



Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry

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To : Members of the Committee

All Members

Dear Sir,

Re : List of Public Holidays for the year 2019.

The list of Public Holidays for the year 2019 as announced by the Department of Finance, Government of West Bengal vide their Notification No.6812 – F (P2) dated 05 November 2018 is enclosed for your information.

Encl : a/s.

Yours faithfully,

(Souvik Banerjee)
Director General

Government of West Bengal
Finance Department
(Audit Branch)

No. 6812 - F(P2)

Dated, the 5th November, 2018

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the power conferred by the explanation to Section 25 of the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881 (XXVI of 1881) read with the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Notification No. 20/25/56-pub(I) dated 8th June, 1957, the Governor is pleased to declare the following days to be public holidays during the year, 2019 :-

** Birthday of Swami Vivekananda	: 12 th January, Saturday
Birthday of Netaji	: 23 rd January, Wednesday
** Republic Day	: 26 th January, Saturday
Doljatra	: 21 st March, Thursday
Bengali New Year's Day	: 15 th April, Monday
Good Friday	: 19 th April, Friday
May Day	: 1 st May, Wednesday
Birthday of Rabindra Nath Tagore	: 9 th May, Thursday
** Buddha Purnima	: 18 th May, Saturday
Id-UI-Fitar	: 5 th June, Wednesday
Id-Ud-Zoha (Bakrid)	: 12 th August, Monday
Independence Day	: 15 th August, Thursday
Muharram	: 10 th September, Tuesday
** Mahalaya	: 28 th September, Saturday
Birthday of Gandhiji	: 2 nd October, Wednesday
Durga Puja **Saptami	: 5 th October, Saturday
Nabami	: 7 th October, Monday
Vijaya Dasami	: 8 th October, Tuesday
Birthday of Guru Nanak	: 12 th November, Tuesday
Christmas Day	: 25 th December, Wednesday

Note :

1. Sundays are holidays under the Negotiable Instrument Act (N. I. Act).
2. In the year, 2019, the following festivals / occasions fall on Sunday which are public holidays under the N. I. Act and hence, have not been included in the list of holidays :
 - i) Saraswati Puja (Sree Panchami) : 10th February, Sunday
 - ii) Birthday of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar : 14th April, Sunday
 - iii) Durga Puja - Astami : 6th October, Sunday
 - iv) Lakshmi Puja : 13th October, Sunday
 - v) Kali Puja : 27th October, Sunday
3. The holidays with double asterisk mark [i.e., (**)] are applicable to those Government offices only where Saturdays are not observed as full holiday.
4. General Instructions as laid down in the Notification No. 6815 - F(P2) dated 05.11.2018 hereinafter are to be followed in case of Muslim festivals.

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No. 6813 - F(P2)

Dated, the 5th November, 2018

In exercise of the power conferred by the explanation to Section 25 of the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881 (XXVI of 1881) read with the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Notification No. 20/25/56-pub(I) dated 8th June, 1957, the Governor is pleased to declare the following day to be public holiday during the year, 2019 :-

Yearly closing of Bank Accounts : 1st April, Monday
(All State Government offices including Treasuries shall remain open on that date).

No. 6814 - F(P2)

Dated, the 5th November, 2018

The Governor is pleased to notify that on the following days during the year, 2019, which are not declared to be public holidays, the offices under the Government of West Bengal with the exception of the offices of the Registrar of Assurances, Kolkata, the Collector of Stamp Revenue, Kolkata and the West Bengal State Beverages Corporation Ltd. shall be closed.

New Year's Day	: 1 st January, Tuesday
Additional day in connection with Saraswati Puja	: 11 th February, Monday
Shivaratri	: 4 th March, Monday
Holi (Day after Doljatra)	: 22 nd March, Friday
** Birthday of Poet Bhanu Bhakt (For Darjeeling & Kalimpong district only)	: 13 th July, Saturday
Janmastami	: 23 rd August, Friday
Panchami of Durga Puja	: 3 rd October, Thursday
Mahasathi of Durga Puja	: 4 th October, Friday
Additional days in connection with Durga Puja	: 9 th October, Wednesday, 10 th October, Thursday, 11 th October, Friday & **12 th October, Saturday
Additional days in connection with Lakshmi Puja	: 14 th October, Monday & 15 th October, Tuesday
Additional day in connection with Kali Puja	: 28 th October, Monday
Bhatridwitya	: 29 th October, Tuesday
Additional day in connection with Bhatridwitya	: 30 th October, Wednesday
** Chhat Puja	: 2 nd November, Saturday

Note :

- In the year, 2019, the following festival / occasion falls on Sunday which is public holiday under the N. I. Act and hence, has not been included in the list of holidays :
Fateha-Dwaz-Daham : 10th November, Sunday
- The holidays with double asterisk mark [i.e., (**)] are applicable to those Government offices only where Saturdays are not observed as full holiday.

No. 6815 - F(P2)

Dated, the 5th November, 2018

The Governor is pleased to declare that the following days may be observed as Sectional holidays in the year, 2019 for the employees of different communities mentioned against each:-

Mahabir Jayanti	: 17 th April, Wednesday (For Jains only)
** Easter Saturday	: 20 th April, Saturday (For Christians only)
Karam Puja	: To be notified later on.

Note :

1. In the year, 2019, the following festivals / occasions fall on Sunday which are public holiday under the N. I. Act and hence, have not been included in the list of holidays :

Baisakhi	: 14 th April, Sunday (For Sikhs only)
Sab-e-Barat	: 21 st April, Sunday (For Muslims only)
Hul Diwas	: 30 th June, Sunday [For Adivasi (Santal) only]

2. The holiday with double asterisk mark [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(s) shall be allowed for any initially notified holiday(s) if any of the festivals subsequently happens to fall on a weekly off day / any other non working day or in the event of more than one festival / occasion falling on the same day.
- 2) If there is any change in the date of the festivals / occasions, viz., Id-Ul-Fitar, Id-Ud-Zoha (Bakrid), Muharram, Fateha-Dwaz-Daham and Sab-e-Barat, depending upon the sighting of the moon, holiday will be declared by separate order for the date on which the festival would be actually observed in lieu of the date originally notified as holiday for these festivals / occasions.
- 3) It may happen that the change of date of the above festivals / occasions has to be notified at a very short notice. In such a situation, announcement would be made through TV / A.I.R / Newspapers and the Heads of Department / Offices of the State Government may take action according to such announcements without waiting for formal order regarding the change of date.

By order of the Governor,

Sd/- D. K. Mahapatra

OSD & E.O. Special Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal

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