ga notes and suddha ni notes. It shows shades of Kafi and Khamaja, but it is placed in the Khamaja That, due to its abundance of Khamaja characteristics. A famous song in Raga Jaya Jayanti is Vaiyasaki Dasa's Raga Jaya Jayanti Kirtan on his Carana Kamal album (1994).

**53.Raga Name:** Kafi  
**That Name:** Kafi  
**Aroha:** S R g m P D n S'  
**Avaroha:** S' n D P m g R S  
**Jati:** Sampurna – Sampurna  
**Vadi:** P  
**Samvadi:** S  
**Swarupa:** S R R g m P

**Raga Information:**

Raga Kafi is the representative of the Kafi That, which produces the most versatile ragas in Hindustani music. Even though it is noted in writing that the raga is in the sixth prahar, the style of this raga is very free. It is a straight-chained raga. Sometimes, artists will

insert shuddha ga, komal dha, and shuddha ni for embellishment. It is okay, but use those notes very sparingly. Overdoing those notes will make listeners think this is a different raga known as Pilu, which uses those notes frequently.

**54.Raga Name: Khammaja**

**That Name: Khammaja**

**Aroha: S G m P D N S'**

**Avaroha: S' n D P m G R S**

**Jati: Sadava – Sampurna**

**Vadi: G**

**Samvadi: N**

**Swarupa: G m P n D m P D m G**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Khammaja is a representative of the Khammaja That. Notice that this raga differs from its that's scale in the sense that shuddha ni is a standard note in the aroha. This raga is used in a wide variety of compositions, especially in Bengali and Vaisnava devotional music. Like Raga Kafi, this really can be sung anytime, however the best time is to sing it in the sixth prahar.

**55.Raga Name: Mand**

**That Name: Bilavala**

**Aroha: S G m P D N S'**

**Avaroha: S' S' N D P D P N D P G m G R S**

**Jati: Sadava – Sampurna**

**Vadi: G**

**Samvadi: D**

**Swarupa: G m P D N S' P N D P G G m G R S**

**Raga Information:**

The culture of Rajasthan is shown in one way by Raga Mand. This raga uses an all major scale with a zig-zag form in its descent that gives it unique structure. Many Bengali bhajans, as well as many Braja Bhasa bhajans are in Raga Mand. Due to its free form, it can be sung at any time outside its prahar.

**56.Raga Name: Sankara**

**That Name: Bilavala**

**Aroha: S G R G P N D S'**

**Avaroha: S' N D P G P G R S**

**Jati: Sadava – Sadava**

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**Vadi: P**  
**Samvadi: S**  
**Swarupa: G P N (D)S' N P G P G (R)S**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Subha Kalyana (“auspicious fortune”), popularly known as Jana-Sammohini, is a popular raga, which was assumed to be brought from the Carnatic system. It is essentially similar as Raga Kalavati with an additional and significant use of suddha Re. This raga is sung in the night as the welcoming of the night. A famous bhajan in this raga is “Pathika Tuma Itno Kahiyo Jaye.”

**57.Raga Name: Shyama Kalyana**

**That Name: Kalyana**

**Aroha: ‘N S R M P N S’**

**Avaroha: S’ N D P M P G m R S**

**Jati: Audava – Sampurna**

**Vadi: R**

**Samvadi: P**

**Swarupa: R P G m R ‘N S**

**Raga Information:**

The “auspiciousness of night”, better known as Syama Kalyana, is a raga from the Kalyana That. While the structural information is quite self explanatory, the special feature in this raga is the Re and Pa harmony. Hardly any raga from the Kalyana That favors such harmony.

**58.Raga Name: Tilaka Kamod**

**That Name: Khammaja**

**Aroha: ‘N S R m P (N)S’**

**Avaroha: P D m G R S R G ‘N ‘P ‘N S R G S**

**Jati: Audava – Sampurna**

**Vadi: S**

**Samvadi: P**

**Swarupa: S R G S ‘N ‘P ‘N S R G S**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Tilaka Kamod is a raga welcoming the auspicious celebrations in the night. This auspicious raga has an unusual form, as the original form of this raga is said to have four notes in aroha and avaroha starts midway barely going upwards. Due to Bharata Muni’s standards in his musical treatise “Brihad-desi,” the raga had to include the Ni in the aroha, and the flexibility of the avaroha had to be

incorporated. Still, the raga is still strongly purvanga based and it will barely ever hit any note beyond komal ni of the madhya saptak. A famous bhajan in this raga is “Ohe Harinam Tava Mahima Apar.”

**59.Raga Name:** Tilanga  
**That Name:** Khammaja  
**Aroha:** S G m P N S'  
**Avaroha:** S' n P m G m G S  
**Jati:** Audava – Audava  
**Vadi:** P  
**Samvadi:** S  
**Swarupa:** G m P n m P N P S' n P m G m G S G S

**Raga Information:**

Raga Tilanga is an evening pentatonic raga which is used in light classical music. This raga is usually sung in the late evening (around 8 or 8:30 PM) when the sun has fully set. Singing Raga Tilanga when the sun is not quite set does not create the proper atmosphere of this raga. The pentatonic scale and the re-introduction of the Pa implies some stability in the raga. In rendering this raga, there is a subtle point that must be adhered to prevent mistakes. The mistake many musicians tend to do is overdo the weight used on Ga. This can force the song to sound like Raga Todi, which has a totally different mood and time.

**60.Raga Name:** Yaman  
**That Name:** Kalyana  
**Aroha:** 'N R G M D N S'  
**Avaroha:** S' N D P M G R S  
**Jati:** Sadava – Sampurna  
**Vadi:** G  
**Samvadi:** N  
**Swarupa:** 'N R G M P R G R 'N R S

**Raga Information:**

Raga Yaman, also known as Raga Iman, is a night raga which is very romantic in nature. Some say its origin is from the Persian mode “Ei'man” from which “Yaman” came about. Others say it has Vedic origins as Raga Yamuna which through time had its pronunciation altered as Yaman. Nonetheless, this raga is often taught to beginners in North Indian music.

There is another similar raga called Yaman Kalyana, which is the exact same structure, except there is an addition of suddha ma which is so skillfully sandwiched by a suddha ga and suddha re.

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**61.Raga Name:** Yaman Kalyana  
**That Name:** Kalyana  
**Aroha:** 'N R G M D N S'  
**Avaroha:** S' N D P M G m G R S  
**Jati:** Sadava – Sampurna  
**Vadi:** G  
**Samvadi:** N  
**Swarupa:** 'N R G M P R G m G R G R 'N R S

**Raga Information:**

This is a lighter version of Raga Yaman. Unlike Raga Yaman, this raga includes an additional ma, which creates a good temporary harmonic with Sa.

**62.Raga Name:** Suddha Kalyana  
**That Name:** Kalyana  
**Aroha:** S R G P D n S'  
**Avaroha:** S' n D P G P G R S 'n 'D S  
**Jati:** Sadava – Sadava  
**Vadi:** S  
**Samvadi:** P  
**Swarupa:** P D n D P G R S 'n 'D S

**63.Raga Name:** Basanta Mukhari  
**That Name:** Bhairava  
**Aroha:** S r G m P d n S'  
**Avaroha:** S' n d P m G r S  
**Jati:** Sampurna-Sampurna  
**Vadi:** P  
**Samvadi:** S  
**Swarupa:** P d n d P G m (G)r S

**Raga Information:**

Raga Basanta Mukhari (“face of spring”) is a raga whose scale is widely recognized in the Western and Indian musical worlds, yet received very little to no credit as far as naming the scale is concerned. What Indian music scholars believe is that this raga might have come from the Carnatic system, due to the inability to fit into one of Bhatkhande’s ten thats. The original presumed raga, Ragam

Vakulabharanam, was the fourteenth melakarta of the mela system which was after the “Bhairava-equivalent” and before the “Ahir-Bhairava equivalent.” By default, it got placed in the Bhairava category.

While the scale seems very lenient and straightforward, it should be known that this raga is generally rendered in moods other than morning devotion. It would be quite difficult to churn the same Bhairava effect that exists with Basanta Mukhari due to the komal ni and the overall leniency of the raga. This explains why this raga stays in lighter compositions.

