

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HOLIDAYS – General Holidays and Optional Holidays for the year 2026 – Notified.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (POLITICAL.B) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No. 2276

Dated: 04.12.2025

ORDER:

The following Notification shall be published in an Extra-Ordinary issue of A.P. Gazette, dated:04.12.2025.

NOTIFICATION

The Government of Andhra Pradesh direct that the days specified in Annexure-I shall be observed as General Holidays by all the State Government offices excluding the holidays falling on Second Saturdays/Sundays shown in Annexure-I(A) and Optional Holidays shown in Annexure-II except the Optional Holidays falling on Second Saturdays/Sundays shown in Annexure-II(A) during the year 2026.

2. The State Government direct that all the offices under State Government shall remain closed on all Sundays and Second Saturdays in all the months during the year 2026.

3. In addition to the above mentioned General Holidays in Annexure-I, the State Government employees may avail themselves of Optional Holidays not exceeding five (5) during the year 2026 on the festivals / occasions specified in Annexure-II to this order at their option and irrespective of the religion to which the festival pertains to. The permission to avail any of these holidays shall be applied for, in writing in advance and shall normally be granted by the Superior Officers competent to grant Casual Leave except when the presence of an individual employee is considered necessary in the exigencies of Government work.

4. The Government also direct that General Holidays shall not *ipso-facto* apply to the Industrial Establishments and Public Sector Undertakings under the control of the State Government, the workmen engaged in Public Works Department and Educational Institutions in the State. Separate orders regarding the festivals/ occasions when these Institutions have to observe holidays shall be issued by the concerned Administrative Department of the Secretariat.

5. If there is any change of date in respect of Ramzan, Bakrid, Moharrum and Eid Milad-un-Nabi as per the sighting of the Moon or any other holiday of Hindu festival as well, it shall be announced through electronic/print media. All the Departments of Secretariat and Heads of Departments and District Collectors shall take action according to such an announcement and without waiting for formal order about the change of date.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.VIJAYANAND
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner of Printing & Stationery (Publication wing), Vijayawada
(with a request to arrange to publish the above Notification In an Extra-Ordinary issue of A.P. Gazette, dated:04.12.2025 and send 500 copies to Government).

(P.T.O).

The Commissioner, Information & Public Relations, A.P. Vijayawada.

(with a request to give wide publicity through media).

The Home/School Education/ Higher Education/ Transport, Roads & Buildings/ Water Resources/ Energy, Agriculture & Cooperation, Consumer Affairs, Food & Civil Supplies/ Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries/ Environment, Forests, Science & Technology/ Industries & Commerce/ B.C.Welfare/ Women, Children, Differently Abled & Senior Citizens/ Labour Factories, Boilers & IMS/ Skill Development & Training/ Youth Advancement, Tourism & Culture Departments (with a request to take necessary action in the matter with reference to para-4 of the Notification).

All the Departments of Secretariat.

All the Heads of Departments.

All the District Collectors in the State.

All the administrative Sections in General Administration Department.

The Resident Commissioner, A.P. Bhavan, New Delhi.

The Secretary to Government of India, Department of Personnel & Training,
North Block, New Delhi.

The Chief Secretaries of all the States and Union Territories.

The Registrar General, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Nelapadu.

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.

The Registrar, Institution of A.P. Lokayukta & Upalokayukta, Kurnool.

The Secretary & CEO, A.P. State Human Rights Commissioner, Kurnool.

The Chief Executive Officer, A.P. State Waqf Board, Vijayawada.

All the Heads of Local Financial Institutions in the State.

All the Officers in the CMO.

The P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government.

The P.S. to Principal Secretary to Government (Political)(FAC).

SF/SC (2970189).

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SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE.I

(G.O. Rt. No.2276, General Administration (Poll.B) Department, Dated:04.12.2025)

GENERAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR 2026

Sl. No.	Name of the Occasion /Festival	Date	Day	SAKA-ERA
1	BHOGI	14.01.2026	WEDNESDAY	PAUSHA 24-1947
2	MAKARA SANKRANTI	15.01.2026	THURSDAY	PAUSHA 25-1947
3	KANUMA	16.01.2026	FRIDAY	PAUSHA 26-1947
4	REPUBLIC DAY	26.01.2026	MONDAY	MAGHA 06-1947
5	MAHA SIVARATRI	15.02.2026	SUNDAY	MAGHA 26-1947
6	HOLI	03.03.2026	TUESDAY	PHALGUNA 12-1947
7	UGADI	19.03.2026	THURSDAY	PHALGUNA 28-1947
8	EID-UL-FITR (RAMZAN)	20.03.2026	FRIDAY	PHALGUNA 29-1947
9	SRIRAMA NAVAMI	27.03.2026	FRIDAY	CHAITRA 06-1948
10	GOOD FRIDAY	03.04.2026	FRIDAY	CHAITRA 13-1948
11	BABU JAGJIVAN RAM's BIRTHDAY	05.04.2026	SUNDAY	CHAITRA 15-1947
12	Dr. B.R.AMBEDKAR'S BIRTHDAY	14.04.2026	TUESDAY	CHAITRA 24-1948
13	Eid-ul-Adha (BAKRID)	27.05.2026	WEDNESDAY	JYAISHTHA 06-1948
14	MOHARRUM (Shahadat Imam Hussian RA, 1447 Hijri)	25.06.2026	THURSDAY	ASHADHA 04-1948
15	INDEPENDENCE DAY	15.08.2026	SATURDAY	SRAVANA 24-1948
16	VARA LAKSHMI VRATHAM	21.08.2026	FRIDAY	SRAVANA 30-1948
17	MILAD-UN-NABI (SAWS) 1447 Hijhri	25.08.2026	TUESDAY	BHADRA 04-1948
18	SRI KRISHNAASHTAMI	04.09.2026	FRIDAY	BHADRA 13-1948
19	VINAYAKA CHAVITHI	14.09.2026	MONDAY	BHADRA 23-1948
20	MAHATMA GANDHI JAYANTHI	02.10.2026	FRIDAY	ASVINA 10-1948

