Central Government holiday list 2026

Closed and restricted holidays for central government offices in Delhi and New Delhi, from the Department of Personnel and Training order.

17	14	3	7
closed holidays	fall on a weekday	fall on a weekend	long weekends

Closed (gazetted) holidays

#	Date	Day	Holiday
1	26 January	Monday	Republic Day
2	4 March	Wednesday	Holi
3	21 March	Saturday	Id-ul-Fitr Weekend Date may change
4	26 March	Thursday	Ram Navami
5	31 March	Tuesday	Mahavir Jayanti
6	3 April	Friday	Good Friday
7	1 May	Friday	Buddha Purnima
8	27 May	Wednesday	Id-ul-Zuha (Bakrid) Date may change
9	26 June	Friday	Muharram Date may change
10	15 August	Saturday	Independence Day Weekend
11	26 August	Wednesday	Milad-un-Nabi or Id-e-Milad (Birthday of Prophet Mohammad) Date may change
12	4 September	Friday	Janmashtami (Vaishnava)
13	2 October	Friday	Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday
14	20 October	Tuesday	Dussehra
15	8 November	Sunday	Diwali (Deepavali) Weekend
16	24 November	Tuesday	Guru Nanak's Birthday
17	25 December	Friday	Christmas Day

Long weekends in 2026

Dates	Length	Holiday
24 Jan to 26 Jan	3 days	Republic Day
3 Apr to 5 Apr	3 days	Good Friday
1 May to 3 May	3 days	Buddha Purnima
26 Jun to 28 Jun	3 days	Muharram
4 Sep to 6 Sep	3 days	Janmashtami (Vaishnava)
2 Oct to 4 Oct	3 days	Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday
25 Dec to 27 Dec	3 days	Christmas Day

Counts Saturdays and Sundays as off, assumes a five-day week, and uses only the closed holidays above.

Restricted holidays (choose any two)

#	Date	Day	Holiday
1	1 January	Thursday	New Year's Day
2	3 January	Saturday	Hazrat Ali's Birthday
3	14 January	Wednesday	Makar Sankranti
4	14 January	Wednesday	Magha Bihu / Pongal
5	23 January	Friday	Sri Panchami / Basant Panchami
6	1 February	Sunday	Guru Ravi Das's Birthday
7	12 February	Thursday	Birthday of Swami Dayananda Saraswati
8	15 February	Sunday	Maha Shivratri
9	19 February	Thursday	Shivaji Jayanti
10	3 March	Tuesday	Holika Dahan
11	3 March	Tuesday	Dolyatra
12	19 March	Thursday	Chaitra Sukladi / Gudi Padwa / Ugadi / Cheti Chand
13	20 March	Friday	Jamat-Ul-Vida
14	5 April	Sunday	Easter Sunday
15	14 April	Tuesday	Vaisakhi / Visu / Meshadi (Tamil New Year's Day)
16	15 April	Wednesday	Vaisakhadi (Bengal) / Bahag Bihu (Assam)
17	9 May	Saturday	Birthday of Guru Rabindranath Tagore
18	16 July	Thursday	Rath Yatra
19	15 August	Saturday	Parsi New Year's Day / Nauroz
20	26 August	Wednesday	Onam or Thiru Onam Day
21	28 August	Friday	Raksha Bandhan
22	14 September	Monday	Ganesh Chaturthi / Vinayak Chaturthi
23	18 October	Sunday	Dussehra (Saptami)
24	19 October	Monday	Dussehra (Mahashtami)
25	20 October	Tuesday	Dussehra (Mahanavami)
26	26 October	Monday	Maharishi Valmiki's Birthday
27	29 October	Thursday	Karaka Chaturthi (Karwa Chouth)
28	8 November	Sunday	Naraka Chaturdasi
29	9 November	Monday	Govardhan Puja
30	11 November	Wednesday	Bhai Duj
31	15 November	Sunday	Pratihar Shashthi or Surya Shashthi (Chhath Puja)
32	24 November	Tuesday	Guru Teg Bahadur's Martyrdom Day
33	23 December	Wednesday	Hazrat Ali's Birthday
34	24 December	Thursday	Christmas Eve

Good to know

- This list applies to central government offices in Delhi and New Delhi. Private employers usually follow their state's notified list.
- Offices outside Delhi observe 14 compulsory holidays plus three chosen from 12 optional festivals. No substitute holiday is given when a festival falls on a weekly off.
- Id-ul-Fitr, Id-ul-Zuha, Muharram and Id-e-Milad depend on the moon and can move by a day.

Source: DoPT Office Memorandum F.No. 12/2/2023-JCA, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (DoPT), dated 3 July 2025, Annexure-I and Annexure-II. Weekdays checked against the calendar. Reviewed 9 November 2026. This list is for information and is not legal advice.