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## Shiksha

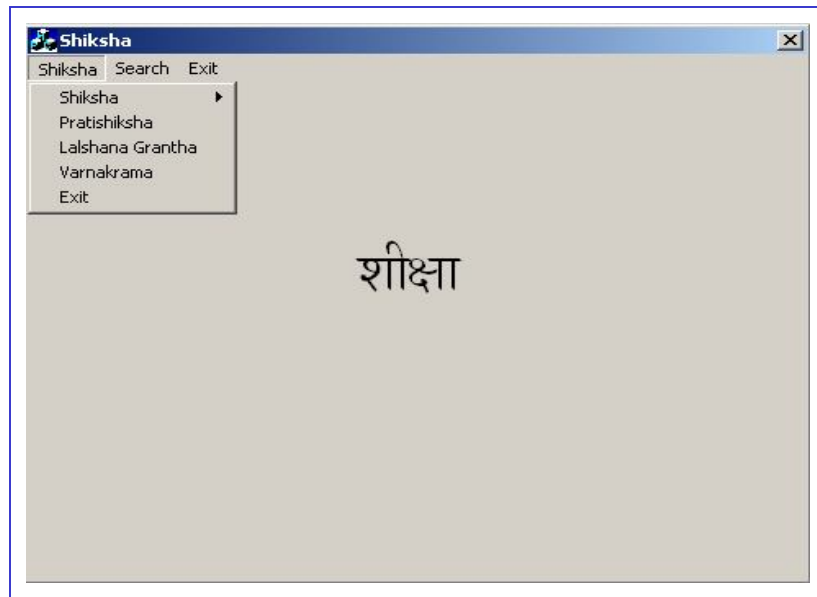
### (Science of Phonetics )

**Śikṣā** of **Pāṇini**, **Bhāradvāja**, **Vyāsa**, **Pāri**, **Kaṇḍinya** etc. dealing with phonetics for Vedic intonation and accents, pronunciation and certain special features of Vedic grammar etc, in verse form;

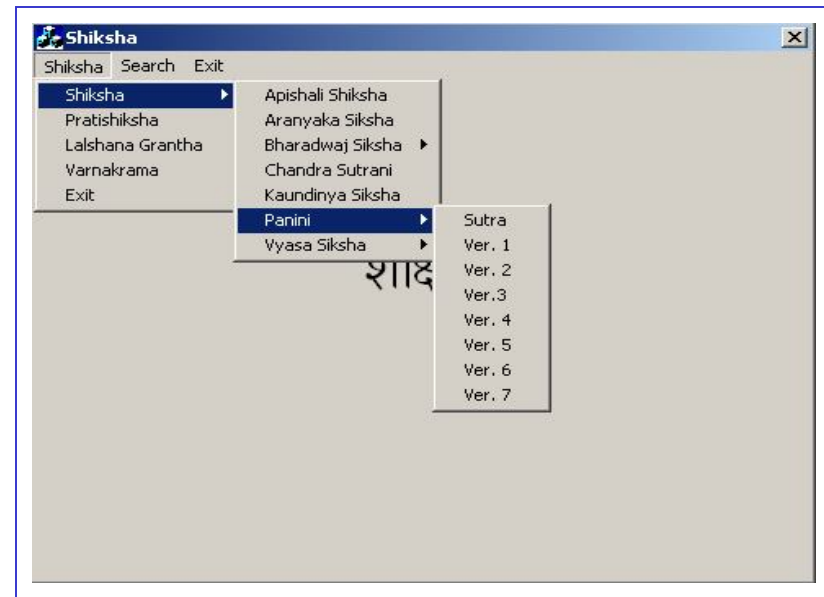
The Ancient Indian Science of Phonetics (**śikṣā**) is first of the six auxiliary branches of study (vedā'ga - śikṣā is likened to the nose of vedas) for the proper interpretation and understanding of vedas. Many sages like pāṇini, vyāsa, bhāradvāja, yājñavalkya, nārada, āpiśali, pāri etc. have described Phonetics, and as such, different śikṣā works are attributed to them. Some of these are common for all vedas while some are specific to certain veda/sākhā. Here, we shall concern with pāṇinīya śikṣā for further discussions. This work is in the form of sixty verses and references to them here would be by their verse numbers. According to pāṇini, the purpose of the Science is to clarify the proper pronunciation of utterances (vācaḥ uccāraṇavidhi vyaktīkaraṇam - pā. śi. 2).