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21	DURGASHTAMI	18.10.2026	SUNDAY	ASVINA 26-1948
22	VIJAYA DASAMI	20.10.2026	TUESDAY	ASVINA 28-1948
23	DEEPAVALI	08.11.2026	SUNDAY	KARTIKA 17-1948
24	CHRISTMAS	25.12.2026	FRIDAY	PAUSHA 04-1948

ANNEXURE.I (A)

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Festivals/occasions occur on Sundays during the year 2026

Sl.No.	Name of the Occasion / Festival	Date	Day	Saka-Era
1	MAHA SIVARATRI	15.02.2026	SUNDAY	MAGHA 26-1947
2	BABU JAGJIVAN RAM's BIRTHDAY	05.04.2026	SUNDAY	CHAITRA 15-1947
3	DURGASHTAMI	18.10.2026	SUNDAY	ASVINA 26-1948
4	DEEPAVALI	08.11.2026	SUNDAY	KARTIKA 17-1948

ANNEXURE.II

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OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR 2026

Sl. No	Name of the occasion / festival	Date	Day	SAKA-ERA
1	NEW YEAR'S DAY	01.01.2026	THURSDAY	PAUSHA 11-1947
2	BIRTHDAY OF HAZRATH ALI (R.A.)	03.01.2026	SATURDAY	PAUSHA 13-1947
3	SHAB-E-MERAJ (27 th Rajab)	16.01.2026	FRIDAY	PAUSHA 26-1947
4	SHAB-E-BARATH	03.02.2026	TUESDAY	MAGHA 14-1947
5	SHAHADAT OF HAZRATH ALI (R.A.)	11.03.2026	WEDNESDAY	PHALGUNA 20-1947
6	JAMATUL VEDA	13.03.2026	FRIDAY	PHALGUNA 22-1947
7	SHAB-E-QADAR	15.03.2026	SUNDAY	PHALGUNA 24-1947

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8	MAHAVEER JAYANTHI	31.03.2026	TUESDAY	CHAITRA 10-1948
9	BASAVA JAYANTHI	20.04.2026	MONDAY	CHAITRA 30-1948
10	BUDDHA PURNIMA	01.05.2026	FRIDAY	VAISAKHA 11-1948
11	EID-E-GADEER	03.06.2026	WEDNESDAY	JYAISHTHA 03-1948
12	MOHARRAM (1447 Hijri)	16.06.2026	TUESDAY	JYAISHTHA 26-1948
13	RATHA YATRA	16.07.2026	THURSDAY	ASHADHA 25-1948
14	ARBAYEEN (CHAHALLUM 1447 HIJRI)	04.08.2026	TUESDAY	SRAVANA 13-1948
15	PARSI NEW YEAR'S DAY	15.08.2026	SATURDAY	SRAVANA 24-1948
16	YAZ DAHUM SHAREEF	22.09.2026	TUESDAY	BHADRA 31-1948
17	MAHALAYA AMAVASYA	10.10.2026	2 nd SATURDAY	ASVINA 18-1948
18	HAZRATH SYED MOHAMMED JUVANPURI MEHDI'S BIRTHDAY	27.10.2026	TUESDAY	KARTIKA 05-1948
19	GURU NANAK JAYANTHI	24.11.2026	TUESDAY	AGRAHAYANA 03-1948
20	CHRISTMAS EVE	24.12.2026	THURSDAY	PAUSHA 03-1948
21	BOXING DAY	26.12.2026	SATURDAY	PAUSHA 05-1948

ANNEXURE.II (A)

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Festivals/occasions occur on Second Saturdays/Sundays during the year 2026

Sl.No.	Name of the occasion / festival	Date	Day	SAKA-ERA
1	SHAB-E-QADAR	15.03.2026	SUNDAY	PHALGUNA 24-1947
2	MAHALAYA AMAVASYA	10.10.2026	2 nd SATURDAY	ASVINA 18-1948

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