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(I) dated the 8th June, 1957 the Governor is pleased to declare the following days to be public holidays during the year 2014.

- Birthday of Netaji: 23rd January, Thursday
- Shree Panchami: 4th February, Tuesday
- Birthday of Dr B.R. Ambedkar: 14th April, Monday
- Bengali New Year's Day: 15th April, Tuesday
- Good Friday: 18th April, Friday
- May Day: 1st May, Thursday
- Birthday of Rabindra Nath Tagore: 9th May, Friday
- ID-Ul-Fitar: 29th July, Tuesday
- Independence Day: 15th August, Friday
- Bengali New Year's Day: 15th August, Friday
- Good Friday: 18th April, Friday
- May Day: 1st May, Thursday
- Birthday of Rabindra Nath Tagore: 9th May, Friday
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NOTE:

1. Sundays are holidays under the Negotiable Instrument Act.
2. In the Year 2014, 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:
   - Birthday of Swami Vivekananda: 12th January, Sunday
   - Republic Day: 26th January, Sunday
   - Doljatra: 16th March, Sunday

3. General Instructions as laid down below in this Notification 8007-F(P) dated 28.10.2013 are to be followed in case of Muslim festivals

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(I) dated the 8th June, 1957 the Governor is pleased to declare the following day to be public holiday during the year 2014.

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

NOTE:

All the State Government Offices including Treasuries, Sub-Treasuries shall remain open on the 1st April 2014 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 2014, 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:

- Fateha-Dowaz-Daham: 14th January, Tuesday
- Mahasasthi of Durgapuja: 30th September, Tuesday
- **Ekadashi of Durgapuja**: 4th October, Saturday
- Additional day for Laxmipuja: 8th October, Wednesday
- Immersion of Goddess Kali: 24th October, Friday
- **Bhatridwitiya**: 25th October, Saturday

**NOTE:**
(1) In 2014, Birthday of Poet Bhanu Bhakt (Only for Darjeeling District) falls on 13th July, Sunday and Janmastami falls on 17th August, Sunday and are Public Holidays under N.I.Act. So, these days have not been included here.
(2) The holidays with double asterisk mark i.e. (**) are applicable to those Government Offices where Saturday is not observed as full holiday.

The Governor is pleased to declare that the following days may be observed as Sectional Holidays in the year 2014 for the employees of different communities mentioned against each:

- **Easter Saturday**: 19th April, Saturday (For Christian Only)
- Buddha Purnima: 14th May, Wednesday (For Buddhist Only)
- **Sab-e-Barat**: 14th June, Saturday (For Muslims Only)
- Karam Puja: To be notified later on
- Chhat Puja: 29th October, Wednesday

**NOTE:**
(1) In 2014, Mahabirhayanti (for Jains Only) falls on 13th April, Sunday and Baisakhi (for Sikhs Only) falls on 14th April, Monday and are Public Holidays under N.I.Act. So, these days have not been included here.
(2) The holidays with double asterisk mark i.e.(**) are applicable to those Government Offices where Saturday is 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 should 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-Fitr, 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.

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(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/Newspapers and the Heads of Departments/Office of the State Government may take action according to such an announcement without waiting for formal order, about the change of date

By Order of the Governor,

Sd/ A.K.DAS

O.S.D & E.O.Joint Secretary to the

Government of West Bengal

No.8004/1(500)-F(P) Kolkata, the 28th October, 2013

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. ___________________________________________________________Deptt./Dte.
2. The Principal Accountant General(A&E), West Bengal, Treasury Buildings, Kolkata-1
3. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-I, 81/2/2, Phears Lane, Kolkata-12
4. The Pay & Accounts Officer, Kolkata Pay & Accounts Office-II, P1 Hyde Lane, Jawaharlal Nehru Buildings, Kolkata 700 073
5. The Accounts Officer, West Bengal Secretariat, Writers’ Buildings, Kolkata 700 001
6. The Accounts Officer, West Bengal Secretariat, Bikash Bhawan, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700 091
7. The Sub-Divisional Officer, ____________________________________________________________
8. The District Magistrate/Judge, _________________________________________________________
9. The Treasury Officer, ________________________________________________________________
10. The ____________________________________________________________
11. The Commissioner, _________________________________________________________________
12. The Superintendent of Police, _________________________________________________________
13. The Principal, Industrial Training Institute, _______________________________________________
14. The Superintending Engineer/Executive Engineer, ________________________________________
15. The ____________________________________________________________
16. It is required that this Memo may be circulated to all offices under their control.

Deputy Secretary to the
Government of West Bengal