**64.Raga Name: Chandani Kedar**

**That Name: Kalyana**

**Aroha: S m M M P D N S'**

**Avaroha: S' N D P D P M m R S**

**Jati: Audava – Sadava**

**Vadi: m**

**Samvadi: S**

**Swarupa: D N D P D P M m R S**

**Raga Information:**

Chandani Kedar (Moonlike rendition of Kedar) is essentially Raga Kedar with a point where there is consecutive usage of suddha ma and Tivra Ma.

**65.Raga Name: Chandrakauns**

**That Name: N/A**

**Aroha: 'N S g m d N S**

**Avaroha: S' N d m g m g S 'N S**

**Jati: Audava – Audava**

**Vadi: m**

**Samvadi: S**

**Swarupa: g m g 'N S**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Chandrakauns is a raga similar to Raga Malkauns. It has the same pentatonic structure, with its only difference being with the usage of ni. Komal ni is used in Malkauns, while suddha ni is used on Raga Chandrakauns. The raga is assumed to have come from the Carnatic system. Due to its notes, it is not easily placed in a North Indian thāt.

**66.Raga Name: Chaya Nat**

**That Name: Bilavala**

**Aroha: S R R G m P P D P P S'**

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**Avaroha:** S' N D P m G m R S  
**Jati:** Sadava – Sampurna  
**Vadi:** P  
**Samvadi:** R  
**Swarupa:** P R R G m P m G m R S

**Raga Information:**

This pure noted raga is very much similar to a natural scale lacking a Ni in the aroha and having a similar format of Raga Hamir or Raga Kedar with a ma-Re-Sa format.

**67.Raga Name: Darbari Kanhara**

**That Name:** Asavari  
**Aroha:** S R g\* m P d\* n S'  
**Avaroha:** S' d\* n P – m P n g\* m R S  
**Jati:** Sampurna – Sampurna  
**Vadi:** g\*  
**Samvadi:** d\*

**Swarupa:** S R g\* R S 'd\* 'n S

**Raga Information:**

Raga Darbari Kanhara is a very unique raga heard in the last part of the night ragas. The raga was originally created by Miyan Tansen in the royal court, or darbar, of Akbar. Hence, “darbari” (based on the court) is given. The raga requires andolan or a light shake for komal ga and komal dha. Another feature is that komal ga and komal dha are flatter than usual. In playing sitar, instead of playing the ga or dha notes, they are bent from re and pa notes respectively. The emotions of this raga are mostly romantic and joy, although people have heard sad numbers in this raga before.

**68.Raga Name: Durga**

**That Name:** Bilavala  
**Aroha:** S R m P D S'  
**Avaroha:** S' D m P D m R 'D S  
**Jati:** Audava – Audava  
**Vadi:** D  
**Samvadi:** R  
**Swarupa:** m P D m R 'D S  
**Raga Information:**

This is a raga which is not played so frequently. The structure of this raga contains five notes with a harmonic pair forming at suddha re and suddha dha. This raga has a hidden tan of Bhupali based off of ma. Famous songs in this raga include “Jaya Jaya Radha Krsna Yugala Milan” and “Radhe Jaya Jaya Madhava Dayite.”

**69.Raga Name: Gaurakha Kalyana**

**That Name: Khammaja**

**Aroha: S R m D n D D S'**

**Avaroha: S' n D P D n D m R S 'n 'D S**

**Jati: Audava – Sadava**

**Vadi: S**

**Samvadi: m**

**Swarupa: P D n D m R (S)'n 'D S**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Gaurakha Kalyana is an evening raga with elements of Raga Durga and Raga Ragesri.

**70.Raga Name: Hamir**

**That Name: Kalyana**

**Aroha: S R G m (N)D N S'**

**Avaroha: S' N D P M P D P G m R S**

**Jati: Sadava – Sampurna**

**Vadi: D**

**Samvadi: G**

**Swarupa: G m (N)D P M P G m R S**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Hamir is a light raga from the Kalyana family which has characteristics of Raga Kedar with the addition of shuddha Ga being an integral part of the raga. The special features of this raga are the use of two madhyams in the avaroha, harmony of Ga and Dha, and the glissando connect suddha Ni and suddha Dha.

**71.Raga Name: Jhinjhoti**

**That Name: Khammaja**

**Aroha: S R G m P D S'**

**Avaroha: S' n D P D m G S R m G S R 'n 'D 'P 'D S**

**Jati: Sadava – Sampurna**

**Vadi: S**

**Samvadi: P**

**Swarupa: S R m G S R 'n 'D 'P 'D S**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Jhinjhoti is a raga from the Khamaja family of ragas. Unlike Raga Khamaja itself, where it incorporates a Suddha Ni, Raga Jhinjhoti uses the swars of original that properly. Despite the complexity of the aroha and avaroha, it is fairly simple in form and easy to be sung. One key thing to remember when rendering Jhinjhot is that it is purvanga based and not uttaranga based. Therefore, it won't be heard sung in high pitches.

**72.Raga Name: Kalavati**

**That Name: Khammaja**

**Aroha: S G P D n D S'**

**Avaroha: S' n D P G P G S**

**Jati: Audava – Audava**

**Vadi: P**

**Samvadi: S**

**Swarupa: G P D n D S' n D P G P G S**

**73.Raga Name: Katyayani**

**That Name: Asavari**

**Aroha: S R g P d S'**

**Avaroha: S' R' g' R' S' d P g R S**

**Jati: Audava – Audava**

**Vadi: d**

**Samvadi: g**

**Swarupa: S' R' g' R' S' d P R g R S**

Raga Katyayani is a rare raga based off of the South Indian musical system. It behaves like Sivaranjani, except that it has a komal dha instead of a Suddha Dha. The one komal dha will give this raga its pathos-filled characteristic. One must be careful to avoid excessive emphasis on Pa, for this will make this raga sound like Gunakri or Jogiya of the Bhairava that.

**74.Raga Name: Kausikdhvani**

**That Name: Khammaja**

**Aroha: S R G m D N S'**

**Avaroha: S' N D m G R S**

**Jati: Sadava – Sadava**

**Vadi: m**

**Samvadi: S**

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**Swarupa: S m G m (N) D N S'**

**Raga Information:**

This rarely heard raga, also known as Bhookosh or Bhinna Sadja, is a sweet raga often used by Carnatic performers the most. There are many theories on the origin of this raga. Kausikdhvani is the Carnatic name of the raga, so it may have emanated from the South Indian musical system. Another theory suggests that it came from Raga Pancama. The hidden truth about this raga, which is one of the many reasons why it's beautiful, is that it hides few ragas in here. When doing melodic fills, known as tans, some will be reminded of the joys of Bhairavi, the hurt in Jogiya/Gunakri, the pining feel or Yaman Kalyan, or separation through Sivaranjani. For the additional feel, artists will use a chromatic approach by using komal and shuddha dha simultaneously.

**75.Raga Name: Kedar**

**That Name: Kalyana**

**Aroha: S M P, M P D n D P S'**

**Avaroha: S' D n D P, M P D P m, S R S**

**Jati: Audava – Sadava**

**Vadi: m**

**Samvadi: S**

**Swarupa: S M P, M P D P m, S R S**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Kedar is an all time popular ragas from the Kalyana That. Unlike most of the Kalyana That ragas, this raga tends to completely eliminate the Ga, and limits its use as a kans-swar (a sparing touch of a note). In the whole raga, both forms of Ma are used, but the aroha only uses the Tivra Ma, while the avaroha only has its instance of suddha ma, on the final end of the downgrade. Tivra Ma. As many Kalyana That ragas tend to bear Tivra Ma and made it well known of its use, this raga uses Tivra Ma but it does not make a dominant presence as its siblings, Yaman, Yaman Kalyana, and Hindol, for instance, can do.

**76.Raga Name: Kirvani**

**That Name: N/A**

**Aroha: S R g m P d N S'**

**Avaroha: S' N d P m g R S**

**Jati: Sampurna – Sampurna**

**Vadi: S**

**Samvadi: P**

**Swarupa: 'd 'N S R g m P d P**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Kirvani is assumed to have come from the Carnatic system of music. The notes of this raga, however, are so common in world music that it is important to consider this raga. Generically, this is a harmonic minor raga which has moods of love, ultimate devotion,

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separation, and sadness. This raga is used in a great number of bhajans, such as Sri Guru Charana Kamala Bhaja Mana, Adharam Madhuram, and Jo Tum Toro Rama.

