Bihar government holiday list 2026

Public holidays for Bihar government offices, with the weekday for each date and the long weekends they create.

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holidays listed	on a working day	on a weekly off	long weekend

Holidays

#	Date	Day	Holiday
1	23 January	Friday	Basant Panchami
2	26 January	Monday	Republic Day
3	4 February	Wednesday	Shab-e-Barat Date may change
4	3 March	Tuesday	Holi
5	4 March	Wednesday	Holi (second day)
6	21 March	Saturday	Id-ul-Fitr (Eid)
7	26 March	Thursday	Samrat Ashok Ashtami
8	27 March	Friday	Ram Navami
9	31 March	Tuesday	Mahavir Jayanti
10	3 April	Friday	Good Friday
11	14 April	Tuesday	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Birthday
12	23 April	Thursday	Veer Kunwar Singh Jayanti
13	25 April	Saturday	Janaki Navami
14	1 May	Friday	May Day (Labour Day) / Buddha Purnima
15	28 May	Thursday	Id-ul-Zuha (Bakrid) Date may change
16	26 June	Friday	Muharram Date may change
17	29 June	Monday	Kabir Jayanti
18	4 August	Tuesday	Chehlum
19	15 August	Saturday	Independence Day
20	26 August	Wednesday	Birthday of Hazrat Muhammad (Milad-un-Nabi) Date may change
21	4 September	Friday	Shri Krishna Janmashtami
22	2 October	Friday	Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti
23	17 October	Saturday	Durga Puja (Saptami)
24	19 October	Monday	Durga Puja
25	20 October	Tuesday	Durga Puja
26	10 November	Tuesday	Chitragupt Puja / Bhai Dooj
27	16 November	Monday	Chhath Puja (second day)

28	25 December	Friday	Christmas

Long weekends in 2026

Dates	Length	Holiday
17 Oct to 20 Oct	4 days	Durga Puja (Saptami), Durga Puja, Durga Puja

> Counts every Sunday as off. Saturday holidays in the list are counted as off too. Uses only the holidays above.

Good to know

- **On a Sunday.** The list also names Sant Ravidas Jayanti (1 February); Maha Shivratri (15 February); Bihar Diwas (22 March); Durga Puja (18 October); Diwali (8 November); Chhath Puja (first day) (15 November). These fall on a Sunday, so they are not counted here.
- The Bihar notification has Schedule-1: 11 'general holidays' under executive order for all state offices and revenue magistrate courts; Schedule-3: public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act (notified for the state, including Republic Day, Holi, Eid, Independence Day, Diwali); Schedule-2 optional; Schedule-4 annual bank closing.
- The list here combines Schedule-1 and the Schedule-3 public holidays, which together give 35 holiday days (ETV Bharat), matching the reports that state employees get 35 days of which 6 fall on Sundays. Whether government offices observe every Schedule-3 day was not confirmed from the notification wording that was read; news reports (Amar Ujala, ETV) present them together as holidays for state offices.
- Schedule-1 (general): Basant Panchami, Sant Ravidas Jayanti, Shab-e-Barat, Maha Shivratri, Samrat Ashok Ashtami, Veer Kunwar Singh Jayanti, Janaki Navami, Kabir Jayanti, Chehlum, Durga Puja Saptami, Chitragupt Puja/Bhai Dooj.
- 1 May carries two holidays on one date (May Day and Buddha Purnima).
- Six holidays fall on a Sunday (listed separately). Id-ul-Fitr, Janaki Navami, Independence Day and Durga Puja Saptami fall on a Saturday and are kept in the main list because the Bihar Saturday rule is unknown.
- Id-ul-Fitr (21 Mar), Bakrid (28 May), Muharram (26 Jun), Chehlum (4 Aug) and Milad-un-Nabi (26 Aug) depend on the moon; the notification gives these Hijri dates and no revision for Bihar was found.
- Bank-only: 1 April (annual closing of bank accounts) is Schedule-4. Optional holidays (e.g. Makar Sankranti, Raksha Bandhan, Vishwakarma Puja, Chhath Kharna, Christmas Eve, Eid on 22 Mar and 29 May) are not in the list.
- The last part of Schedule-3 (Gandhi Jayanti, Durga Puja, Diwali, Chhath, Christmas) was not in the PDF copy that was read; those dates come from three or more agreeing news reports.
- Schools follow a separate Education Department calendar (75 holidays); this list is for state government offices.
- **Optional holidays.** State employees may take up to 3 optional (restricted) holidays (TeamLease, Sakshi Post). The official PDF copy shows 17 of the optional holidays; ETV and Sakshi Post list 22.
- **Saturdays.** We could not confirm which Saturdays are off for state offices, so only Sundays are counted as weekly offs.
- **Source difference.** Holi: 3 and 4 March both holidays (official Schedule-3); greytHR and factohr show only 3 March, greytHR also shows 2 March. Official text followed.
- **Source difference.** Ram Navami: 27 March (official, Keka, ETV, Amar Ujala) vs 26 March in central lists; hono.ai/greytHR show 27 April (wrong). 26 March in Bihar is Samrat Ashok Ashtami. Chose 27 March.
- **Source difference.** Bakrid: 28 May in the Bihar notification (optional Bakrid is 29 May); factohr and some lists show 27 May. Chose 28 May per official text.
- Festivals tied to the moon, such as the Eid festivals and Muharram, can move by a day. Any change is announced at short notice.

Source: Bihar Government notification No. 3/H-01/2025 (GA 15401 / SA 154.01), General Administration Department, Government of Bihar, dated 19 August 2025 (holidays for 2026), as read from Bihar GAD notification, partial copy (PDF on The Current India, source credited to governor.bih.nic.in), ETV Bharat Hindi, Amar Ujala (GAD notification report) and The Current India, read on 10 November 2026. Weekdays checked against the calendar. This list is for information and is not legal advice.

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