

PART – II

OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

No. GS/16/2022/PHD/102022/603/GH:- The following are the Optional Holidays recognized by Government of Gujarat for the year 2023 in addition to those notified in Part-I as Public Holidays.

Sr. No.	Name of the Optional Holidays	Date	Saka Era	Days of Week
1.	Vishvakarma Jayanti (Maha Sud-13)	03 rd February, 2023	14, Magh, 1944	Friday
2.	Birthday of Dhani Matang Dev	08 th February, 2023	19, Magh, 1944	Wednesday
3.	Holi	07 th March, 2023	16, Phalgun, 1944	Tuesday
4.	Shab-e-Barat (Muslim Shiya & Sunni)	08 th March, 2023	17, Phalgun, 1944	Wednesday
5.	Jamshedi Navroz (Parsi Shahenshahi & Parsi Kadmi)	21 st March, 2023	30, Phalgun, 1944	Tuesday
6.	Gudi Padvo (Chaitra Sud-1)	22 nd March, 2023	01, Chaitra, 1945	Wednesday
7.	Hatkeshvar Jayanti	05 th April, 2023	15, Chaitra, 1945	Wednesday
8.	Hanuman Jayanti (Chaitra Sud-15)	06 th April, 2023	16, Chaitra, 1945	Thursday
9.	Pesah (1st Day) (Yahudi)	06 th April, 2023	16, Chaitra, 1945	Thursday
10.	Shahadat-e-Hazarat Ali (Muslim Shiya)	13 rd April, 2023	23, Chaitra, 1945	Thursday
11.	Shree Adhya Jagadguru Shankaracharya Jayanti (Vaishakh Sud-5)	25 th APRIL, 2023	05, Vaishakh, 1945	Tuesday
12.	Budhha Purnima (Vaishakh Sud-15)	05 th May, 2023	15, Vaishakh, 1945	Friday
13.	Zarthost-no-Disho (Parsi Shahenshahi)	23 rd May, 2023	02, Jyaishta, 1945	Tuesday
14.	Guru Arjundev's Martyrdom day	23 rd May, 2023	02, Jyaishta, 1945	Tuesday
15.	Shavuoth (Yahudi)	26 th May, 2023	05, Jyaishta, 1945	Friday
16.	Rathayatra (Ashadh bij) (Ashadh Sud-2)	20 th June, 2023	30, Jyaishta, 1945	Tuesday
17.	Gatha Gahamber (Gatha-III) (Parsi Kadmi)	14 th July, 2023	23, Ashadh, 1945	Friday
18.	Parsi New Year Day (Parsi Kadmi)	17 th July, 2023	26, Ashadh, 1945	Monday
19.	Tisha-be-aav (Yahudi) As Yahudi Experts	28 th July, 2023	06, Shravan, 1945	Friday
20.	9th Muharram (Muslim Shiya & Sunni)	28 th July, 2023	06, Shravan, 1945	Friday
21.	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	09 th August, 2023	18, Shravan, 1945	Wednesday
22.	Parsi New Year Day Eve (Gatha-V) (Parsi Shahenshahi)	15 th August, 2023	24, Shravan, 1945	Tuesday
23.	Khordad Sal (Parsi Shahenshahi)	21 st August, 2023	30, Shravan, 1945	Monday
24.	Onam	29 th August, 2023	07, Bhadrapad, 1945	Tuesday
25.	Nand Utsav (Shravan Vad-9)	08 th September, 2023	17, Bhadrapad, 1945	Friday
26.	Shravan Vad-12 (Paryusan 1 st Day) (Chaturthi Paksha)	12 th September, 2023	21, Bhadrapad, 1945	Tuesday
27.	Shravan Vad-13 (Paryusan 1 st Day) (Panchami Paksha)	13 th September, 2023	22, Bhadrapad, 1945	Wednesday
28.	Shahadat-e- Imam Hasan (Muslim Shiya)	14 th September, 2023	23, Bhadrapad, 1945	Thursday
29.	(1) Mahavir Swami Janma Vachan (Chaturthi Paksha)	16 th September, 2023	25, Bhadrapad, 1945	Saturday
	(2) Rosh Hashanah (1 st Day) (New Year) (Yahudi)	16 th September, 2023	25, Bhadrapad, 1945	Saturday
30.	Ganesh Chaturthi (Bhadra Sud-4)	19 th September, 2023	28, Bhadrapad, 1945	Tuesday
31.	Samvatsari (Panchami Paksha)	20 th September, 2023	29, Bhadrapad, 1945	Wednesday

32.	Yom Kippur(Yahudi)	25 th September, 2023	03,Ashwin, 1945	Monday
33.	Succoth(Yahudi)	30 th September, 2023	08, Ashwin, 1945	Saturday
34.	Id-e-Maulud (Muslim Shiya)	03 rd October, 2023	11,Ashwin, 1945	Tuesday
35.	Dhan Terash (Aaso Vad- 12)	10 th November, 2023	19, Kartik, 1945	Friday
36.	Kartak Sud-15 (Dev-Diwali)	27 th November, 2023	06, Agrahayan, 1945	Monday
37.	Shrimad Bhagwad Gita Jayanti-	22 nd December,2023	01, Posh, 1945	Friday
38.	Boxing Day (Next Day to Christmas)	26 th December, 2023	05, Paush, 1945	Tuesday

Note: (1) The following days have not been notified as Optional Holidays as they fall on 2nd Saturday, 4th Saturday and Sundays

1.	Christian New Year Day	1 st January, 2023	11,Paush,1944	Sunday
2.	Vassi Uttarayan (Next Day to Makar Sankranti)	15 th January,2023	25,Paush,1944	Sunday
3.	Saint Shiromani Ravidasji's Birthday	05 th February, 2023	16, Magh, 1944	Sunday
4.	Maha Prabhuji's Praktyotsava (Vallabhacharya Jayanti)	16 th April, 2023	26, Chaitra,1945	Sunday
5.	1) Zarthost-no-Disho (Parsi Kadami)	23 rd April, 2023	03,Vaishakh,1945	Sunday
	2) Ramjan-Id (Id-UI-Fitra) (2 nd Shawaal-Muslim Shiya & Sunni)	23 rd April, 2023	03,Vaishakh,1945	Sunday
6.	Parsi New Year Day Eve (Gatha-V) (Parsi kadmi)	16 th July, 2023	25,Ashadh,1945	Sunday
7.	Khordad Sal (Parsi Kadmi)	22 nd July, 2023	31, Ashadh, 1945	4 th Saturday
8.	Gatha Gahamber (Gatha-III) (Parsi Shahenshahi)	13 th August, 2023	22, Shravan,1945	Sunday
9.	Eve of Kippur(Yahudi)	24 th September, 2023	02,Ashwin, 1945	Sunday
10.	Kali Chaudash (Aaso Vad-13)	11 th November, 2023	20, Kartik, 1945	2 nd Saturday

Note: (2) Government Employees may avail of maximum any two of the holidays on the festival occasions mentioned above at their option and irrespective of their religious denomination. Permission for availment of these optional holidays should however, be applied for in advance and will normally be granted by the officer competent to grant casual leave with due regard to the exigencies of Government work. This leave of two days taken by Government Employees at their discretion on the festival of their choice will not be debited to their casual leave account.

Note: (3) If any of the Muslim religion holidays notified above, does not fall on the day notified, the Muslim Employees of Government may be granted an optional holiday on the day on which the holiday is actually observed.