**77.Raga Name:** Malkauns

**That Name:** Bhairavi

**Aroha:** S g m d n S'

**Avaroha:** S' n d n d m g m g S 'n S

**Jati:** Audava – Audava

**Vadi:** m

**Samvadi:** S

**Swarupa:** 'n S g m g S 'n S 'd 'n S

**Raga Information:**

This is one of the most popular ragas in classical music. It is a midnight raga with strong emphasis on ma. The overall mood is devotional. The origin of this raga was created by Parvati when trying to calm Lord Siva after His anger.

**78.Raga Name:** Nanda

**That Name:** Kalyana

**Aroha:** S G m P D N P S'

**Avaroha:** S' N D P M P G m D P (m)R S G m

**Jati:** Sadava – Sampurna

**Vadi:** S

**Samvadi:** P

**Swarupa:** G m D P (m)R S S G G m

**Raga Information:**

Raga Nanda, also known as Anandi ("happiness") or Anandi Kalyana, shows the feeling of joy entering the night. After surpassing the harmonic instabilities of the Purvi and Marwa raga families, the raga hits all of the major notes including one small cameo appearance of tivra Ma in the avaroha. The one unusual feature of this raga is that this raga ends on ma, even though its harmonic points are Sa and Pa.

**79.Raga Name:** Ragesri

**That Name:** Khammaja

**Aroha:** S G m D n S'

**Avaroha:** S' n D G m R S

**Jati:** Audava – Sadava

**Vadi:** m

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**Samvadi: S**  
**Swarupa: G m D n S' n D G m R S 'n 'D S**

**Raga Information:**

Raga Ragesri (“queen of ragas”) is one of the mellowest ragas in Indian classical music. Raga Ragesri omits Pa completely, thus developing strong harmonic forces on ma. The harmony of Sa and ma, as well as the harmony of Dha and Ga, creates an unusual complex which creates a blissful overall environment. Some musicians will make a very spare use of suddha Ni, but not enough to water down the essence of this raga. This raga is very similar to Bagesri in structure. However, Bagesri has komal ga, and has one minor instance of Pa. The nature of this raga is devotional. The most famous composition of this raga is “He Govinda He Gopala He Govinda Rakho Sarana.”

**80.Raga Name: Sivaranjani**

**That Name: Kafi**

**Aroha: S R g P D S'**

**Avaroha: S' D P g R S**

**Jati: Audava – Audava**

**Vadi: S**

**Samvadi: P**

**Swarupa: S R g P g R S 'D S**

**Raga Information:**

Originally from the Carnatic system of music, Raga Sivaranjani is a common meditative and deep raga which is sung in the nights. It also represents melancholy and anguish due to the small number of notes in the raga. Sometimes, people tend to use shuddha ga in conjunction with komal ga to create a tension-release feel. In addition, although rarely used, komal dha can be used as a grace note. Those who play with shuddha ga and komal dha grace notes in this raga are known to be playing Raga Misra Sivaranjani, while the notes S, R, g, P, and D only are found in pure Sivaranjani.

**81.Raga Name: Subha Kalyana**

**That Name: Kalyana**

**Aroha: S R G P D n S'**

**Avaroha: S' n D P G P G R S 'n 'D S**

**Jati: Sadava – Sadava**

**Vadi: S**

**Samvadi: P**

**Swarupa: P D n D P G R S 'n 'D S**

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**Raga Information:**

Raga Subha Kalyana (“auspicious fortune”), popularly known as Jana-Sammohini, is a popular raga, which was assumed to be brought from the Carnatic system. It is essentially similar as Raga Kalavati with an additional and significant use of suddha Re. This raga is sung in the night as the welcoming of the night. A famous bhajan in this raga is “Pathika Tuma Itno Kahiyo Jaye.”

**82.Raga Name:** Adana

**That Name:** Asavari

**Aroha:** S R m P n m P S’

**Avaroha:** S’ d n P m P n g m R S’

**Jati:** Audava – Sampurna

**Vadi:** S

**Samvadi:** P

**Swarupa:** n n P m P S’ d n P

**Raga Information:**

Raga Adana is a late night raga which is very similar to Darbari, except it has no andolans, or light shakes, on ga and dha. Also, ga and dha are not found in the aroha. The flow of this raga is similar to a mix of Madhyamad Saranga with Darbari. Another common vivadi some artists use sparingly is suddha ni which enhances the Saranga mood of the raga.

**83.Raga Name:** Bagesri

**That Name:** Kafi

**Aroha:** ’n S g m D n S’

**Avaroha:** S’ n D m P D g m g R S

**Jati:** Audava – Sampurna

**Vadi:** m

**Samvadi:** S

**Swarupa:** ’n S m g m D n D m, m P D g m g R S

**Raga Information:**

This is a very common raga found in North Indian music. This raga puts a great amount of emphasis on ma. Unlike most ma-emphasized ragas, this does include an instance of Pa in the avaroha. The Pa lacks the emphasis in such a way that many artists and musicians tend to just avoid the Pa, altogether.

**84.Raga Name:** Megha

**That Name:** Kafi

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**Aroha:** ‘P ‘n S R\* m P n\* P n\* S’  
**Avaroha:** S’ R\*’ n\* P R m P n\* P m R ‘n ‘P ‘n R\* S

**Jati:** Audava – Audava

**Vadi:** R

**Samvadi:** P

**Swarupa:** S R\* ‘n ‘P R\* S

**Raga Information:**

This is a loved raga by many people. This raga is heard in the monsoon season when thunderbolts rock the sky and rain fall on the ground. Even though on occasion, it rains in the autumn and winter seasons, the same effect of the rain is not the same. Raga Megha, thus, was considered a janak raga. Raga Megha and a very similar raga, Raga Malhara, have very similar ecstatic properties. According to the janak ragas, Raga Dipaka came to burn and enflame people during the summer. When the summer (June-early July) season ended, the monsoon season started and Raga Megha extinguished the flames and fire caused by Raga Dipaka. It is truly the raga to extinguish fires of the heart.

**85.Raga Name:** Puriya Kalyana

**That Name:** Marwa

**Aroha:** S r G M P M D P D N S’

**Avaroha:** N r’ N D M D P M G r S

**Jati:** Sampurna – Sampurna

**Vadi:** P

**Samvadi:** S

**Swarupa:** G M D P M P M G r S

**Raga Information:**

This raga is a mixture between two ragas: Puriya (in purvanga) and Kalyana (in uttaranga). Even though theoretically, representations of both ragas are represented equally, the aesthetic properties give more dominance to the Kalyana feature, as the nature of this raga is uttaranga based.

**86.Raga Name:** Vrindavani Saranga

**That Name:** Kafi

**Aroha:** S R m P N S’

**Avaroha:** S’ n P m R m R S N S

**Jati:** Audava – Audava

**Vadi:** R

**Samvadi:** P

**Swarupa:** P n P m R m R ‘N S

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### Raga Information:

Raga Vrindavani Saranga is a raga from the “Saranga” class of ragas which are performed at late night. It’s scale is very similar Madhyamad Saranga, with the N having more importance. Like the class of the Saranga ragas, it is not usual to add a grace note of D when working with P or n.

### CLASSIFICATION BY PARENT SCALES:

The more recent and mostly accepted method is the Bhatkhande That system. Musician Vishnu Narayan Bhatkhande recognized ten parent scales, or thāts, to represent the fundamental ragas in Indian music. The ten thāts are as follows:

THĀṬ NAME	WESTERN NAME	SCALE
<u>Asavari</u>	Aeolian	S R g m P d n S’
<u>Bhairava</u>	None	S r G m P d n S’
<u>Bhairavi</u>	Phrygian	S r g m P d n S’
<u>Bilavala</u>	Ionian	S R G m P D N S’
<u>Kafi</u>	Dorian	S R g m P D n S’
<u>Kalyana</u>	Lydian	S R G M P D N S’
<u>Khammaja</u>	Mixolydian	S R G m P D n S’
<u>Marwa</u>	None	S r G M P D N S’
<u>Purvi</u>	None	S r G M P d n S’
<u>Todi</u>	None	S r g M P d n S’

Note the names in parenthesis are Western equivalents of the thāt. The thāt is merely a scale. There is no emotions felt by the scale, and scales are never performed. Only ragas are performed. All ragas in Hindustani music are attempted to confine themselves to these ten. Even though this is the most accepted way of classifying ragas, there are some shortcomings.

