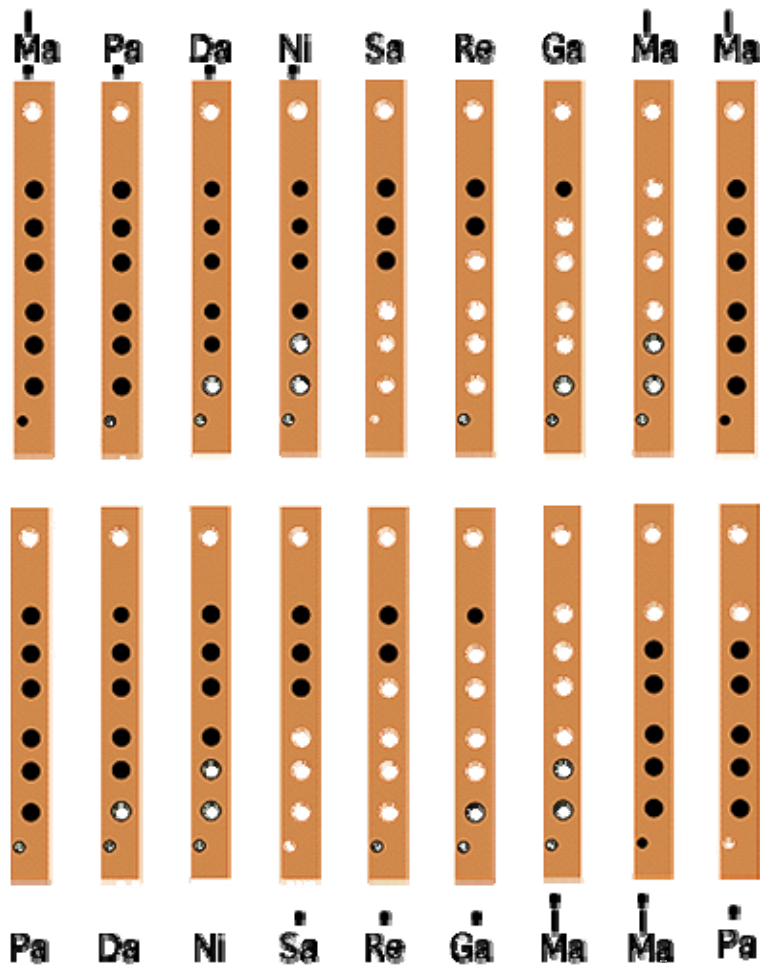


# Bansuri - Indian Bamboo Flute: Fingering Chart.

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In Indian music the Sargam system corresponds to the European Solfege system's names of the notes. Here is a chart which shows the names of the degrees of the Bilawal 'That' [parent scale] in Sargam and the corresponding names of the degrees of the major scale in Solfege :

1.	Sadhjya	abbreviated as	<b>Sa</b>	corresponds to	<b>Do</b>
2.	Reshab	abbreviated as	<b>Re</b>	corresponds to	<b>Re</b>
3.	Gandhar	abbreviated as	<b>Ga</b>	corresponds to	<b>Mi</b>
4.	Madhyam	abbreviated as	<b>Ma</b>	corresponds to	<b>Fa</b>
5.	Pancham	abbreviated as	<b>Pa</b>	corresponds to	<b>So</b>
6.	Dhaivat	abbreviated as	<b>Dha</b>	corresponds to	<b>La</b>
7.	Nishad	abbreviated as	<b>Ni</b>	corresponds to	<b>Ti</b>

A line below the note lowers the note by a half – step . This is known as a Komal swar : **Re, Ga, Dha, etc.**

A vertical line above the note raises the note by a half - step: **<sup>l</sup>Ma** . This is known as Tivra Ma.

A dot below the note means the note is in the register below middle Sa : **<sub>˙</sub>Ni, <sub>˙</sub>Dha, <sub>˙</sub>Pa, etc.**

A dot above the note means the note is in the register above middle Sa : **<sup>˙</sup>Sa, <sup>˙</sup>Re, <sup>˙</sup>Ga, etc.**

The above chart shows the basic fingerings for the bansuri. This is for the Kalyan 'That', which corresponds to the Lydian mode in European music. [A major scale with the fourth degree raised by a half - step.]

Sa [Do] is played with the first three finger holes closed.

On a bansuri with seven holes [as shown above] Tivra Ma [  $\overset{1}{\text{Ma}}$  ] in the middle and upper octave can be fingered with all the finger holes closed or with all the finger holes open [in the higher octave the first finger hole is uncovered].

Shuddh [lit.= pure] Ma [the unraised fourth degree] and all other flattened notes [komal Re, komal Ga, komal Dha and komal Ni] are played by uncovering the necessary portion of the finger hole.