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 2018.

Birth Day of Swami Vivekananda : 12th January, Friday
Saraswati Puja (Sree Panchami) : 22nd January, Monday
Birth Day of Netaji : 23rd January, Tuesday
Republic Day : 26th January, Friday
Doljatra : 2nd March, Friday
Good Friday : 30th March, Friday
**Birth Day of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar**
Buddha Purnima : 14th April, Saturday
May Day : 1st May, Tuesday
Birth Day of Rabindra Nath Tagore : 9th May, Wednesday
**Id-Ul-Fitar**
Independence Day : 16th June, Saturday
Id-Ud-Zoha (Bakrid) : 15th August, Wednesday
Muharram : 21st September, Friday
Birth Day of Gandhi ji : 2nd October, Tuesday
Mahalaya : 8th October, Monday
Durgapuja : Saptami : 16th October, Tuesday
Astami : 17th October, Wednesday
Nabami : 18th October, Thursday
Vijaya Dasami : 19th October, Friday
Lakshmi Puja : 24th October, Wednesday
Kalipuja : 6th November, Tuesday
Birth Day of Guru Nanak : 23rd November, Friday
Christmas Day : 25th December, Tuesday

Note : Sunday is holiday under the Negotiable Instrument Act.

1) In the year 2018, the following festivals / occasions fall on Sundays which are Public Holidays under the N.I. Act and hence have not been included in the list of holidays :
   i)  Bengali New Year’s Day : 15th April, Sunday
2) The holiday with double asterisk marks i.e. (**) is applicable to those Government Offices only where Saturdays are not observed as full holiday.
3) General Instructions as laid down below in this Notification 6005-F(P2), dated 22.09.17 are to be followed in case of Muslim festivals.

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The Governor is pleased to notify that on the following days during the year 2018, 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.

New Year’s Day : 1st January, Monday
Shivaratri : 14th February, Wednesday
** Day after Doljatra (Holi) : 3rd March, Saturday
Birth Day of Poet Bhanu Bhakt
(for Darjeeling & Kalimpong District)
Jannastami : 13th July, Friday
Mahasasthi of Durga Puja : 3rd September, Monday
Additional Day in connection with Durga Puja:
: ** 20th October, Saturday
: 22nd October, Monday
: 23rd October, Tuesday
Additional Day for Lakshmi Puja
: 25th October, Thursday
Additional Day in connection with Kali Puja :
: 7th November, Wednesday
: 8th November, Thursday
Bhatridwitya : 9th November, Friday
Chhat Puja : 13th November, Tuesday
Fateh-Dwaz-Daham : 19th December, Wednesday

Note:

1) In the year 2018, the following festivals/occasions fall on Sundays which are Public Holidays under the N.I. Act and hence have not been included in the list of holidays:
   i) Yearly closing of Bank Account : 1st April, Sunday
   ii) Additional Day in connection with Durga Puja : 21st October, Sunday

2) 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 2018 for the employees of different communities mentioned against each:

** Easter Saturday : 31st March, Saturday (for Christians only)
Mahabir Jayanti : 29th March, Thursday (for Jains only)
** Baisakhi : 14th April, Saturday (for Sikhs only)
Sab-e-Barat : 2nd May, Wednesday (for Muslims only)
** Hul Diwas : 30th June, Saturday (for Adivasi [Santals] only)
Karam Puja :
To be notified later on

Note:

1) In the year 2018, the holidays with double asterisk marks i.e. (**) is applicable to those Government Offices only where Saturdays are not observed as full holiday.

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 Id-Ul-Fitre, Id-Ud-Zoha, 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.

3) 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./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.

By Order of the Governor

Sd/- D. K. Mahapatra
O.S.D. & E.O. Special Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

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03) The Accountant General [Receipts, Works and Local Bodies Audit], West Bengal, CGO Complex, 3rd MSO Building, 5th floor, Block DF, Sector-I, Salt Lake, Kolkata-64.
04) The Governor’s Secretariat, Governor House, Kolkata – 700 062.
05) The Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal.
06) The Resident Commissioner, Government of West Bengal, a/2, State Emporia Buildings, Baba Kharak Singh Marg, New delhi – 110 001.
07) The Additional Chief Secretary / Principal Secretary / Secretary
08) The Commissioner
09) The Special Secretary / Additional Secretary / Joint Secretary / Deputy Secretary, Finance Department.
12) The Department / Directorate
13) The Sub-Divisional Officer
14) The Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-I, 81/2, Phears Lane, Kolkata-12.
15) The Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & accounts Office-II, P1 Hyde Lane, Jawahar Buildings, Kolkata – 700 073.
17) The Assistant Secretary & DDO, Finance Department, Nabanna, Howrah.
18) The Accounts Officer, West Bengal Secretariat, Bikash Bhawan, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700 091.
19) The Treasury Officer
20) Sri Sumit Mitra, Network Administrator, Finance Department for uploading in the Finance Department website.

Dated, 22nd September, 2017

O.S.D. & E.O. Special Secretary to the Government of West Bengal