GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
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Dated : 27.10.2016.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the power conferred by the explanation to Section 25 of the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881 [XXVI of 1881], read with Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, Notification No.20/25/56-pub[1] dated the 8th June, 1957 the Governor is pleased to declare the following days to be public holidays during the year 2017.

- Birthday of Swami Vivekananda: 12th January (Thursday)
- Birthday of Netaji: 23rd January (Monday)
- Republic Day: 26th January (Thursday)
- Saraswati Puja [Sree Panchami]: 1st February (Wednesday)
- Good Friday & Birth day of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar: 14th April (Friday)
- Bengali New Year’s Day: 15th April (Saturday)
- May Day: 1st May (Monday)
- Birthday of Rabindranath Tagore: 9th May (Tuesday)
- Id-Ul-Fitr: 26th June (Monday)
- Independence Day: 15th August (Tuesday)
- Id-Ud-Joha: 2nd September (Saturday)
- Mahalaya: 19th September (Tuesday)
- Durgapuja: 27th September (Wednesday)
- Mahasaptami: 28th September (Thursday)
- Mahaaastami: 29th September (Friday)
- Mahanabami: 30th September (Saturday)
- Vijaya Dasami: 2nd October (Monday)
- Birthday of Gandhiji: 5th October (Thursday)
- Lakshmi Puja: 19th October (Thursday)
- Kalipuja: 4th November (Saturday)
- Birthday of Guru Nanak: 25th December (Monday)

Note: Sundays are holidays under the Negotiable Instrument Act.

01. In the year 2017, the following festivals / occasions fall on Sundays which are public Holidays under N.I.Act and hence have not been included in the list of Holidays:

i) Doljatra: 12th March (Sunday)

ii) Muharram: 1st October (Sunday)

02. The holiday with double asterisk marks i.e. [**] is applicable to those Government Offices only where Saturdays are not observed as full holiday.

03. General Instructions as laid down below in this Notification No. 5603-FJP, dated 27.10.16 are to be followed in case of Muslim Festivals.

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1. Yearly closing of Bank Account : 1st April, Saturday

Note: The Government Offices only where Saturdays are not observed as full holiday including Treasuries, Sub-Treasuries shall remain open on the 1st April, 2017 which has been declared as public Holiday under N.I. Act, under this Notification.

The Governor is pleased to notify that on the following days during the year 2017, which are not declared to be public Holidays, the offices under the Government of West Bengal with the exception of the offices of the Registrar of Assurances, Kolkata and Collector of the Stamp Revenue, Kolkata shall be closed.

** Shivaratri**
Day after Doljatra [Holi]
Birth day of Poet Bhanu Bhakt
[for Darjeeling District only]
** Janmastami**
Mahasasthi of Durgapuja
Additional day in connection with Durgapuja
Additional day for Lakshmi Puja
Additional day in connection with Kali Puja
** Pateha-Dwaz-Daham**
Kalipuja & Bhatridwitya

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**Note**

i) In the year 2017, the following festivals / occasions fall on Sundays which are public Holidays under N.I. Act and hence have not been included in the list of holidays:

- New Year’s Day [2017 A.D.]
- Ekadashi of Durgapuja

ii) The holiday with double asterisk marks i.e. [**] is applicable to those Government Offices only where Saturdays are not observed as full holiday.

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The Governor is pleased to declare that the following days may be observed as Sectional Holidays in the year 2017 for the employees of different communities mentioned against each:

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- Easter Saturday [for Christians only]: 15th April - Saturday
- Baisakhi [for Sikh only]: 15th April - Saturday
- Buddha Purnima [for Buddhist only]: 10th May - Wednesday
- Sab-e-Barat [for Muslims only]: 12th May - Friday
- Karam Puja: To be notified later on
- Chhat Puja: 26th October - Thursday

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   - Mahabir Jayanti [for Jains only]: 9th April - Sunday

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

01. 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.

02. If there is any change in the date of Id-Ul-Fitre, Id-Uz-Joha, Muharram, Fateha-Duaz-Daham, Sab-e-Barat 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.

03. It may happen that the change of date of above occasions has to be notified at a very short notice. In such a situation, announcement would be made through T.V./A.I.R./Newspapers 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.

By Order of the Governor,
Sd/- D. K. Mahapatra
Special Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

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02. The Principal Accountant General (Audit), West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, 2, Govt. Place [West] Kolkata – 700 001.
03. The Accountant General [Receipts, Works and Local Bodies Audit], West Bengal, C.G.O. Complex, 3rd MSO Building, 5th floor, Block DF, Sector -1, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 64.
04. The Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.
05. The Resident Commissioner, Government of West Bengal, A/2, State Emporia Buildings, Baba Kharak Singh Marg, New Delhi – 110 001.
06. The Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary,
07. The Commissioner,
08. The Special Secretary/ Additional Secretary/ Joint Secretary/ Deputy Secretary, Finance Department.
09. The Department/Directorate.
11. The Director
12. The District Magistrate/District Judge/ Superintendent of Police,
13. The Sub-Divisional Officer
14. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-I, 81/2/2, Phears Lane, Kolkata – 700 012.
17. The Treasury Officer,
18. The Group Branch, Finance Department
19. Shri Sumit Mitra, Network Administrator, Finance Department for uploading in the Finance Department Website.

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Special Secretary to the Government of West Bengal