

HINDUSTANI MUSIC – MELODIC INSTRUMENTS

Subject Code - 035

Class XI (2025-26)

Introduction

The course in Hindustani Melodic Instruments at Secondary and Senior Secondary level is being offered to students for the holistic development of their personality. Hindustani Instrumental Music, in coherence with Hindustani Music, has evolved as one of the finest and foremost solo Instrumental music around the globe today. Enriched with soulful acoustic sound and beautifully crafted features, these instruments have sound scientific background. Inheriting the concept of Ragas and Talas as the key features, Hindustani Music distinguishes itself from any other music in the world, representing India's unique and rich cultural heritage. It is one of the two major traditions of Indian Classical Music, the other being the Carnatic music. Hindustani Music developed in North India with roots tracking back to the Vedic period, and evolved significantly during the medieval era. Often known as a Raga Music, various musical forms have evolved over time in Hindustani music such as Dhrupad, Dhamar, Khayal, Tarana etc. Initially being accompanying instruments to these Vocal forms for centuries, various instruments such as Rudra, Veena, Surbahar, Sitar, Sarod, Sarangi, Santoor etc. have established themselves as solo instruments today. Under the process of refinement for decades, these instruments are fully capacitated to deliver the embellishments (meend, kan, khatka, gamak etc.) of notes, in accordance with the various moods of Indian Ragas.

Objectives

- It is important to carry forward the rich heritage and tradition of Indian Classical Music to the next generation and to familiarize students with its rich history and diversity.
- To ensure the correct rendering of nuances of Hindustani Ragas, pedagogical interventions involving the indigenous, traditional face-to-face Guru- Shishya (teacher – student) style are incorporated.
- Structures of various Hindustani musical forms such as Dhrupad, Dhamar, Khayal, Tarana, Razakhani and Maseetkhani gats in the raga music can be learnt properly through face to face teaching methodology.
- Students not only learn a vital aspect of Indian culture, but also develop skills and qualities that benefit their overall growth and personality development.
- Music is very closely associated with many Science and Arts disciplines. The aim is also to focus on making students aware of the interdisciplinary approaches in various musical concepts.

Learning Outcomes

- Understanding the concepts of Indian Classical Music.
- Ability to handle, and adopt the techniques of instrumental music on the instrument opted for
- Proficiently performing raga delineation on the instrument opted for.
- Understanding time cycles (talas), rhythmic patterns and layakaris.
- Developing a scientific approach in all aspects, through the systematic training adopted during the teaching – learning process.
- Understanding other disciplines and their relation to various aspects of Indian Classical Music.



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Assessment Design

S.No	Component	Marks
A	Theory	30
B	Practical	70

Curriculum & Examination Structure

(A) Theory

Max. Marks 30

Time: 02 hours

1. Questions to be set with internal choice covering the entire syllabus

S.No	Units	Marks
Unit 1		06
1.1	Brief study of the following Nada, Shruti, Swara, Saptak, Thaata, Jati, Laya, Tala.	
1.2	Brief study of the following Margi-Desi Sangeet, Raga, Gat.	
Unit 2		06
2.1	Brief History of the following Dhrupad, Mastikhani and Razakhni Gat	
Unit 3		06
3.1	Brief study of Musical Elements in Natya Shastra	
3.2	Life sketch and Contribution of Tansen, V.N.Bhatkhande and V.D Paluskar	
Unit 4		06
4.1	Description of Prescribed Talas along with Tala Notation- in Thah, Dugun and Chaugan prescribed Talas: i. Teentala ii. Ektala iii. Chautala	
4.2	Knowledge of the Structure of the Instrument Opted for.	
Unit 5		06
5.1	Critical study of Prescribed Ragas along with Recognizing Ragas from phrases of Swaras and elaborating them. Excluding Rag Jaunpuri.	
5.2	Writing in Notation the Compositions of Prescribed Ragas: i. Bihag ii. Bhim Palasi iii. Bhairavi	



(i) Topics

1.	One Razakhani Gat with Alap, tala- badha Tanaand Jhala in the following ragas Bihag, Bhimpalasi, Bhairavi.
2.	One Masit khani Gat with tanas in any one of the prescribed ragas
3.	Ability to do Aalap, Jod, Jhala in any one of the prescribed raga.
4.	Knowledge of structure of instrument opted for.
5.	Ability to recognize prescribed ragas from the passages of swaras sung or played by the examiner.
6.	Recitation of Thekas of Teentala, Chautala and Ektala with Dugun and Chaugun keeping tala with and beats.

(ii) Distribution of Marks**Time: 15-20 Minutes for each candidate**

1. Examiners are requested to ask questions directly related to the syllabus.
2. Marks should be awarded in accordance with the marking scheme.

S.No.	Value Points	Marks
1.	Parts and tuning of Instrument and questions regarding Instrument	05
2.	Alap, Jor, Jhala with Meend in any one choice Raga from the Prescribed Ragas: i. Bihag ii. Bhimpalasi iii. Bhairavi	10
3.	Choice Raga (MasitKhani Gat and Razakhani Gat	18
4.	Razakhani Gats with Todas and Jhala of Examiner's choice	12
5.	Identifying the Ragas	05+05=10
6.	Reciting the Thekas of Prescribed Talas with hand beats in Thah, Digun, Chaugun, Teental, Chautala, Ektala	05+05=10
7.	Practical file	05

- * Teachers will refer to the distribution of Marks while examining the candidate for Practical Examination.