Bihar government holiday list 2027

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 weekends

Holidays

#	Date	Day	Holiday
1	15 January	Friday	Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti
2	26 January	Tuesday	Republic Day
3	11 February	Thursday	Basant Panchami
4	20 February	Saturday	Sant Ravidas Jayanti
5	6 March	Saturday	Maha Shivratri
6	10 March	Wednesday	Id-ul-Fitr (Eid)
7	22 March	Monday	Bihar Diwas
8	23 March	Tuesday	Holi
9	24 March	Wednesday	Holi
10	26 March	Friday	Good Friday
11	14 April	Wednesday	Samrat Ashoka Ashtami
12	14 April	Wednesday	Birthday of Bhim Rao Ambedkar
13	15 April	Thursday	Ram Navami
14	19 April	Monday	Mahavir Jayanti
15	23 April	Friday	Veer Kunwar Singh Jayanti
16	1 May	Saturday	May Day (Labour Day)
17	14 May	Friday	Janaki Navami
18	17 May	Monday	Id-ul-Azha (Bakrid) Date may change
19	20 May	Thursday	Buddha Purnima
20	16 June	Wednesday	Muharram (Yaum-e-Ashura) Date may change
21	18 June	Friday	Kabir Jayanti
22	25 August	Wednesday	Shri Krishna Janmashtami
23	2 October	Saturday	Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti
24	6 October	Wednesday	Durga Puja (Saptami)
25	7 October	Thursday	Durga Puja (Ashtami)
26	8 October	Friday	Durga Puja (Navami)
27	9 October	Saturday	Durga Puja (Dashami)

28	29 October	Friday	Deepavali
29	4 November	Thursday	Chhath Puja
30	5 November	Friday	Chhath Puja
31	25 December	Saturday	Christmas

Long weekends in 2027

Dates	Length	Holiday
21 Mar to 24 Mar	4 days	Bihar Diwas, Holi, Holi
6 Oct to 10 Oct	5 days	Durga Puja (Saptami), Durga Puja (Ashtami), Durga Puja (Navami), Durga Puja (Dashami)

> 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 Shab-e-Barat (24 January); Chehlum (25 July); Independence Day (15 August); Birthday of Hazrat Mohammad Sahab (Milad-un-Nabi) (15 August); Chitragupt Puja / Bhai Dooj (31 October). These fall on a Sunday, so they are not counted here.
- The Bihar notification has four schedules: Schedule-1 lists 12 general holidays under executive order for all state offices and revenue magistrate courts; Schedule-2 lists optional holidays (up to 3 may be taken); Schedule-3 lists public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act, which also apply automatically to all state offices and revenue magistrate courts; Schedule-4 is the annual bank account closing day.
- The list here combines Schedule-1 and Schedule-3: 36 holiday entries, of which 5 fall on a Sunday (listed separately) and 31 on weekdays or Saturdays.
- Schedule-1 (general): Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti, Shab-e-Barat, Basant Panchami, Sant Ravidas Jayanti, Maha Shivratri, Samrat Ashoka Ashtami, Veer Kunwar Singh Jayanti, Janaki Navami, Kabir Jayanti, Chehlum, Durga Puja (Saptami), Chitragupt Puja / Bhai Dooj.
- Samrat Ashoka Ashtami and Ambedkar Jayanti both fall on 14 April; Independence Day and Milad-un-Nabi both fall on Sunday 15 August.
- Holi is a two-day holiday (23 and 24 March), Chhath Puja is two days (4 and 5 November), and Durga Puja has three days in Schedule-3 (7, 8 and 9 October) plus Saptami on 6 October from Schedule-1.
- Maha Shivratri, Sant Ravidas Jayanti, May Day, Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti, Durga Puja (Dashami) and Christmas fall on a Saturday and are kept in the main list because the Bihar Saturday rule is not stated.
- Dates of Muslim festivals (Shab-e-Barat, Id-ul-Fitr, Bakrid, Muharram, Chehlum, Milad-un-Nabi) can change with moon sighting, as the notification itself says.
- The 5-day week applies in Secretariat departments and directorates; regional offices (divisional commissioners, chief engineers and others) keep a 6-day week.
- Bank-only: 1 April 2027 (Thursday), annual closing of bank accounts, is Schedule-4 and not a government office holiday.
- The notification is in Hindi; names here are English renderings.
- **Optional holidays.** State employees may take up to 3 optional (restricted) holidays in the year from Schedule-2, with prior approval from the competent authority. Schedule-2 lists 22: New Year (1 Jan), Makar Sankranti (15 Jan), Karpuri Thakur Jayanti (24 Jan, Sunday), last Friday of Ramzan (5 Mar), Holika Dahan (22 Mar), Id-ul-Azha (18 May), Muharram (17 Jun), Anugrah Narayan Sinha Jayanti (18 Jun), last Shravani Monday (16 Aug), Raksha Bandhan (17 Aug), Hartalika Teej (3 Sep), Anant Chaturdashi (14 Sep), Vishwakarma Puja (17 Sep), Jivitputrika Vrat (23 Sep), Durga Puja Kalash Sthapana (1 Oct), Durga Puja Ekadashi (10 Oct, Sunday), Jai Prakash Narayan Jayanti (11 Oct), Sri Krishna Singh Jayanti (21 Oct), Chhath Puja Kharna (3 Nov), Dr Rajendra Prasad Jayanti (3 Dec), Christmas Eve (24 Dec), and Id-ul-Fitr (11 Mar).

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- **Saturdays.** We could not confirm which Saturdays are off for state offices, so only Sundays are counted as weekly offs.
- **Source difference.** Id-ul-Fitr is 10 March (Schedule-3 public holiday) in the notification and 11 March (Schedule-2 optional); both are in the same notification, so 10 March is used as the holiday and 11 March is left as optional.
- **Source difference.** Id-ul-Azha (Bakrid) is 17 May in Schedule-3 and 18 May in Schedule-2; 17 May is used as the holiday.
- **Source difference.** Muharram is 16 June in Schedule-3 and 17 June in Schedule-2; 16 June is used as the holiday.
- 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 Notification No. 3/H-01/2026-19063/GA (General Administration Department, Government of Bihar), dated 15 October 2026, Bihar Gazette (Extraordinary) No. 1280, signed by Pankaj Kumar, Principal Secretary (holidays for 2027), as read from Bihar Gazette (Extraordinary) 15 Oct 2026, GAD notification 3/H-01/2026-19063 (PDF hosted by AscentHR) and AscentHR notification page, read on 10 November 2026. Weekdays checked against the calendar. This list is for information and is not legal advice.

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