



# Public Holidays in Maharashtra 2026

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## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Mantralaya, Madam Cama Road, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk,  
Mumbai 400 032, dated the 5th December 2025.

### NOTIFICATION

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS, 2026.

No.PHD-1125/C.R.199/Japuk (29).—In exercise of the powers of Central Government under section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (XXVI of 1881) entrusted to it by the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs *vide* its Notification No.39/1/68/JUDI-III/dated the 8th May, 1968, the Government of Maharashtra hereby declares the following days as Public Holidays in the State of Maharashtra during the calendar year 2026 :—

#### (A) Public Holidays :-

Sr. No.	Holiday	Date	Saka Date	Day
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Republic Day	26th January, 2026	6 Magh, 1947	Monday
2	Mahashivratri	15th February, 2026	26 Magh, 1947	Sunday
3	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti	19th February, 2026	30 Magh, 1947	Thursday
4	Holi (Second Day)	03rd March, 2026	12 Phalguna, 1947	Tuesday
5	Gudhi Padwa	19th March, 2026	28 Phalguna, 1947	Thursday
6	Ramzan-Id (Id-Ul-Fitra) (Shawal-1)	21st March, 2026	30 Phalguna, 1947	Saturday
7	Ram Navami	26th March, 2026	05 Chaitra, 1948	Thursday
8	Mahavir Janmakalyanak	31st March, 2026	10 Chaitra, 1948	Tuesday
9	Good Friday	03rd April, 2026	13 Chaitra, 1948	Friday
10	Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar Jayanti	14th April, 2026	24 Chaitra, 1948	Tuesday
11	Maharashtra Din	01st May, 2026	11 Vaishakha, 1948	Friday
12	Buddha Pournima	01st May, 2026	11 Vaishakha, 1948	Friday
13	Bakri ID (Id-Uz-Zuha)	28th May, 2026	07 Jyeshtha, 1948	Thursday
14	Moharum	26th June, 2026	05 Ashadha, 1948	Friday
15	Independence Day	15th August, 2026	24 Shravana, 1948	Saturday
16	Parsi New Year (Shahenshahi)	15th August, 2026	24 Shravana, 1948	Saturday
17	Id-E-Milad	26th August, 2026	04 Bhadrapad, 1948	Wednesday
18	Ganesh Chaturthi	14th September, 2026	23 Bhadrapad, 1948	Monday
19	Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti	02nd October, 2026	10 Ashvina, 1948	Friday
20	Dasara	20th October, 2026	28 Ashvina, 1948	Tuesday

Sr. No. (1)	Holiday (2)	Date (3)	Saka Date (4)	Day (5)
21	Diwali Amavasya (Laxmi Pujan)	08th November, 2026	17 Kartika, 1948	Sunday
22	Diwali (Bali Pratipada)	10th November, 2026	19 Kartika, 1948	Tuesday
23	Guru Nanak Jayanti	24th November, 2026	03 Margshirsh, 1948	Tuesday
24	Christmas	25th December, 2026	04 Pausha, 1948	Friday

**(B) For Banks :-**

(The following holiday is limited for the Banks only. This holiday is not admissible to the Government Offices.)

1	To enable to Banks to close their yearly accounts	01st April, 2026	11 Chaitra, 1948	Wednesday
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By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

HEMANT MAHAJAN,  
Deputy Secretary to Government.

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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

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(With a Request to give wide publicity by issuing a press note as also through TV and Radio.)

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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

Madam Cama Road, Hutatma Rajguru Chowk,  
Mantralaya, Mumbai 400 032, Dated 5th December 2025.

**NOTIFICATION**

No.PHD. 1125/C.R.199/Japuk(29) - The Government of Maharashtra has separately declared 24 Public Holidays for the year 2026 notified the section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 (XXVI of 1881) as per Notification No. PHD.1125/C.R.199/Japuk (29), dated 5th December, 2025.

2. The State Government has also decided to declare following additional holiday for the offices of the State Government, State Public Sector undertakings, Municipal Corporation, Municipal Council, Nagar Panchayat, Zilla Parishad, Panchayat Samittee and Village Panchayat.

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## **Public Holidays in Maharashtra 2026: Executive Summary for Employers, Businesses, and Institutions**

### **Overview**

The Government of Maharashtra, through the General Administration Department, has officially notified the list of Public Holidays in Maharashtra for the calendar year 2026. These holidays are declared under Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, pursuant to powers delegated by the Central Government.

For employers, businesses, banks, educational institutions, and public authorities operating within the State, this notification serves as a binding compliance reference for workforce planning, payroll structuring, statutory closures, and operational continuity.

This executive summary provides a clear, consolidated explanation of the public holiday framework for 2026, its legal basis, sector-wise applicability, and the practical implications for organisations functioning in Maharashtra.

### **Legal Basis for Declaration of Public Holidays**

Public holidays in Maharashtra are not discretionary announcements. They derive their legal authority from:

- Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, which empowers State Governments to declare certain days as public holidays for official and commercial purposes.
- Delegation of powers by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, enabling States to issue such notifications independently.

