

Government of West Bengal

Finance (Audit) Department

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No. 4188-F(P2)

Dated 27/11/2025

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the power conferred by the explanation to Section 25 of the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881 (XXVI of 1881), read with Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Notification No. 20/25/56-pub(I) dated the 8th June, 1957, the Governor is pleased to declare the days as specified at List-I below to be Public Holidays during the year 2026.

2. The Governor is also pleased to notify that the offices under the Government of West Bengal with the exception of the offices of the Registrar of Assurances, Kolkata and Collector of the Stamp Revenue, Kolkata shall be closed on the days as specified at List-II below which are not declared to be public holidays, during the year 2026.

3. Further, the Governor is pleased to declare that the days as specified at List-III may be observed as Sectional Holidays in the year 2026 for the employees of different communities mentioned against the day.

List-I (Public Holidays in 2026 under the N. I. Act)

New Year's Day	:	1 st January, Thursday
Birthday of Swami Vivekananda	:	12 th January, Monday
Netaji's Birthday	:	23 rd January, Friday
Saraswati Puja [Sree Panchami]	:	23 rd January, Friday
Republic Day	:	26 th January, Monday
Doljatra	:	3 rd March, Tuesday
(**) Eid-UI-Fitr	:	21 st March, Saturday
Ram Navami	:	26 th March, Thursday
Mahavir Jayanti	:	31 st March, Tuesday
Good Friday	:	3 rd April, Friday
Birthday of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar	:	14 th April, Tuesday
Bengali New Year's Day (Nababarsha)	:	15 th April, Wednesday
May Day	:	1 st May, Friday
Buddha Purnima	:	1 st May, Friday
(**) Birthday of Rabindranath Tagore	:	9 th May, Saturday
Id-Ud-Zoha (Bakrid)	:	27 th May, Wednesday
Muharram	:	26 th June, Friday
(**) Independence Day	:	15 th August, Saturday
Janmastami	:	4 th September, Friday
Birthday of Gandhiji	:	2 nd October, Friday
(**) Mahalaya	:	10 th October, Saturday
Durga Puja, Maha Astami	:	19 th October, Monday

Durga Puja, Maha Nabami	: 20 th October, Tuesday
Durga Puja, Dasami	: 21 st October, Wednesday
Bhratridwitiya	: 11 th November, Wednesday
Birthday of Guru Nanak	: 24 th November, Tuesday
Christmas Day	: 25 th December, Friday

Yearly Closing of Bank Account

: 1st April (Wednesday) (for Banks only, Government Offices and Treasuries will remain open).

List-II (Holidays under the order of State Government in 2026)

Day before Saraswati Puja	: 22 nd January, Thursday
Shab-e-Barat	: 4 th February, Wednesday
(**) Birthday of Thakur Panchanan Barma	: 14 th February, Saturday
Holi (Day after Doljatra)	: 4 th March, Wednesday
Birth Day of Shri Shri Harichand Thakur (Madhu Krishna Troyodashi Tithi)	: 17 th March, Tuesday
Day before Eid-UI-Fitr	: 20 th March, Friday
Day before Id-Ud-Zoha (Bakrid)	: 26 th May, Tuesday
Birthday of Poet Bhanu Bhakt (for Darjeeling & Kalimpong District only)	: 13 th July, Monday
Rathayatra	: 16 th July, Thursday
Fateha-Dwaz-Daham	: 26 th August, Wednesday
Rakhi Bandhan	: 28 th August, Friday
Viswakarma Puja	: 17 th September, Thursday
Durga Puja, Maha Chaturthi	: 15 th October, Thursday
Durga Puja, Maha Panchami	: 16 th October, Friday
(**) Durga Puja, Maha Shashthi	: 17 th October, Saturday
Additional Day for Durga Puja	: 22 nd October, Thursday
Additional Day for Durga Puja	: 23 rd October, Friday
(**) Additional Day for Durga Puja	: 24 th October, Saturday
Additional Day for Lakshmi Puja	: 26 th October, Monday
Additional Day for Kali Puja	: 9 th November, Monday
Additional Day for Kali Puja	: 10 th November, Tuesday
Day after Bhratridwitiya	: 12 th November, Thursday
Additional Day for Chhat Puja	: 16 th November, Monday
Karam Puja	: <i>To be notified later on</i>

(#) It has been decided that the birthday of Bir Chilarai will be observed as holiday for North Bengal Districts. In 2026, the date falls on 1st February, Sunday, which is a holiday under N.I. Act and therefore not shown separately in List II.

(##) Birthday of Pandit Raghunath Murmu falls on 1st May, Friday which is a holiday under N. I. Act and therefore has not been shown separately in List-II.

(###) Parshwanath's Rathajatra falls on 24th November, Tuesday, which is a holiday under N.I. Act and therefore not shown separately in List-II.

List-III (Sectional Holidays in 2026)

Easter Saturday	:	4 th April, Saturday [for Christians only]
Hul Diwas	:	30 th June, Tuesday [for Adibasi (Santhal) only]

(#####) Birthday of Guru Rabidas (for the followers of Guru Rabidas) falls on 1st February, Sunday, which is a holiday under N.I. Act hence not shown separately in List-III.

Note :

1. Sundays are holidays under the Negotiable Instrument Act.
2. In the year 2026, the following festivals/occasions fall on Sundays which are public Holidays under N. I. Act and hence have not been included in lists:

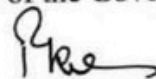
1)	Shivaratri	:	15 th February, Sunday
2)	Durga Puja, Maha Saptami	:	18 th October, Sunday
3)	Lakshmi Puja	:	25 th October, Sunday
4)	Kali Puja	:	8 th November, Sunday
5)	Chhat Puja	:	15 th November, Sunday
6)	Birthday of Birsa Munda	:	15 th November, Sunday

3. The holiday with double asterisk marks i.e. (**) is applicable to those Government Offices only where Saturdays are not observed as full holiday.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED IN ALL TYPES OF HOLIDAYS INCLUDING HOLIDAYS FOR THE MUSLIM FESTIVALS.

- 1) No substitute holiday shall be allowed if any of the festival – holidays initially notified subsequently happens to fall on a weekly off or any other non-working day or in the event of more than one festival falling on the same day.
- 2) If there is any change in the date of Eid-Ul-Fitr, Id-Ud-Zoha, Muharram, Fateha-Dwaz-Daham, Shab-e-Barat depending upon the sighting of the moon, holiday will be declared by a separate order for the date on which the festival would be actually observed in lieu of the date originally notified as holiday for this festival.
- 3) It may happen that the change of date of abovementioned occasions has to be notified at a very short notice. In such a situation, announcement would be made through T.V. / A.I.R. / News Papers and Heads of Department / Offices of the State Government may take action according to such announcements without waiting for formal order about the change of date.

By order of the Governor,



Additional Chief Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal