

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

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From

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To

The Principals (All Government/ Non-Government Degree/
Autonomous Colleges coming under the Higher Education Department)

The Principals (All Government Teacher Education Institutions coming
under the Higher Education Department)


Sub: Implementation of Common Holiday List – 2026 – Regarding

Madam/ Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am directed to inform you that in order to bring uniformity in observing holidays, the following "**Common Holiday List**" shall be strictly followed in all Degree Colleges under the Higher Education Department, Odisha during the calendar year 2026 (Attached as **Annexure-A & Annexure-B**). This list is provisional and subject to last-minute changes by the Government.

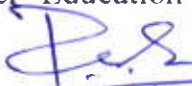
This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully


28.11.2025
Deputy Director

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Deputy Director

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Deputy Director

List of Holidays for Government and Non-Government Degree Colleges under Higher Education Department For the Calendar Year- 2026				
Sl.No.	Occasion	Date	Day	Number of Holidays
1	New Year's Day	01.01.2026	Thursday	1
2	Makar Sankranti	14.01.2026	Wednesday	1
3	Subash Chandra Bose Jayanti / Vir Surendrasai Jayanti/Basanta Panchami	23.01.2026	Friday	1
4	Republic Day	26.01.2026	Monday	1
5	Dola Purnima	03.03.2026	Tuesday	1
6	Holi	04.03.2026	Wednesday	1
7	Id-ul-Fitre	21.03.2026	Saturday	1
8	Shree Rama Navami	27.03.2026	Friday	1
9	Utkal Divas	01.04.2026	Wednesday	1
10	Good Friday	03.04.2026	Friday	1
11	Maha Visuva Sankranti / Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Jayanti	14.04.2026	Tuesday	1
12	Buddha Purnima / Pandit Raghunath Murmu's Birthday	01.05.2026	Friday	1
13	Summer Vacation	07.05.2026 to 16.06.2026	Thursday to Tuesday	35 (Excluding 6 Sundays)
14	Muhharram	26.06.2026	Friday	1
15	Ratha Yatra	16.07.2026	Thursday	1
16	Bahuda Yatra	24.07.2026	Friday	1
17	Independence Day	15.08.2026	Saturday	1
18	B'day of Prophet Mohammad	26.08.2026	Wednesday	1
19	Jhulana Purnima	27.08.2026	Thursday	1
20	Janmastami	04.09.2026	Friday	1
21	Ganesh Chaturthi	14.09.2026	Monday	1
22	Nuakhai	15.09.2026	Tuesday	1
23	Day Following Nuakhai	16.09.2026	Wednesday	1
24	Gandhi Jayanti	02.10.2026	Friday	1
25	Puja Vacation	17.10.2026 to 26.10.2026	Saturday to Monday	8 (Excluding 2 Sundays)
26	Bada Osha	23.11.2026	Monday	1
27	Rahas Purnima	24.11.2026	Tuesday	1
28	Prathamastami	01.12.2026	Tuesday	1
29	X-Mass Day	25.12.2026	Friday	1
30	Local Holiday			2
Total number of Holidays				72

- Two local holidays shall be declared by the respective Principals as per local need. (Local holidays declared by the Revenue Divisional Commissioner are as such not applicable to the Colleges. However, the Principals may declare that particular day, declared as a local holiday by the RDC, as a local holiday - within the two permissible local holidays - for their respective college if s/he deems fit.)

Optional Holiday List for Government and Aided Degree Colleges under Higher Education Department For the Calendar Year- 2026				
Sl. No.	Name of the Festival	Date	Day of the week	Number of Holidays excluding Sundays
1	Guru Govind Singh Birthday	06.01.2026	Tuesday	1
2	Sab - e- Quadar	17.03.2026	Tuesday	1
3	Easter Saturday	04.04.2026	Saturday	1
4	Birthday of Raja Ram Mohan Ray	22.05.2026	Friday	1
5	Foundation Day of Brahmo Samaj	20.08.2026	Thursday	1
6	Anla Navami	18.11.2026	Wednesday	1
7	Christmas Eve	24.12.2026	Thursday	1

- The employees of Government and aided degree colleges coming under Higher Education Department may avail one optional holiday on any one of the above-mentioned festive occasions/ commemorative days as listed.
- This list is subject to change by the Government from time to time.


 28.11.2025
 Deputy Director