Accordingly, once notified, these holidays become enforceable for purposes such as:

- Closure of government offices
- Non-working days for courts and public authorities
- Banking and financial transaction cut-offs
- Employer compliance under labour and employment laws

The Public Holiday in Maharashtra list for 2026 was formally notified on 5 December 2025 and applies uniformly across the State unless specifically restricted to a sector.

### **Structure of Public Holidays in Maharashtra (2026)**

The 2026 holiday framework is divided into three broad categories:

1. General Public Holidays
2. Bank-specific holidays
3. Additional State Government holidays

Each category has a distinct compliance impact.

### **General Public Holidays Applicable Across Maharashtra**

For the year 2026, the State Government has declared 24 general public holidays applicable to government offices, public sector undertakings, and institutions that ordinarily follow the State holiday calendar.

These include:

- National holidays such as Republic Day, Independence Day, and Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti
- State-specific observances like Maharashtra Din and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti
- Religious and cultural holidays observed across communities, including Holi, Ram Navami, Mahavir Janmakalyanak, Good Friday, Eid-related holidays, Ganesh Chaturthi, Diwali, and Christmas

From a compliance perspective, these holidays are treated as statutory public holidays, meaning that organisations recognising State holidays must treat them as non-working days unless exempted by law or contract.

## **Sector-Specific Holiday Considerations**

### **Applicability to Government Offices and Public Bodies**

All departments of the Maharashtra Government, local authorities, municipal corporations, zilla parishads, and State-controlled bodies are mandatorily required to observe the notified public holidays.

Operational work on these days is permitted only where:

- The department is categorised as an essential service, or
- Special orders are issued authorising limited functioning

### **Applicability to Private Employers**

For private establishments, factories, and commercial organisations, public holidays interact with:

- State Shops and Establishments laws
- Standing orders and service rules
- Employment contracts and HR policies

While private employers may not be required to shut operations on every public holiday, employee entitlement to paid holidays or compensatory off must be examined carefully. Non-compliance can expose employers to wage claims or labour disputes.

### **Applicability to Banks and Financial Institutions**

The notification separately identifies a bank-specific holiday on 1 April 2026, declared exclusively to enable banks to close yearly accounts.

This holiday:

- Applies only to banking institutions
- Does not extend to government offices
- Impacts cheque clearing, financial settlements, and account reconciliation

Businesses relying on banking transactions must factor this date into financial planning.

### **Additional Holiday for State Government Offices**

In addition to the general list, the Government of Maharashtra has declared Bhaubeej (11 November 2026) as an additional holiday applicable exclusively to:

- State Government offices
- State public sector undertakings
- Municipal bodies and local authorities

This holiday does not automatically extend to private establishments unless voluntarily adopted or mandated by internal policy.

### **Interaction with Employment and Labour Laws**

Public holidays intersect with several employment law considerations, including:

- Wage continuity: Employees are typically entitled to full wages on declared public holidays if they are non-working days.
- Work on public holidays: Where employees are required to work, compensatory leave or overtime wages may be triggered under applicable labour laws.
- Shift-based and essential services: Hospitals, manufacturing units, logistics providers, and IT services often operate on public holidays, subject to statutory safeguards.

Employers must ensure that public holiday policies are clearly documented, consistently applied, and aligned with State notifications.

### **Impact on Courts, Legal Deadlines, and Compliance Filings**

Public holidays in Maharashtra also affect:

- Court functioning and hearing schedules
- Limitation periods where the last date falls on a holiday
- Regulatory filing deadlines with State authorities

In many cases, deadlines automatically extend to the next working day. However, this depends on the governing statute or procedural rule. Organisations should avoid assuming blanket extensions.

### **Payroll, HR, and Operational Planning**

From a business operations standpoint, advance knowledge of public holidays allows employers to:

- Structure annual leave calendars

- Plan payroll processing dates
- Manage staffing and shift rotations
- Coordinate client deliverables and vendor timelines

Misalignment between internal calendars and the official public holiday in Maharashtra list can lead to avoidable disruptions and employee grievances.

### **Compliance Best Practices for 2026**

To ensure smooth compliance with the 2026 holiday framework, organisations should consider the following steps:

- Circulate an internal holiday calendar aligned with the Maharashtra notification
- Update HR policies to reflect public holiday entitlements
- Communicate clearly with employees regarding working-day expectations
- Coordinate with banks and financial partners around banking holidays
- Monitor any subsequent amendments or clarifications issued by the State

### **Conclusion**

The declaration of Public Holidays in Maharashtra for 2026 is a statutory exercise with direct implications for governance, employment, and business operations across the State.

While the notification primarily governs government and public institutions, its ripple effects extend to private employers, banks, courts, and commercial entities. Proactive planning and policy alignment are essential to ensure compliance, workforce harmony, and uninterrupted operations.

Organisations operating in Maharashtra should treat the 2026 holiday list not merely as a calendar reference, but as a legal compliance instrument embedded within employment and operational decision-making.