First, just because a thāt has a certain name, doesn't mean its representative raga will be the same. For example, Raga Khammaja has an upward and downward flow as such: S R G m P D N S' S' n D P m G R S. Both nis are used, even though the thāt implies that komal ni is used.

Secondly, it is a trend to see a raga with “deviated notes” fit into one of the ten thāts. For instance, Raga Ahir Bhairava has a swar set of S r G m P D n S'. Because of the overall flow and its striking resemblance to Bhairava, it's placed in the Bhairava Thāt.

Thirdly, a raga that lacks two notes can become a challenge to classify. For instance, Raga Gunakri has the notes S r m P d and S'. From these, the two choices of thāts are easily Bhairava and Bhairavi. Because of the overall flow of the raga, it's more likely to be of the Bhairava thāt than the Bhairavi thāt.

Lastly, there will be some ragas which will not fit at all like Raga Kirvani and Chandrakauns. They are not placed in any thāt, as most of these “thāt-less” ragas are from the South Indian musical system.

Today, when ragas are being described, all features of classification take place. The raga-ragini system takes place by telling when to sing it. The beauty of Indian music is that ragas are sung at particular seasons, and times of day. There are eight sets of three hours, known as **prahars**. Several ragas may fit into a particular prahar, but those ragas have certain times allocated for them. The jati

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classification takes place through understanding the upward and downward flow of scales. The thāt is used to describe the mode and notes used. By using these three methods, understanding ragas can make a little more sense.

### **BENEFIT OF CERTAIN RAGAS FOR THE HUMAN BEING**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Raga</b>	<b>Benefit</b>
3am - 6am	Raga Bhairavi Raga Bhairava Ragas Ramakali & Jogiya	emotional strength ,Devotion and Peace Peace Integration, Compassion Peace & Serenity
6am - 9am	Raga Komala Rishabha Asawari Raga Deshkara Raga Jaita Raga Gurjari Todi Raga Todi Raga Alahiya Bilavala	Serenity Increased Energy Dynamism Compassion ,Patience Joy Peace and Happiness
9am - 12pm	Ragas Gauda & Vrindavani Saranga Raga Shuddha Saranga Raga Ahir Lalita Raga Vrindavani Saranga	Wisdom Success, Knowledge Joyfulness Greater Energy
12pm – 3pm	Raga Multani Raga Madhuvanti Raga Samanta Saranga Raga Bhimapalasi	Achievement, Affluence Happiness Creativity Life
3pm - 6pm	Ragas Kafi & Madhuvanti Raga Mishra Pilu Raga Puriya Dhanashri Raga Marwa Raga Puriya Kalyana	Creativity and Happiness Celebration & Joyfulness Relaxation Coherence ,Happiness Harmony

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6pm - 9pm	Ragas Puriya & Rageshri Raga Hansadhvani Raga Maru Bihaga Raga Desh Raga Durga Raga Maru Bihaga	Harmony and Rejuvenation Celebration & Happiness Compassion Joy Integration Compassion
9pm - 12am	Raga Darbari-Kanhra Raga Bageshvari Raga Gunji Kanada Raga Abhogi Raga Malkaunsa	Restful Quality of Sleep Relaxation & Rest Better Sleep Peaceful Slumber Restful Sleep, Tranquility
12am – 3am	Raga Sohini & Bhatiyara Raga Basanta Raga Sindhu Bhairavi Raga Lalita Raga Nata Bhairava	Healthy Mind and Body Love & Happiness Gentleness Peace & Tranquillity Serenity

### ALANKARAS:-

In India, *Alankara* or *Alankara* means ornaments or adornments. In the context of Indian classical music, the application of an *alankar* is essentially to embellish or enhance the inherent beauty of the genre. The earliest reference to the term *Alankar* has been found in Bharata's *Natyashastra* written sometime between 200 BC and 200 AD. This treatise on dramaturgy mentions 33 types of *Alankars*. Subsequent musical treatises like Sharangdev's *Sangeet Ratnakar* in the thirteenth century and Ahobal's *Sangeet Parijat* in the seventeenth century mention 63 and 68 types of *Alankars* respectively.

The *Shastras* or ancient texts have categorized *alankars* into two broad groups – *Varnalankar* and *Shabdalanakar*. The former comprised the *varna* based *alankars* of earlier times. The four *Varnas*, *ssthai*, *arohi*, *avarohi*, and *sanchari* were arrangements of notes in a particular sequence or four kinds of movements among notes. *Ssthai* refers to halting at a single note, *arohi* to an upward movement, *avarohi* to a downward movement and *sanchari* is a mixed (upward and downward) movement. This classification of *alankars* related to the structural aspect of a *raga*. The latter classification, *Shabdalanakar*, comprised the aesthetic aspect. It referred to

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the sound production technique utilised by either the human voice or on an instrument. Shabdalanakar had a wide connotation and would actually include everything that a performer wove both melodically and rhythmically outside the periphery of the fixed composition. In other words, all the extempore variations that a performer created during a performance within the raga and tala limits could be termed as *alankar*, because these variations embellished and enhanced the beauty of the raga, the tala and the composition.

But going by current performance practices, printed and audio material and the personal opinions of musicians and musicologists over the last 100 to 150 years, the definition and gamut of shabdalanakars seems to have changed. Besides the raga, the tala and the bandish which are the fixed portions in a performance, the process of elaboration has been divided into several angas or stages. These stages comprise the *alaap-vistaar*, *behelawa*, *bol-bant*, *sargams*, *taans*, in *vilambit laya* and *drut laya* in case of *khayal* and *Alaap*, *jod* and *gats* in case of instrumental music. These may further vary from one *gharana* to another. Therefore, when we talk about *alankars* today, we specifically refer to embellishments to a *swar* or a note.

In Indian music and especially in raga *sangeet*, *staccato* or straight isolated notes are almost unheard of. In instrumental music too, with the exception of some instruments, the notes are never static either. Each note has some link with its preceding or succeeding note. It is this extra note or grace note that lays the foundation of all *alankars*. The *shrutis* or microtones that are so important in raga *sangeet* demand this 'mobile' nature of the *swaras* in Indian music.

In the *Shastras*, a grace note has been referred to as *alankarik swar*. When a group or cluster of notes embellishes another *swar*, they form the *alankarik pad*. The *alankars* in practice today and those that have been earmarked for this page include both types.

The *alankars* in common use today comprise *Meend* (varieties of glides linking two or more notes), *Kan* (grace note), *Sparsh* and *Krintan* (both dealing with grace notes - especially as applied in plucked stringed instruments), *Andolan* (a slow oscillation between adjacent notes and *shrutis*), *Gamak* (heavy forceful oscillations between adjacent and distant notes), *Kampit* (an oscillation or a vibrato on a single note), *Gritkari* or *Khatka* (cluster of notes embellishing a single note), *Zamzama* (addition of notes, with sharp gamaks) and *Murki* (a swift and subtle *taan*-like movement).

*Alankars* are different sets of the *swars* that will enable to practice and familiarize with the different sounds. Students should practice these till they can play them correctly without looking at the keyboard. While practicing how to play, sing-along too so that one can improve the voice and can learn how to sing more in tune.

The term *Alankar* literally means an ornament or decoration; it is the repetition of musical notes from a *Raga* in a particular pattern.

### **Alankaras are of four types:-**

1. **Asthai Alankars**, which returns to the initial note

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2. **Arohi Alankars**, which is a ascending sequence of notes
3. **Amrohi Alankars**, which is a descending sequence of notes
4. **Sanchari Alankars**, which combines elements of the above types.

In the context of Indian classical music, the application of an alankar is essentially to enhance the inherent beauty of the genre. Or we can say when a group or cluster of notes embellishes another swar, they form the alankar. There are almost 33 types of alankars but few are being used these days.

