

PART – II**OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

No. GS/22/2025/JSR/2025/509/GH:- The following are the Optional Holidays recognized by Government of Gujarat for the year 2026 in addition to those notified in Part-I as Public Holidays.

Sr. No.	Name of the Optional Holidays	Date	Saka Era	Days of Week
1.	Christian New Year Day	01 st January, 2026	11, Paush, 1947	Thursday
2.	Vassi Uttarayan (Next Day to Makar Sankranti)	15 th January, 2026	25, Paush, 1947	Thursday
3.	Vishvakarma Jayanti (Maha Sud-13)	31 st January, 2026	11, Magh, 1947	Saturday
4.	(1) Shab-e-Barat	04 th February, 2026	15, Magh, 1947	Wednesday
	(2) Birthday of Dhani Matang Dev	04 th February, 2026	15, Magh, 1947	Wednesday
5.	Holi	03 rd March, 2026	12, Phalgun, 1947	Tuesday
6.	Shahadat-e-Hazarat Ali	11 th March, 2026	20, Phalgun, 1947	Wednesday
7.	Gudi Padvo (Chaitra Sud-1)	19 th March, 2026	28, Phalgun, 1947	Thursday
8.	Jamshedi Navroz (Parsi Shahenshahi & Parsi Kadmi)	21 st March, 2026	30, Phalgun, 1947	Saturday
9.	Hatkeshvar Jayanti	01 st April, 2026	11, Chaitra, 1948	Wednesday
10.	(1) Pesah (1 st Day) (Yahudi)	02 nd April, 2026	12, Chaitra, 1948	Thursday
	(2) Hanuman Jayanti (Chaitra Sud-15)	02 nd April, 2026	12, Chaitra, 1948	Thursday
11.	Maha Prabhuji's Praktyotsava (Vallabhacharya Jayanti)	13 th April, 2026	23, Chaitra, 1948	Monday
12.	Shree Adhya Jagadguru Shankaracharya Jayanti (Vaishakh Sud-5)	21 st April, 2026	01, Vaishakh, 1948	Tuesday
13.	Zarthost-no-Disho (Parsi Kadami)	22 nd April, 2026	02, Vaishakh, 1948	Wednesday
14.	Budhha Purnima (Vaishakh Sud-15)	01 st May, 2026	11, Vaishakh, 1948	Friday
15.	(1) Shavuoth (Yahudi)	22 nd May, 2026	01, Jyaishta, 1948	Friday
	(2) Zarthost-no-Disho (Parsi Shahenshahi)	22 nd May, 2026	01, Jyaishta, 1948	Friday
16.	Guru Arjundev's Martyrdom day	18 th June, 2026	28, Jyaishta, 1948	Thursday
17.	9 th Muharram	25 th June, 2026	04, Ashadh, 1948	Thursday
18.	Gatha Gahamber (Gatha-III) (Parsi Kadmi)	13 th July, 2026	22, Ashadh, 1948	Monday
19.	Parsi New Year Day Eve (Gatha-V) (Parsi kadmi)	15 th July, 2026	24, Ashadh, 1948	Wednesday
20.	(1) Rathayatra (Ashadhi bij) (Ashadh Sud-2)	16 th July, 2026	25, Ashadh, 1948	Thursday
	(2) Parsi New Year Day (Parsi Kadmi)	16 th July, 2026	25, Ashadh, 1948	Thursday
21.	Khordad Sal (Parsi Kadmi)	21 st July, 2026	30, Ashadh, 1948	Tuesday
22.	Tisha-be-aav (Yahudi)	23 rd July, 2026	01, Shravan, 1948	Thursday
23.	(1) Gatha Gahamber (Gatha-III) (Parsi Shahenshahi)	12 th August, 2026	21, Shravan, 1948	Wednesday
	(2) Shahadat-e- Imam Hasan	12 th August, 2026	21, Shravan, 1948	Wednesday
24.	Parsi New Year Day Eve (Gatha-V) (Parsi Shahenshahi)	14 th August, 2026	23, Shravan, 1948	Friday
25.	Khordad Sal (Parsi Shahenshahi)	20 th August, 2026	29, Shravan, 1948	Thursday
26.	Onam	26 th August, 2026	04, Bhadrapad, 1948	Wednesday
27.	Id-e-Maulud	31 st August, 2026	09, Bhadrapad, 1948	Monday
28.	Nand Utsav (Shravan Vad-9)	05 th September, 2026	14, Bhadrapad, 1948	Saturday
29.	Shravan Vad-12 (Paryusan 1 st Day) (Chaturthi Paksha)	08 th September, 2026	17, Bhadrapad, 1948	Tuesday
30.	Shravan Vad-13 (Paryusan 1 st Day) (Panchami Paksha)	09 th September, 2026	18, Bhadrapad, 1948	Wednesday

31.	Ganesh Chaturthi (Bhadarva Sud-4)	14 th September, 2026	23, Bhadrapad, 1948	Monday
32.	Samvatsari (Panchami Paksha)	16 th September, 2026	25, Bhadrapad, 1948	Wednesday
33.	Yom Kippur (Yahudi)	21 st September, 2026	30, Bhadrapad, 1948	Monday
34.	Dhan Terash (Aaso Vad- 13)	07 th November, 2026	16, Kartik, 1948	Saturday
35.	Dev-Diwali (Kartak Sud-15)	24 th November, 2026	03, Margshirsh, 1948	Tuesday

Note: (1) The following days have not been notified as Optional Holidays as they fall on 2nd / 4th Saturday or Sunday

1.	Saint Shiromani Ravidasji's Birthday	01 st February, 2026	12, Magh, 1947	Sunday
2.	Ramjan-Id (Id-Ul-Fitra) (2 nd Shawaal)	22 nd March, 2026	01, Chaitr, 1948	Sunday
3.	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	9 th August, 2026	18, Shravan, 1948	Sunday
4.	(1) Rosh Hashanah (1 st Day) (New Year) (Yahudi)	12 th September, 2026	21, Bhadrapad, 1948	2 nd Saturday
	(2) Mahavir Swami Janma Vachan (Chaturthi Paksha)	12 th September, 2026	21, Bhadrapad, 1948	2 nd Saturday
5.	Eve of Kippur (Yahudi)	20 th September, 2026	29, Bhadrapad, 1948	Sunday
6.	Succoth (Yahudi)	26 th September, 2026	04, Ashwin, 1948	4 th Saturday
7.	Kali Chaudash (Aaso Vad-14)	08 th November, 2026	17, Kartik, 1948	Sunday
8.	Shrimad Bhagwad Gita Jayanti-	20 th December, 2026	29, Margshirsh, 1948	Sunday
9.	Boxing Day (Next Day to Christmas)	26 th December, 2026	05, Paush, 1948	4 th Saturday

Note: (2) Government Employees may avail of maximum any two of the holidays on the festival occasions mentioned above at their option and irrespective of their religious denomination. Permission for availment of these optional holidays should however, be applied for in advance and will normally be granted by the officer competent to grant casual leave with due regard to the exigencies of Government work. This leave of two days taken by Government Employees at their discretion on the festival of their choice will not be debited to their casual leave account.

Note: (3) If any of the Muslim religion holidays notified above, does not fall on the day notified, the Muslim Employees of Government may be granted an optional holiday on the day on which the holiday is actually observed.