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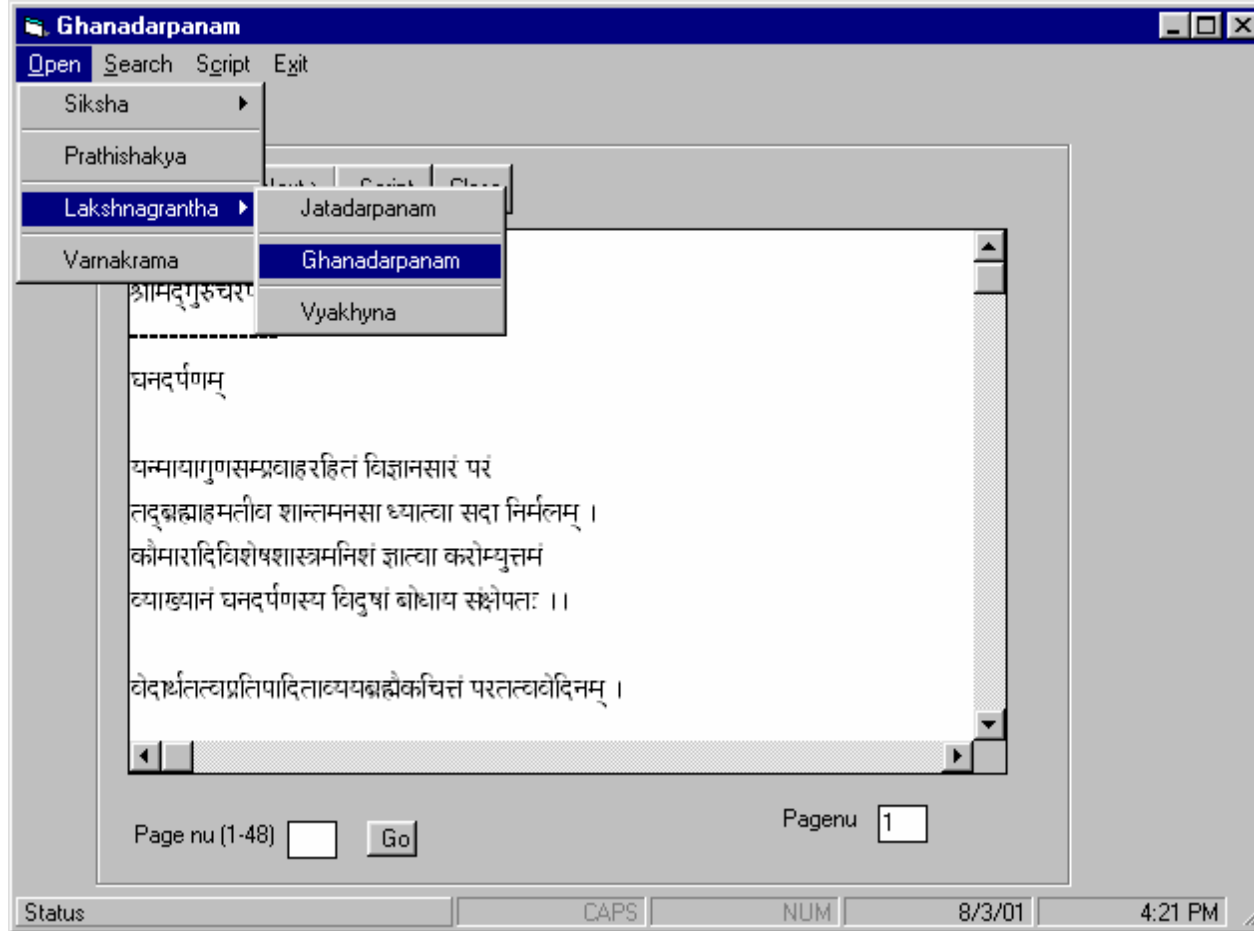
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