√ **Meend** is an unbroken flow of a musical progression, from higher to lower notes. When, on a fretted plucked instrument, a note is struck and the string is pulled outwards or transversely across a fret to reach a higher note or several higher notes from that single stroke, it is called a Meend (pronounced as meenrh). This definition is applicable to the Sitar, Surbahar, various types of Veenas and other fretted instruments. However, the term meend now has a wider implication. It is generally understood as a glide from one note to another, not only on the sitar or other such fretted instruments but also on other instruments as well as vocal music.

Different kinds of meends form the single most important component in raga sangeet and other forms of Indian music. Ghaseet and Soonth also belong to the Meend family. Overall, the Meend is one of the most difficult elements in raga music. Proper rendition of meends not only depends on the accuracy of the starting and ending swars but also on the exacting knowledge of the kan-swars of the ragas, the speed of these meends and the accents on intermediate swars.

√ **Kan**— Kan is the grace note of a musical composition. In order to expound the shrutis in Indian music, the swars applied in raga sangeet are never static and rarely in staccato form except in the case of some instruments. Each note has some link with its preceding and succeeding note. These linking notes are called grace notes or Kan-swars. The Kan-swar is never fully pronounced and is sung or played in a very subtle manner. Kan-swars are very important for the proper rendition of a raga. In fact, two or more ragas sharing a common note or phrase differ vastly from each other primarily due to the application of their Kan-swars. Also, a Kan-swar is very often the starting point of a meend.

√ **Sparsh**--Sparsh (the technique) is a special way of playing a note on plucked stringed instruments. The direction of note is ascending. For playing **R G**, the forefinger of the left-hand is placed on **R** and plucked and before the sound dies out, the middle or ring finger is placed with force on **G** so that **G** is clearly audible without right-hand plucking. Here the main note is **G** while **R** is the sparsh-swar.

√ **Krintan**--Krintan is the opposite of Sparsh. The movement of notes in the Krintan is descending. For example in **G R**, the forefinger is placed on **R** and the middle or ring finger is placed on **G** and immediately after plucking **G**, the finger on it is moved transversely across the string to produce a secondary plucking (without the help of the right hand) so that **R** is sounded. Here, **R** is the main note and **G** is the sparsh-swar.

√ **Andolan**-- Andolan refers to a slow alternation between the notes and shrutis that are next to each other. The Andolan alankar is a gentle swing or oscillation that starts from a fixed note and touches the periphery of an adjacent note. What is special about the Andolan is, that in the course of the oscillation, it touches the microtones or shrutis that exist in between. The note that is being oscillated within an Andolan is known as andolit swar. It must be noted that these andolit swars are raga specific and should not be applied to any raga that uses these notes.

√**Gamak**--- An important embellishment in music-making, vocal as well as instrumental. In it, musical notes are so produced as to touch upon the lower as well as the upper adjacent notes by resorting to a vibratory mode of vocalizing or playing. A gamak can be defined as a fast meend (spanning 2-3 notes normally) delivered with deliberate force and vigour and repeated in an oscillatory manner. **R G** is a meend if it is a glide from **R** to **G** at a moderately slow tempo. But the same **R G** repeated twice or more at a relatively faster tempo, often forcefully, is termed as gamak. The gamak is distinguishable from the andolan because of its faster speed and its clearly audible starting and ending points. It is swar-based while the andolan is more shruti-based.

√**Kampit**--There is a school of musicians that would say kampit is a defect in the voice. A long note rendered in vibrato because uniform sur and intensity cannot be sustained indicates a defect in the voice and should not be treated as an alankar.

A kampit has also been defined as two or more short gamaks on one swar. It is like hammering a note from an adjacent note in quick succession that gives it a vibrato effect.

√**Khatka—Gitkari**-- A musical embellishment consisting of three or more notes employed quickly, forcefully, and successively. It is used in many forms of semi-art music. When a knot or cluster of notes is sung or played very fast and with gusto to decorate or embellish another note, it is called a khatka or gitkari. Say for example, **R S NS...R** where the cluster, **R S NS** embellishes **R** and is applied very swiftly. In instruments, khatkas are played not only in fast meends but also with the help of a combination of krintans and sparshs. **R S** in krintan and **NS** in sparsh when played on a single stroke of the right hand can be termed as a khatka for its musical effect.

√**Zamzama**-- A musical embellishment which consists of forceful and speedy employment of a number of notes. Zamzama is an urdu word meaning 'addition of notes'. Like a khatka, it is once again a cluster of notes, used to embellish the landing note. Unlike a khatka, notes in a zamzama are rendered in progressive combinations and permutations. The end result sounds like a complex taan pattern with sharp gamaks. For example, **MP, MP, M P D D P**. It must be remembered that zamzamas really form an integral part of tappa singing, where it is applied on the 'bols' of the song and must be applied in khayal renditions with great caution.

√**Murki**--- A musical embellishment consisting of a small number of notes executed in fast tempo but with tenderness and delicacy. It is mainly used in the 'lighter' forms of music and music-making. A murki is cluster of notes that sounds like a short, subtle taan. A murki can also comprise a series of such short clusters. A murki is less forceful than a khatka or a zamzama. A combination like **R R S NS** could be a murki or a khatka or the starting point of a zamzama, depending on the force of delivery.

Although some special murkis are used in khayal singing, it is really a very handy device for a thumri singer. In fact, the bols of a thumri, the ragas they are normally set to and the mood of this form of singing especially demand the usage of murkis. Thus, thumris are often built around this alankar.

√**Combinations**---

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### **Construction of a RAGA----**

i)ALAP:-Alap is the first movement of the Raga.It is a slow,Serene movement acting as an invocation and it gradually develops the Raga.

ii)JOR:-Jor begins with the added elements of rhythm which,combining with the weaving of innumerable melodic patterns,gradually grains into tempo and brings the Raga to the final movement.

iii)JHALA:-Jhala is the final movement and climax.It is played with a very fast action of the plectrum that is worn on the right fingers(FOR INSTRUMENTS IN PARTICULAR).

iv)GAT//BANDISH:-It is the fixed composition.A Gat can be in any TAL & can be spread over 2 to 16 of its rhythmic cycles in any tempo-slow,medium or fast.A Gat,whether VOCAL or INSTRUMENTAL,has generally two sections.First part—ASTHAYI(HIND),which opens the composition & generally confined to lower & middle octaves.The second part is called ANTARA,which usually extends from the middle to upper octaves.

\*\*GHARANAS:-It literally means DYNASTY.A style of singing,usually named after the geographical location it evolved from.Each Gharana has its own focus on presentation,its own characteristics&compositions, and its interpretation of different Ragas.A Gharana requires atleast 3(THREE) generations continuity before it is recognized as a MAJOR GHARANA.

### **>MAJOR GHARANAS:-**

- i)AGRA GHARANA
- ii)GWALIOR GHARANA
- iii)KIRANA GHARANA
- iv)JAIPUR GHARANA
- v)RAMPUR SAHASWAN GHARANA
- vi)PATIALA GHARANA
- vii)DELHI GHARANA
- viii)BHENDI BAZAR GHARANA
- ix)BANARAS GHARANA
- x)MEWATI GHARANA

### **>OTHER GHARANAS:-**

- i)Bishnupur Gharana(Dhrupad)
- ii)Emdad Khan Gharana(SITAR)
- iii)Niamutullah Khan Gharana(SAROD)
- iv)Gaya gharana(Hari Singh)
- v)Dagor Gharana(Dhrupad)
- vi)Prasaddu-Manohar Gharana
- vii)Benaras tabla Gharana(Ram Sahay)
- viii)Benaras Mishra Gharana(Sarengi)
- ix)Betia Gharana(Dhrupad)

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- x) Lucknow Tabla gharana (Bakshu)
- xi) Shahjahanpur Sarod Gharana (Enayet ali khan)
- xii) Atrauli Jaipur Gharana (Branch of Agra)
- xiii) Kalawanta Gharana (Bajju Bawra)
- xiv) Kawal Gharana (Amir Khusroo)
- xv) Imdadkhani Gharana (Instrumental)
- xvi) Moradabad Gharana (Instrumental)
- xvii) MAIHAR GHARANA (INSTRUMENTAL)----ALAUDDIN KHAN)

### **FORMS OF VOCAL MUSIC—TYPES OF BANDISH**

- i) DHRUPAD & DHAMAR—Oldest form, sung with Pakhwaj in Pre Mughal period.
- ii) KHAYAL—Influence of Mughal Culture, this is the modern form.
- iii) TARANA—Uses mom tom bols instead of words.
- iv) NATYA SANGEET—Indian Musical (Plays)
- v) SAADRA—Khayal in Madhya Jhaptal, sung in Dhrupad style.
- vi) THUMRI—Light form that uses romantic themes.
- vii) TAPPA—Light form that has lots of small, fast tans.
- viii) DADRA—Light form similar to Thumri, sung in TAAL DADRA.
- ix) CHAITI AND HORI—Seasonal songs
- x) GHAZAL—Light form with themes similar to blues music.
- xi) TRIVAT & CHATURANG—Combination of Tarana, words or lyrics, sargam, tabla bol.
- xii) OTHER FORMS OF DERIVED, LOCAL, SEASONAL MUSIC etc.

