

List of Public Holidays in the State of West Bengal for the year 2023 under Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881

Government of West Bengal, Finance [Audit] Department, vide its Notification No.4331-F(P2) Dated 21st October, 2022, 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 8th June, 1957, have declared the list of Public Holidays under Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 in the State of West Bengal for the year 2023, which is given below for information of all concerned.

Particulars		Date of Holiday	
Birth Day of Swami Vivekananda	:	12 th January	Thursday
Netaji's Birth Day	:	23 rd January	Monday
Republic Day	:	26 th January	Thursday
Saraswati Puja [Sree Panchami]	:	26 th January	Thursday
Doljatra	:	7 th March	Tuesday
Mahavir Jayanti	:	4 th April	Tuesday
Good Friday	:	7 th April	Friday
Birth Day of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar	:	14 th April	Friday
Bengali New Year's Day (Nababarsha)	:	15 th April	Saturday
Eid-UI-Fitr	:	22 nd April	Saturday
May Day	:	1 st May	Monday
Buddha Purnima	:	5 th May	Friday
Birth Day of Rabindranath Tagore	:	9 th May	Tuesday
Id-Ud-Zoha (Bakrid)	:	29 th June	Thursday
Muharram	:	29 th July	Saturday
Independence Day	:	15 th August	Tuesday
Birth Day of Gandhiji	:	2 nd October	Monday
Mahalaya	:	14 th October	Saturday
Durga Puja, Maha Saptami	:	21 st October	Saturday
Durga Puja, Maha Nabami	:	23 rd October	Monday
Durga Puja, Dasami	:	24 th October	Tuesday
Lakshmi Puja	:	28 th October	Saturday
Bhratridwitiya	:	15 th November	Wednesday
Birth Day of Guru Nanak	:	27 th November	Monday
Christmas Day	:	25 th December	Monday

Yearly Closing of Bank Account : 1st April (Saturday) (for Banks only)

(Note: The Government Offices only where Saturdays are not observed as full holiday including Treasuries, Sub-Treasuries shall remain open).

NOTE:

- ❖ Sundays are holidays under the Negotiable Instrument Act.
- ❖ 2nd and 4th Saturdays in each month are Public Holidays under N.I. Act.
- ❖ In the year 2023, the following festivals / occasions fall on Sundays which are public Holidays under N.I. Act and hence not been included in the list of Holidays.

- I. Durga Puja Maha Ashtami
- II. Kali Puja

: 22nd October, Sunday
: 12th November, Sunday

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

1. No substitute holiday shall be allowed if any of the festival - holidays initially notified subsequently happens to fall on a weekly off or any other non-working day or in the event of more than one festival falling on the same day.
2. If there is any change in the date of Eid-UI-Fitr, Id-Ud-Zoha, Muharram depending upon the sighting of the moon, holiday will be declared by a separate order for the date on which the festival would be actually observed in lieu of the date originally notified as holiday for this festival.
3. It may happen that the change of date of abovementioned occasions has to be notified at a very short notice. In such a situation, announcement would be made through T.V. /A.I.R. / News Papers and Heads of Department / Offices of the State Government may take action according to such announcements without waiting for formal order about the change of date.