

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Finance (Audit) Department

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No. 5962 - F(P2)

Dated, the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2019

**NOTIFICATION**

In exercise of the power conferred by the explanation to Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (XXVI of 1881) read with Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Notification No. 20/25/56-pub(I) dated 8<sup>th</sup> June, 1957, the Governor is pleased to declare the following days to be public holidays during the year, 2020 :-

Birthday of Netaji	: 23 <sup>rd</sup> January, Thursday
Saraswati Puja (Shree Panchami)	: 30 <sup>th</sup> January, Thursday
Doljatra	: 9 <sup>th</sup> March, Monday
Good Friday	: 10 <sup>th</sup> April, Friday
Bengali New Year's Day / Birthday of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar	: 14 <sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday
May Day	: 1 <sup>st</sup> May, Friday
Buddha Purnima	: 7 <sup>th</sup> May, Thursday
Birthday of Rabindra Nath Tagore	: 8 <sup>th</sup> May, Friday
Id-Ul-Fitar	: 25 <sup>th</sup> May, Monday
** Id-Ud-Zoha (Bakrid)	: 1 <sup>st</sup> August, Saturday
** Independence Day	: 15 <sup>th</sup> August, Saturday
Mahalaya	: 17 <sup>th</sup> September, Thursday
Birthday of Gandhiji	: 2 <sup>nd</sup> October, Friday
Durga Puja –	
Saptami	: 23 <sup>rd</sup> October, Friday
**      Astami	: 24 <sup>th</sup> October, Saturday
Vijaya Dasami	: 26 <sup>th</sup> October, Monday
Lakshmi Puja	: 30 <sup>th</sup> October, Friday
** Kali Puja	: 14 <sup>th</sup> November, Saturday
Birthday of Guru Nanak	: 30 <sup>th</sup> November, Monday
Christmas Day	: 25 <sup>th</sup> December, Friday

**Note :**

1. Sundays are holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act (N. I. Act).
2. In the year, 2020, the following festivals / occasions fall on Sunday which are public holidays under the N. I. Act and hence, have not been included in the list of holidays :
  - i) Birthday of Swami Vivekananda : 12<sup>th</sup> January, Sunday
  - ii) Republic Day : 26<sup>th</sup> January, Sunday
  - iii) Muharram : 30<sup>th</sup> August, Sunday
  - iv) Durga Puja – Nabami : 25<sup>th</sup> October, Sunday
3. The holidays with double asterisk mark [i.e., (\*\*)] are applicable to those Government offices only where Saturdays are not observed as full holiday.
4. General Instructions as laid down in the Notification No. 5965-F(P2) dated 01.11.2019 hereinafter are to be followed in case of Muslim festivals.

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In exercise of the power conferred by the explanation to Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (XXVI of 1881) read with Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Notification No. 20/25/56-pub(I) dated 8<sup>th</sup> June, 1957, the Governor is pleased to declare the following day to be public holiday during the year, 2020 :-

Yearly closing of Bank Accounts : 1<sup>st</sup> April, Wednesday  
(All State Government offices including Treasuries shall remain open on that date).

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The Governor is pleased to notify that on the following days during the year, 2020, which are not declared to be public holidays, the offices under the Government of West Bengal with the exception of the offices of the Registrar of Assurances, Kolkata, the Collector of Stamp Revenue, Kolkata and the West Bengal State Beverages Corporation Ltd. shall be closed :-

New Year's Day	: 1 <sup>st</sup> January, Wednesday
Additional day in connection with Saraswati Puja	: 31 <sup>st</sup> January, Friday
Shivaratri	: 21 <sup>st</sup> February, Friday
Holi (Day after Doljatra)	: 10 <sup>th</sup> March, Tuesday
Additional day in connection with Id-UI-Fitar	: 26 <sup>th</sup> May, Tuesday
Birthday of Poet Bhanu Bhakt (For Darjeeling & Kalimpong district only)	: 13 <sup>th</sup> July, Monday
Janmastami	: 11 <sup>th</sup> August, Tuesday
Tritia of Durga Puja	: 19 <sup>th</sup> October, Monday
Chaturthi of Durga Puja	: 20 <sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday
Panchami of Durga Puja	: 21 <sup>st</sup> October, Wednesday
Mahasathi of Durga Puja	: 22 <sup>nd</sup> October, Thursday
Additional days in connection with Durga Puja	: 27 <sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday & 29 <sup>th</sup> October, Thursday
Fateha-Dwaz-Daham	: 30 <sup>th</sup> October, Friday
Bhatridwitya	: 16 <sup>th</sup> November, Monday
Additional day in connection with Bhatridwitya	: 17 <sup>th</sup> November, Tuesday
Day before Chhat Puja	: 19 <sup>th</sup> November, Thursday
Chhat Puja	: 20 <sup>th</sup> November, Friday

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The Governor is pleased to declare that the following days may be observed as Sectional holidays in the year, 2020 for the employees of different communities mentioned against each:-

Mahabir Jayanti	: 6 <sup>th</sup> April, Monday (For Jains only)
Sab-e-Barat	: 9 <sup>th</sup> April, Thursday (For Muslims only)
** Easter Saturday	: 11 <sup>th</sup> April, Saturday (For Christians only)
Baisakhi	: 14 <sup>th</sup> April, Tuesday (For Sikhs only)
Hul Diwas	: 30 <sup>th</sup> June, Tuesday [For Adivasi (Santal) only]
Karam Puja	: To be notified later on.

Note :

The holiday with double asterisk mark [i.e., (\*\*)] is applicable to those Government offices only where Saturdays are not observed as full holiday.

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED IN ALL TYPES OF HOLIDAYS INCLUDING HOLIDAYS FOR THE MUSLIM FESTIVALS**

- 1) No substitute holiday(s) shall be allowed for any initially notified holiday(s), if any of the festivals subsequently happens to fall on a weekly off day / any other non working day or in the event of more than one festival / occasion falling on the same day.
- 2) If there is any change in the date of the festivals / occasions, viz., Id-UI-Fitar, Id-Ud-Zoha (Bakrid), Muharram, Fateha-Dwaz-Daham and Sab-e-Barat, depending upon the sighting of the moon, holiday will be declared by separate order for the date on which the festival would be actually observed in lieu of the date originally notified as holiday for these festivals / occasions.
- 3) It may happen that the change of date of the above festivals / occasions has to be notified at a very short notice. In such a situation, announcement would be made through TV / A.I.R / Newspapers and the Heads of Department / Offices of the State Government may take action according to such announcements without waiting for formal order regarding the change of date.

By order of the Governor,

Sd/- D. K. Mahapatra

OSD & E.O. Special Secretary  
to the Government of West Bengal

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