**Taal:** Taal is considered the rhythmic basis of Indian music, be it instrumental or vocal. There are common rhythmic patterns that are used in various combinations to create a musical composition. The taal is defined as a rhythmic structure or time measure, also known as time cycle. Though this is supposed to remain fixed within each composition, it can be repeated in cycles and each cycle can be divided into either equal or unequal parts. The cycle of a taal can consist of any number of beats with the minimum being 3 and the maximum 108. *Sum* or the first beat of the cycle is the most important part of a taal. In fact maximum stress has to be placed on the *sum*. The setting of the taal into a composition is based on the belief that as there is a perfect balance in the universe, there should be balance in music too. The compositions based on rhythm are generally divided into simple and complicated meters. It is usually independent of the music that goes along with it and moves in bars. The smallest unit of a taal is the *matra*. Musicians consider the taal to be the pulse of Indian classical music. The following are some of the taals that are usually used by musicians:

- Dadra is a cycle of 6 beats**
- Rupak is a cycle of 7 beats**
- Jhaptal is a cycle of 10 beats**
- Ektal is a cycle of 12 beats**
- Adha-Chautal contains 14 beats**
- Teen-Tal is comprised of 16 beats**

**Tala** is the term used in Indian classical music for the rhythmic pattern of any composition and for the entire subject of rhythm, roughly corresponding to metre in Western music, though closer conceptual equivalents are to be found in other Asian classical systems such as the notion of usul in the theory of Ottoman/Turkish music.

A tala is a rhythmic cycle of beats with an ebb and flow of various types of intonations resounded on a percussive instrument. Each such pattern has its own name. Indian classical music has complex, all-embracing rules for the elaboration of possible patterns, though in practice a few talas are very common while others are rare. The most common tala in Hindustani classical music is Teental, a cycle of four measures of four beats each.

The tala does not have a fixed tempo but can be played at different speeds. In Hindustani classical music a typical recital of a raga falls into two or three parts categorized by the tempo - Vilambit laya (Slow tempo), Madhya laya (Medium tempo) and Drut laya (Fast tempo). But, although the tempo changes, the fundamental rhythm does not.

Each repeated cycle of a tala is called an *avartan*. A tala does not necessarily have evenly divided sections (*vibhagas*).

Some talas, for example Dhamaar, Ek, Jhoomra and Chau talas, lend themselves better to slow and medium tempos. Others flourish at faster speeds, like Jhap or Rupak talas. Trital or Teental is one of the most popular, since it is as aesthetic at slower tempos as it is at faster speeds.

Various Gharanas (literally "Houses" which can be inferred to be "styles" - basically styles of the same art with cultivated traditional variances) also have their own preferences. For example, the Kirana Gharana uses Ektaal more frequently for Vilambit Khayal while the Jaipur Gharana uses Trital. Jaipur Gharana is also known to use Ada Trital, a variation of Trital for transitioning from Vilambit to Drut laya. There are many talas in Hindustani music, however only a few are in common use:

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Name	Beats	Division	Vibhaga
<u>Tintal</u> (or Trital or Teental)	16	4+4+4+4	X 2 0 3
Jhoomra	14	3+4+3+4	X 2 0 3
Tilwada	16	4+4+4+4	X 2 0 3
<u>Dhamar</u>	14	5+2+3+4	X 2 0 3
<u>Ektal</u> and Chautal	12	2+2+2+2+2+2	X 0 2 0 3 4
Jhaptal and Jhampa	10	2+3+2+3	X 2 0 3
Keherwa	8	4+4	
Roopak	7	3+2+2	X 2 3
Dhadra	6	3+3	X 2

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### Additional Talas

#### Rarer Hindustani talas

Name	Beats	Division	Vibhaga
Adachoutal	14	2+2+2+2+2+2	X 2 0 3 0 4 0
Brahmtal	28	2+2+2+2+2+2+2+2+2+2+2	X 0 2 3 0 4 5 6 0 7 8 9 10 0
Dipchandi	14	3+4+3+4	X 2 0 3
Shikar	17	6+6+2+3	X 0 3 4
Sultal	10	2+2+2+2+2	x 0 2 3 0

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## **TERMINOLOGY**

- Aarohi** It means 'ascending in order', and the progression thus described indicates movement from notes of lower pitches to those of higher.
- Abhoga** It means 'till completion' and refers to the last section of musical compositions, especially in dhrupad.
- Alankara** Literally means 'that which decorates or embellishes.' In music it refers to features such as a change in the sequence of notes, their repetition, introduction of variety in timbre in one single phrase, etc. Embellishments are employed to bring in more beauty in presentations. A broad parallel would be figures of speech in literature.
- Alap** Elaboration of a musical idea contained or implicit in the original tonal phrase, mgn-frame, composition, etc.
- Antara** The second section of a composition following immediately after the first and generally highlighting the upper half of the octave-range.
- Amivadi** Those notes included in a raga but different from vadi and samvadi notes.
- Ardhatala** These tala-s are regarded to be less than full-fledged on account of their inherent simplicity of construction. These are often used in folk and other non-elite categories of music.
- Ashtapadi** A song-type originally composed by the poet Jayadeva in the twelfth-thirteenth century in his dance-drama Geelgovind. The form was revived in Hindustani vocal art music for solo performances by musicians of the Gwalior school in the nineteenth century.
- Auchar** Following from the word ucchara meaning 'articulation', it mainly refers to the initial and primary spelling out of melodic ideas in raga-presentation.
- Avanaddha** Instruments featuring a membrane for cover resonators. In the science of musical instruments they are classified as membranophones because in such instruments membranes are the primary sound-creating agents.
- Bada Khayal** The Khaya-composition in Hindustani vocal music characterized by a relatively slow tempo and, hence, conducive to expansive melodic elaborations.
- Bal** Sections of elaborations in rhythm-music mainly created by changes in dynamics and accentuation of their respective sound-syllables.
- Bandish** A common term for a musical composition, though sometimes confined incorrectly to melodic music, especially of the art category.
- Bandish-ki-thumri** A type of thumri set to teentala and designed to be used in dance-performances.
- Bani** Refers to the four basic styles of singing/rendering dhrupad, mainly from the repertoire of vocal art music.

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Barabari Tempo which is in equal measure to the tala in progression.

Bhajan A genre of vocal devotional music also presented from the concert-stage.

Biruda A section of a composition containing salutation to the deity, guru, etc.

Bol Units of meaningful as well as meaningless sound-syllables used to elaborate musical ideas.

Chaiti A genre of semi-classical vocal music based on folk-songs sung to welcome the spring season in Uttar Pradesh and adjoining areas.

Chaturang A genre in Hindustani art music in which the sthayi, antara, sargam and sound-syllables used in tabla or pakhawaj compositions are used in four successive sections of a four-part composition set in raga and tala.

Chikari High-pitched strings in instruments such as the sitar, used for creating tonal-cum-rhythmic patterns in melodic elaborations.

Chota khayal A composition in the khayal-game usually set in fast tempo and rendered after the bada khayal.

Deshi Apart from being the name of a popular raga, the term refers to one of the two ancient categories of music. Deshi, as opposed to margi, was described as essentially regional, enjoyed by all and free from the rules pertaining to raga and tala. The other type of music, namely margi was designed to please god and relied on strict adherence to rules related to raga and tala.

Dhala Sounds or notes low in pitch.

