West Bengal government holiday list 2026

Public holidays for West Bengal 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	1 January	Thursday	New Year's Day
2	12 January	Monday	Birthday of Swami Vivekananda
3	22 January	Thursday	Day before Saraswati Puja
4	23 January	Friday	Netaji's Birthday
5	23 January	Friday	Saraswati Puja (Sree Panchami)
6	26 January	Monday	Republic Day
7	4 February	Wednesday	Shab-e-Barat Date may change
8	14 February	Saturday	Birthday of Thakur Panchanan Barma Saturday
9	3 March	Tuesday	Doljatra
10	4 March	Wednesday	Holi (day after Doljatra)
11	17 March	Tuesday	Birthday of Shri Shri Harichand Thakur
12	20 March	Friday	Day before Eid-Ul-Fitr Date may change
13	21 March	Saturday	Eid-Ul-Fitr Saturday Date may change
14	26 March	Thursday	Ram Navami
15	31 March	Tuesday	Mahavir Jayanti
16	3 April	Friday	Good Friday
17	14 April	Tuesday	Birthday of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
18	15 April	Wednesday	Bengali New Year's Day (Nababarsha)
19	1 May	Friday	May Day
20	1 May	Friday	Buddha Purnima
21	9 May	Saturday	Birthday of Rabindranath Tagore Saturday
22	28 May	Thursday	Id-Ud-Zoha (Bakrid) Date may change
23	26 June	Friday	Muharram Date may change
24	16 July	Thursday	Rathayatra
25	15 August	Saturday	Independence Day Saturday
26	26 August	Wednesday	Fateha-Dwaz-Daham Date may change
27	28 August	Friday	Rakhi Bandhan

28	4 September	Friday	Janmashtami
29	17 September	Thursday	Viswakarma Puja
30	2 October	Friday	Birthday of Gandhiji
31	10 October	Saturday	Mahalaya Saturday
32	15 October	Thursday	Durga Puja, Maha Chaturthi
33	16 October	Friday	Durga Puja, Maha Panchami
34	17 October	Saturday	Durga Puja, Maha Shashthi Saturday
35	19 October	Monday	Durga Puja, Maha Ashtami
36	20 October	Tuesday	Durga Puja, Maha Nabami
37	21 October	Wednesday	Durga Puja, Dasami
38	22 October	Thursday	Additional day for Durga Puja
39	23 October	Friday	Additional day for Durga Puja
40	24 October	Saturday	Additional day for Durga Puja Saturday
41	26 October	Monday	Additional day for Lakshmi Puja
42	9 November	Monday	Additional day for Kali Puja
43	10 November	Tuesday	Additional day for Kali Puja
44	11 November	Wednesday	Bhratridwitiya
45	12 November	Thursday	Day after Bhratridwitiya
46	16 November	Monday	Additional day for Chhat Puja
47	24 November	Tuesday	Birthday of Guru Nanak
48	25 December	Friday	Christmas Day

Long weekends in 2026

Dates	Length	Holiday
20 Mar to 22 Mar	3 days	Day before Eid-Ul-Fitr, Eid-Ul-Fitr
15 Oct to 26 Oct	12 days	Durga Puja, Maha Chaturthi, Durga Puja, Maha Panchami, Durga Puja, Maha Shashthi, Durga Puja, Maha Ashtami, Durga Puja, Maha Nabami, Durga Puja, Dasami, Additional day for Durga Puja, Additional day for Durga Puja, Additional day for Durga Puja, Additional day for Lakshmi Puja
8 Nov to 12 Nov	5 days	Additional day for Kali Puja, Additional day for Kali Puja, Bhratridwitiya, Day after Bhratridwitiya

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

Good to know

- **Saturday holidays.** The notification marks the holidays that fall on a Saturday as applying only to offices where Saturday is not a full holiday. They are tagged Saturday only in the table.
- **Left out because they fall on a Sunday.** Shivaratri (15 February), Maha Saptami (18 October), Lakshmi Puja (25 October), Kali Puja (8 November), Chhat Puja (15 November) and the birthday of Birsa Munda (15 November). No replacement day is given.
- **Not counted.** Karam Puja has no date yet and will be notified later. The birthday of Poet Bhanu Bhakt (13 July) is for Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts only. Easter Saturday (4 April) and Hul Diwas (30 June) are sectional

holidays for Christian and Adibasi (Santhal) employees only.

- **Bakrid revised.** The original notification gave 26 May (day before) and 27 May. A later notification, No. 1814-F(P2) dated 22 May 2026, replaced both with a single holiday on Thursday 28 May after the moon sighting.
- **Banks.** 1 April 2026, the yearly closing of bank accounts, is for banks only. Government offices stay open.
- **Durga Puja.** State holidays run from 15 to 17 October and 22 to 24 October, with the public holidays on 19, 20 and 21 October between them. With the Sundays, offices have a break from 15 to 26 October.
- Eid-Ul-Fitr, Id-Ud-Zoha, Muharram, Shab-e-Barat and Fateha-Dwaz-Daham depend on the moon. The notification says a separate order or public announcement can change them.

> **Source:** West Bengal Government Notification No. 4188-F(P2), Finance (Audit) Department, dated 27 November 2025 (holidays for 2026), as reproduced by WBXpress, WB Calendar and GoodReturns, read on 10 November 2026. Weekdays checked against the calendar. This list is for information and is not legal advice.

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