

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

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From

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Deputy Director, PTC

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.

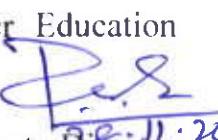
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Yours faithfully

  
28.11.2025  
Deputy Director

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Deputy Director

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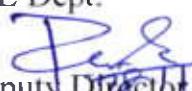
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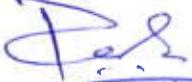
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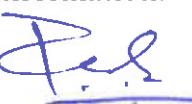
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Deputy Director 28.11.2025

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Deputy Director 28.11.2025

**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                        |
| <b>Total number of Holidays</b> |  |                          |                     | <b>72</b>                |

- 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