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## ALANKARAS

In our Hindustani classical music, many techniques have been explained for the Svvara Sadhana, such as 'Sa' Sadhana, 'Aa' Sadhana, 'Omkaar' Sadhana etc. Along with this, alankara Sadhna is explained very specifically. The meaning of 'Alankara' is an 'ornament'. The great intellectuals have given its definition as 'a group of Varnas in a particular sequence'. According to the intellectuals of music, Alankaras are also called 'Palta'. Listen to the accompanying CD  for practical demonstration of the Alankara given below.



## OBJECTIVE

After practicing this lesson the learner will be able to:

- explain the ascending and decending order or swaras;
- render the enlisted alankaras;
- write the ascending and decending order in proper manner.

**ALANKARAS ARE GIVEN BELOW.**

**1. Ascending order**

Sa, Re, Ga, Ma, Pa, Dha, Ni, Sà

**Descending order**

Sà, Ni, Dha, Pa, Ma, Ga, Re, Sa

**2. Ascending order**

Sa Re, Re Ga, Ga Ma, Ma Pa, Pa Dha, Dha Ni, Ni 'Sa

**Descending order**

Ša Ni, Ni Dha, Dha Pa, Pa Ma, Ma Ga, Ga Re,  
Re Sa

**3. Ascending order**

Sa        Re        Ga,  
Re        Ga        Ma,  
Ga        Ma        Pa,

Ma Pa Dha,

Pa Dha Ni,

Dha Ni Śa

#### Descending order

Śa Ni Dha,

Ni Dha Pa,

Dha Pa Ma,

Pa Ma Ga,

Ma Ga Re,

Ga Re Sa

#### 4. Ascending order

Sa Re Ga Ma,

Re Ga Ma Pa,

Ga Ma Pa Dha,

Ma Pa Dha Ni,

Pa Dha Ni Śa

#### Descending order

Śa Ni Dha Pa,

Ni Dha Pa Ma,

Dha Pa Ma Ga,

Pa Ma Ga Re,

Ma Ga Re Sa.



#### INTEXT QUESTIONS 3.1

Fill in the blanks

1. In Hindustani classical music many techniques have been explained for the \_\_\_\_\_ Sadhana.



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2. The meaning of Alankara is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. According to the intellectuals of music, Alankara are also called \_\_\_\_\_.

5. **Ascending order**

Sa Re Ga Ma Pa,  
 Re Ga Ma Pa Dha,  
 Ga Ma Pa Dha Ni,  
 Ma Pa Dha Ni Sa.

**Descending order**

Sà Ni Dha Pa Ma,  
 Ni Dha Pa Ma Ga,  
 Dha Pa Ma Ga Re,  
 Pa Ma Ga Re Sa.

6. **Ascending order**

Sa Ga, Re Ma, Ga Pa, Ma Dha, Pa Ni, Dha Sà

**Descending order**

Sà Dha, Ni Pa, Dha Ma, Pa Ga, Ma Re, Ga Sa.

7. **Ascending order**

Sa Ma, Re Pa, Ga Dha, Ma Ni, Pa Sà

**Descending order**

Sà Pa, Ni Ma, Dha Ga, Pa Re, Ma Sa.

8. **Ascending order**

Sa Re Sa Ga,  
 Re Ga Re Ma,  
 Ga Ma Ga Pa,  
 Ma Pa Ma Dha,  
 Pa Dha Pa Ni,  
 Dha Ni Dha Sà.

**Descending order**

Sà Ni Sà Dha,  
 Ni Dha Ni Pa,  
 Dha Pa Dha Ma,  
 Pa Ma Pa Ga,  
 Ma Ga Ma Re,  
 Ga Re Ga Sa.

**9. Ascending order**

Sa Re Sa,  
 Ga Re,  
 Ma Ga,  
 Pa Ma,  
 Dha Pa,  
 Ni Dha,  
 Sà Ni,  
 Rè Sà.

**Descending order**

Sà Rè,  
 Ni Sà,  
 Dha Ni,  
 Pa Dha,  
 Ma Pa,  
 Ga Ma,  
 Re Ga,  
 Sa Re,  
 Ni Sa.

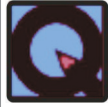
Learners must practice these Alankaras in 'Aakaar' form also, after a proper training of voice. They should sing these Alankaras regularly in different tempo.



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## INTEXT QUESTIONS 3.2

1. Write the decending order of Sa, Re, Ga, Ma, Pa, Dha, Ni, Sa
2. Sa Re, Re Ga, Ga Ma, Ma Pa, Pa Dha, Dha Ni, Ni Sa  
Write the decending order of these notes.
3. Write the ascending order of following notes  
Sa Ni Dha, Ni Dha Pa



## WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNT

- Alankaras are one of the techniques have been explained for the practices.
- The meaning of Alankara is ornament.
- Alankaras are also called Palta.
- Write the ascending and decending order in proper manner.



## TERMINAL EXERCISE

1. Write in details about Alankaras.
2. Write any three ascending and descending order in proper manner.
3. Write the ascending order of the following notes :  
Sa Ni Sa Dha, Ni Dha Ni Pa, Dha Pa Dha Ma,  
Pa Ma Pa Ga, Ma Ga Ma Re, Ga Re Ga Sa



## ANSWERS TO IN TEXT QUESTIONS

## 3.1

1. Alankara
2. Ornament
3. Palta

## 3.2

1. Sa Ni Dha Pa Ma Ga Re Sa
2. Sa Ni, Ni Dha, Dha Pa, Pa Ma, Ma Ga, Ga Re, Re Sa
3. Dha Ni Sa, Pa Dha