

Government of West Bengal

Finance (Audit) Department

"NABANNA"

325, Sarat Chatterjee Road

Howrah – 711 102

No. 4331-F(P₂)

Howrah, the 21st October, 2022.

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 2023.

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 2023.

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 2023 for the employees of different communities mentioned against the day.

List-I (Public Holidays in 2023 under the N. I. Act)

Birth Day of Swami Vivekananda	:	12 th January, Thursday
Netaji's Birth Day	:	23 rd January, Monday
Republic Day	:	26 th January, Thursday
Saraswati Puja [Sree Panchami]	:	26 th January, Thursday
Doljatra	:	7 th March, Tuesday
Mahavir Jayanti	:	4 th April, Tuesday
Good Friday	:	7 th April, Friday
Birth Day of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar	:	14 th April, Friday
**Bengali New Year's Day (Nababarsha)	:	15 th April, Saturday
**Eid-Ul-Fitr	:	22 nd April, Saturday
May Day	:	1 st May, Monday
Buddha Purnima	:	5 th May, Friday
Birth Day of Rabindranath Tagore	:	9 th May, Tuesday
Id-Ud-Zoha (Bakrid)	:	29 th June, Thursday
**Muharram	:	29 th July, Saturday
Independence Day	:	15 th August, Tuesday
Birth Day of Gandhiji	:	2 nd October, Monday
**Mahalaya	:	14 th October, Saturday
**Durga Puja, Maha Saptami	:	21 st October, Saturday
Durga Puja, Maha Nabami	:	23 rd October, Monday
Durga Puja, Dasami	:	24 th October, Tuesday
**Lakshmi Puja	:	28 th October, Saturday
Bhratridwitiya	:	15 th November, Wednesday
Birth Day of Guru Nanak	:	27 th November, Monday
Christmas Day	:	25 th December, Monday

Yearly Closing of Bank Account

: 1st April (Saturday) (for Banks only)
(Note: The Government Offices only where Saturdays are not observed as full holiday including Treasuries, Sub-Treasuries shall remain open).

List-II (Holidays under the order of State Government in 2023)

Day before Saraswati Puja	:	25 th January, Wednesday
Birth Day of Thakur Panchanan Barma	:	14 th February, Tuesday
**Shivaratri	:	18 th February, Saturday
Holi (Day after Doljatra)	:	8 th March, Wednesday
Day before Eid-UI-Fitr	:	21 st April, Friday
Rathayatra	:	20 th June, Tuesday
Birth Day of Poet Bhanu Bhakt (for Darjeeling & Kalimpong District only).	:	13 th July, Thursday
Rakhi Bandhan	:	30 th August, Wednesday
Janmastami	:	6 th September, Wednesday
Fateha-Dwaz-Daham	:	28 th September, Thursday
Durga Puja, Maha Chaturthi	:	18 th October, Wednesday
Durga Puja, Maha Panchami	:	19 th October, Thursday
Durga Puja, Maha Shashthi	:	20 th October, Friday
Additional Day for Durga Puja	:	25 th October, Wednesday
Additional Day for Durga Puja	:	26 th October, Thursday
Additional Day for Durga Puja	:	27 th October, Friday
Additional Day for Kali Puja	:	13 th November, Monday
Additional Day for Kali Puja	:	14 th November, Tuesday
Birth Day of Birsa Munda	:	15 th November, Wednesday
Day after Bhratridwitiya	:	16 th November, Thursday
Additional Day for Chhat Puja	:	20 th November, Monday

(##) Birth Day of Pandit Raghunath Murmu falls on 5th May, Friday, which is a holiday under N. I. Act and therefore has not been shown separately in List-II.

List-III (Sectional Holidays in 2023)

Easter Saturday	:	8 th April (Saturday) [for Christians only]
Hul Diwas	:	30 th June (Friday) [for Adivasi (Santhal) only.]
Karam Puja	:	To be notified later on.

(\$\$) Shab-e-Barat, Sectional Holiday for Muslim Community falls on 8th March, 2023 (Wednesday), which is a Holiday under State Government & therefore has not been shown separately in List-III.

Note :

1. Sundays are holidays under the Negotiable Instrument Act.
2. In the year 2023, the following festivals/occasions fall on Sundays which are Public Holidays under N. I. Act and hence have not been included in lists:

- i) New Year's Day : 1st January, Sunday
- ii) Birth Day of Guru Rabidas (for the followers of Guru Rabidas) : 5th February, Sunday
- iii) Birth Day of Shri Shri Harichand Thakur (Madhu Krishna Troyodashi Tithi) : 19th March, Sunday

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| iv) Durga Puja Maha Ashtami | : 22 nd October, Sunday |
| v) Kali Puja | : 12 th November, Sunday |
| vi) Chhat Puja | : 19 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.
4. General instructions as laid down hereunder are to be followed in case of Muslim festivals.

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-UI-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,

Sd/- Dr. Manoj Pant
Additional Chief Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal

No. 4331/1(500)-F(P₂)

Howrah, the 21st October, 2022.

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

- 1) The Principal Accountant General (A&E), West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, Kolkata – 700 001.
- 2) The Principal Accountant General (Audit) West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, Kolkata – 700 001.
- 3) The Accountant General (Receipts, Works and Local Bodies Audit), West Bengal, C.G.O. Complex, 3rd M.S.O. Buildings, 5th Floor, Block-DF, Sector-I, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 064.
- 4) The Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of West Bengal.
- 5) The Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.
- 6) The P. S. to Hon'ble M. O. S. (I.C.), Finance Department, Government of West Bengal.
- 7) The Resident Commissioner, Government of West Bengal, A/2, State Emporia Buildings, Baba Kharak Singh Marg, New Delhi – 110 001.
- 8) The Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary/Secretary.....
(All Departments).

- 9) The Commissioner.....Division(All).
- 10) The Special Secretary/Additional Secretary/Joint Secretary/Deputy Secretary, Finance Department.
- 11) The.....Department/Directorate.
- 12) The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, West Bengal, The New India Assurance Buildings, 4 Lyons Range, Kolkata – 700 001.
- 13) The District Magistrate/District Judge/Superintendent of Police.....(All).
- 14) The Sub-Divisional Officer.....(All)
- 15) The Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-I, 81/2/2, Phears Lane, Kolkata – 700 012.
- 16) The Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-II, P-1, Hyde Lane, Jawahar Buildings, Kolkata – 700 073.
- 17) The Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-III, 1B. Market, Sector-III, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 106.
- 18) The Registrar & D.D.O., Finance (Accounts) Department, West Bengal Secretariat, Nabanna, Howrah – 711 102.
- 19) The Accounts Officer, West Bengal Secretariat, Bikash Bhawan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.
- 20) Treasury Officer, _____.
- 21) Sri Sumit Mitra, Network Administrator, Finance Department, for uploading this Notification in the Finance Department Website.


Secretary 24/10/2022
to the Government of West Bengal