Dhrupad Genre in vocal art music having a nearly four-century old history. It is regarded to be the oldest form still in circulation.

Dhuya Natyashastra refers to dhuya, as a song-type used in drama according to prescribed rules. The term seems to indicate a relationship with dhruwad, a genre current in art music today. However, the connection between the two is tenuous.

Dhyana The state of contemplation. The concept and some related techniques came to be associated with music, especially raga, on account of the influence of the philosophy of tantra. As a culmination of a process, each raga was described as an icon with a definite posture, colours, weapons, costume, etc. The musician was expected to contemplate the icon so as to help him realize the spirit of the raga. The concept was further extended after the sixteenth century to bring into vogue the unique series of pictures Ragamala and the picturization styles perfected therein.

Drut It is the tempo generally described as 'fast' though there are controversies as to the exact unit of measurement employed to determine the validity of the description. The tradition is to differentiate tempi as vilambit, madhya, and drut. The first, vilambit (slow) is half that of the madhya (medium) in tempo. The medium tempo, in its turn, is half of the drut (fast) tempo. In other words, Indian musicology, for many reasons settles on the concept of relative musical time as contrasted with absolute time.

Dugun Obtained from the Sanskrit term dvigun meaning double or twice. Refers to the doubling of the speed of a melodic or rhythmic phase.

**Gamaka** An important embellishment in music-making, vocal as well as instrumental. In it, musical notes are so produced as to touch upon the lower as well as the upper adjacent notes by resorting to a vibratory mode of vocalizing or playing.

**Ghana** The term meaning 'solid' refers to one of the four instrumental classes, the other three being *avanaddha*, *sushira*, and *tala*. Members of the *ghana* class are technically described as idiophones or autophones as the entire body of the concerned instrument phonates when played. The obvious examples are cymbals, rattles, gongs, and clappers. Instruments such as *jhanj*, *kartal*, *morchang*, and different kinds of bells abound in India. They are mostly employed to create rhythm. Primitively, folk, devotional, and popular categories of music use them in appreciable measure.

**Gharana** A school of thought in music which determines the nature, proportion, aim, and actual rendering of each technical feature in music-making. It is a formulation of the basic musical philosophy or ideology which influences conception, teaching, learning, performance, reception, and codification of music in its major aspects.

**Ghazal** A popular poetico-musical form of Hindustani semi-art or light music with considerable assimilation of initial Persian and later Urdu poetic influences.

**Grama** The basic gamut of notes employed in the early music-tradition. The ancient tradition was stated to have employed three *gramas*, beginning from either *shadjā*, *mādhya*, or *gāndhara* note. Later, the third *grama*, based on *gāndhara* reportedly went out of vogue as it required moving in an usually high range of notes.

**Hori** A genre of light or semi-art vocal music consisting of songs describing the well-known festival of colours, *holi*. Songs dealing with the same theme are also sung in the *dhrupad* form of art music, but then they are composed in *tala dhamar* and, hence, called *hori-dhamar*. Their treatment naturally differs from the *hori-s* sung in the semi-art category. These songs mostly celebrate Lord Krishna and his amorous play with *gopi-s*.

**Jamjama** A musical embellishment which consists of forceful and speedy employment of a number of notes.

**Jhala** A distinctive, fast-paced, climactic, and highly rhythmic patterning of higher notes normally employed in playing string-instruments such as *si tar*.

**Jod** A distinctive way of elaborating musical ideas by combining notes (often by pairing them) while moving in a tempo faster than in the earlier phase of the non-*tala* section in melodic presentations on instruments such as *sitar*.

**Kajri** A genre in semi-art vocal music. It describes the rainy season and the associated themes of separation, reunion with the beloved, and so on. The genre, as practiced in the concert-music, is a processed form of folk songs of similar import.

**Kalbana** A genre in Muslim devotional music paired with another genre known as *kaul*.

**Khatka** A musical embellishment consisting of three or more notes employed quickly, forcefully, and successively. It is used in many forms of semi-art music.

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Khayal A dominant genre in Hindustani vocal art music distinguished by expanded and often improvised statements of musical ideas made concrete mainly through the interpretation of raga, use and exploration of tala, and creation and exploration of bandish-s. The genre, which is a late sixteenth century phenomenon, has fruitfully accommodated features of earlier forms and epitomized noteworthy potentialities of Hindustani music as a whole. This is why it has also encouraged emergence of numerous gharana-s, styles, and efforts of individual musicians to remain in the great traditions and, yet, carve out a niche for themselves.

Khayalnuma A genre of Hindustani vocal art music combining features of khayal as well as tarana.

Kutapa Bharata in Natyashastra refers to different arrangements of instrumental groups (employed in theatric presentations) as kutapa.

Langda Dhruwad A type of dhruwad composition more flexible than normally understood, but not as free in movement as a khayal composition.

Lehra A fixed instrumental and melodic composition employed to provide an unvarying reference frame to the solo performance of rhythm instruments such as the tabla,

Madhya The term meaning 'middle' or 'medium' is used to describe the tempo, a section of compositions, a pitch-range, etc., situated between the low and high or between the slow and fast, etc.

Mandra A low note or range of notes.

Manjha It refers to the middle section of compositions and means 'positioned in the middle'.

Margi The ancient sacred music in India, it was in contrast to the deshi, the more regional and mundane kind of music prevalent in the land. The classification became redundant after the medieval period.

Mat School of thought. A comprehensive philosophy of music governing nature, use and codification of a considerable number of important musical features. This term may be taken as a precursor to the contemporary concept of gharana.

Matra Usually means 'beat', but it is more correctly translated as measurement, the basic minimal unit for measuring and dividing the flow of musical time which determines the tempo of music. This, in him, leads to the fundamental phenomenon of musical rhythm.

Meend Continuous movement from higher to lower notes in (melodic) musical progression. Regarded to be an important musical embellishment. Instruments such as harmonium are criticized because it is not possible to execute this embellishment on them.

Mela An early term synonymous with that in art music. It is the fundamental, generative arrangement of notes both in aroha and avaroaha. The arrangement functions as the parent scale from which raga is generated. The mela system came in vogue to replace the murchhana-system around the fifteenth-sixteenth century. Each mela was named after the important raga it generated and such a raga was called melakarta.

Misra The term means 'mixed' and it is used to indicate melody, etc., partaking features of more than one raga.

Mohra A short composition played to precede the first beat of the tala-cycle introduced on tabla, etc.

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Mudra Informative textual part of a musical composition consisting of the name of the composer.

Mukhada In composition-texts, it is the melodic-textual phrase repeated after every completed statement of a musical idea. In tabla and other such instruments, it indicates a short composition played before the sam, that is, the first beat of the tala-cycle.

Murchhana The ancient mode of extending available tonal frameworks by commencing ascents and descents, ranging over seven notes, everytime from a new note. This mode gave way to the mela or that system around the sixteenth century.

Murti A musical embellishment consisting of a small number of notes executed in fast tempo but with tenderness and delicacy. It is mainly used in the 'lighter' forms of music and music-making.

Nom-tom A phase of melodic musical elaboration presented without tala by employing meaningless syllables such as nom, tom, dir, tana. Also employed by players of musical instruments such as veena, which follow vocal music in this respect. The phase is chiefly associated with the singers/players of the dhrupad genre.

Nrityanuga An early classification of musical instruments was done on the basis of their accompanying functions. Instruments were, thus, described as followers of either song, or another instrument or dance.

Odava Consisting of five notes.

Pada Broadly means a song. In the earlier musicological literature, however, the term referred to the textual part of a musical composition as contrasted with the melodic and rhythmic aspects.

Panchapalli A type of rhythmic composition on tabla, etc., consisting of five successive sections each set in a different tempo.

Paran A major composition-type in the rhythm-music composed for pakhaivaj. It is of many kinds and an ability to extensively elaborate a paran is recognized as a criterion for judging a player.

Pat Variation in the tempo of notes, rhythms, etc., in arithmetical units such as double, treble, and so on of the original tempo.

Patakshara Onomatopoeic sound-syllables employed to identify 'notional' alphabets of various instruments. For example, in tabla, tirkid, dha, ta, na; in pakhawaj, dhangad, gadigan, dhin dhin; or in sitar, da da, dir, dir, etc., are so identified. These and such other 'letters' are obviously expected to give us some idea of the tonal colour produced by instruments under discussion.

Peshkar An important genre of rhythm-music in tabla-solo. It is usually played in the initial stages of the concert and consists of select, major sound-syllables composed to provide a basic pattern affording scope for the elaboration of rhythmic ideas.

Prabandha Musical composition or genre. It is a generic term indicating methodical arrangement of musical components such as melody, rhythm, words, poetry, metre, etc. The contemporary term bandish is a useful equivalent.

Qaid It means 'imprisonment' or 'confinement' and refers to focusing on a note to weave around it tonal patterns for elaborating raga.

Qawwali A popular genre of Islamic devotional music which has emerged from the Sufi tradition in India.

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**Qayada** An important form of rhythm-music on tabla, rendered solo. Composed of select sound-syllables with varied complexity the player elaborates it further to the best of his ability.

**Rabab** A string instrument not much in vogue today. A rabab player is called rababiya.

**Raga** The basic arrangement of the traditionally accepted thirteen notes in the musical gamut. This basic framework is elaborated according to the established norms in Hindustani art music. Raga is a highly sophisticated concept which distinguishes Indian art music from other melodic systems such as Arabic and Persian.

**Ragadhya** An iconographic presentation of raga-s, probably inspired and influenced by the tantra philosophy. Coupled with shloka-s describing raga-images these iconographic presentations were expected to help performers contemplate in order to effectively render the concerned raga-s. This 'practical' aspect of the phenomenon was, however, soon relegated to the background. The ragadhya tradition soon merged into the later pictorial tradition of the Ragamala paintings.

**Ras** A rare compositional variety of tarana in which sound-syllables from the dance-repertoire are composed in a certain raga and tola.

**Rela** A fast-paced compositional type for membranophonic instruments, especially the tabla and the pakhawaj.

**Rishabha** The second note in the traditional gamut of musical notes.

**Sadra** A sub-type of khayal in Hindustani art music composed in tola jhaptala.

**Sam** The first beat of any tala-cycle. In the early tradition, one of the three ways of establishing a relationship between the beginnings of the song and the tala-cycle was known as sama, indicating thereby an exact correspondence of the melodic and rhythmic cycles.

**Sampurna** Consisting of the seven notes of the basic scale, the term is employed to describe raga-s having seven notes.

**Samvadi** Notes in the basic musical gamut are divided in four classes according to their relative importance in the raga concerned. Vadi is the most important, and samvadi, the next in order of importance, holds 'conversation' with the vadi. Anuvadi forms the third class and consists of all other notes included in the raga. The fourth class- viadi- refers to those notes which are nearly excluded or very rarely used.

**Sanchari** An early tradition of musical genres (still relevant to dhrupad-music) prescribed four subsections to a composition and identified them as sthayi, antara, sanchari, and abhoga.

**Sansthana** An early term synonymous with the modern term that which means a generative framework of seven notes arranged by selectively including/omitting certain notes. These frameworks are used to extract raga-frames elaborated in music-making. Obviously, that-s themselves are not expected to be presented as music. They merely function as launching-pads for the music to be created. The use of the term marks an end to the murchhana system of music-making prevailing till about the sixteenth century.

**Sargam** A short term indicating the gamut of notes included in music-making. It is also a name for a technique of music elaboration in vocal music. In it, the note-names are themselves sung to make concrete the musical idea.

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- Sargamgeet** A music composition made with the names of the notes used as components. That is to say, it does not have words.
- Sath** Accompaniment in music-making, whether melodic, rhythmic, instrumental or vocal.
- Sawan Hindola** Name of a genre of songs sung to welcome the rainy season. As the name suggests, the songs often describe swings and their role in merry-making.
- Seedhi** The term means 'straight-moving' and refers to rhythmic and melodic movement of a kind.
- Shabda** Normally understood as 'word' in compositions, etc. In a larger philosophical perspective, the word is explained as 'the property of the ether and the experience of the ear.'
- Shadava** Consisting of six notes.
- Sher A** couplet in the Urdu verse-form identified as ghazal.
- Shuddha** that The that consisting of shuddha, that is, not augmented or flattened notes.
- Sruti** Microtonal interval.
- Sthayi** With reference to the fundamental arrangement of notes, it is a repetition of the same note. As a name of the compositional section, it refers to the first section which normally covers the lower half of the octave space (for example, as in khayal).
- Sur Swam**, that is, note.
- Suravarta A** composition of note-names usually used to initiate a trainee in the intricacies of raga.
- Sushira** According to Indian musicology it is the name of the class of instruments which produce sound by blowing air through sound-holes. Instruments falling under this class are called aerophones.
- Swara** Musical note.
- Swaragrama** The fundamental arrangement of notes in a scale in ancient Indian musicology. Depending on the name of the first note, that is the note from which the basic scale began, early Indian practice identified three swaragrama-s as shadjagrama, madhyamagrama, and gandharagrama respectively.
- Swarartha A** medieval compositional genre in which names of the intended notes (preferably in short forms) were used to compose and present a piece.
- Tabli A** wooden or metallic surface of the resonator of musical instruments, especially tata, that is those technically known as chordophones.
- Tala** A highly processed and generative arrangement of beats' in a certain tempo expected to provide an unvarying time-cycle for melodic as well as rhythmic elaboration\*.

- Talapani A specialist person engaged in keeping rhythm through the actions of hands and fingers in a prescribed manner.
- Tan or taal Normally understood as the fast-paced musical and melodic elaborations in Indian music, vocal as well as instrumental.
- Tapkhayal A genre of vocal music which combines the features of tappa and khayal.
- Tappa A compositional genre in Hindustani vocal music reportedly inspired by the camel-drivers' songs in Punjab and adjoining areas.
- Tar Usually refers to the highness of pitch. It also means a string, especially of metal.
- Taraf Sympathetic string in instruments such as sitar.
- Tarana A vocal genre in art music consisting chiefly of meaningless syllables.
- Tata According to Indian classification of instruments the class which produces sound through vibrating strings. Technically, instruments of the class are known as chordophones.
- Tenaka In the early tradition, meaningless sounds—tenashabda—were regarded auspicious and used in composing music.
- Thapiya A style of playing membranophonic instruments such as pakhawaj with open palms.
- That See sansthana.
- Theka The basic composition for rhythm instruments such as tabla. It concretizes the otherwise abstract entity of tala.
- Thok A phase in melodic metallic elaboration on instruments such as sitar. In it, strokes on the wooden or the metallic body of the instrument play a significant role in shaping the elaborated musical idea.
- Thumri An important form of 'light-classical' vocal music mainly characterized by the freedom it takes from the tala and raga rules in art music, as also by its depiction of various moods associated with the sentiment of love.
- Tihai Repeating a phrase, etc., thrice for artistic effect in melodic as well as rhythmic music.
- Tipalli A composition in rhythm-music consisting of three different tempi, that is, tempo-changes or variations within a single piece, especially for tabla.
- Tivra Pitchwise, the highest state of two notes that is, madhyama and nishad in the accepted gamut is described as tivra. Its literal meaning is 'sharp'.
- Tivratarā In the early tradition of microtonal intervals, notes higher than the tivra were known as tivratara.
- Toda A genre in the music composed for tabla and sitar.
- Tuk Section of a composition as in dhrupad, etc.

- Udgraha** An early term referring to the first section of a composition.
- Uparaga** Term for a raga derived from another raga regarded more basic.
- Uthan** Refers to the opening passage of rhythmic composition.
- Vadi** The term indicates a note which is central to a particular raga. The majority of the elaborated patterns in that raga are woven around it. Also see anuvadi, samvadi, and vivadi.
- Vadya** Musical instrument. Literal meaning, 'that which is played upon'.
- Varna** The four basic ways of organizing musical tones, viz. sthayi (repeated), arohi (ascending), avarohi (descending), and sanchari (a mix of all the three).
- Vibhasha** An early term referring to a sub-type of the main raga. Vilambit Slow in tempo. Also see madhya and drut. Vilambit-Alap Musical elaboration, that is, alap in slow tempo.
- Vistara** Elaboration. Chiefly refers to melodic as distinguished from rhythmic ideas.
- Vivadi** Notes not included or used very rarely in a raga.