

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

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From

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Deputy Director, PTC

To

The Principals (All Government/ Non-Government Degree/Autonomous  
Colleges coming under Higher Education Department)

The Principals (All Government Teacher Education Institutions coming  
under Higher Education Department)

**Sub: Implementation of Common Holiday List - 2024 - Regarding**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to say that in order to bring uniformity in observing holidays, the following "Common Holiday List" shall be strictly followed in all Degree Colleges under Higher Education Department, Odisha during the calendar year 2024 (Attached as Annexure-A & Annexure-B). This list is provisional and subject to last minute change by the Government.

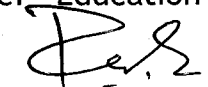
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Yours faithfully

  
16.12.2023  
Deputy Director

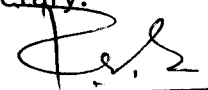
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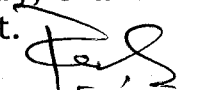
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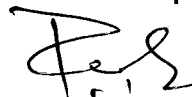
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| List of Holidays for Government and Aided Degree Colleges under Higher Education Department For the Calendar Year- 2024 |                             |                          |                       |                          |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Sl.No.  | Occasion                    | Date                     | Day                   | Number of Holidays       |
| 1   | New Year's Day              | 01.01.2024               | Monday                | 1                        |
| 2   | Makar Sankranti             | 15.01.2024               | Monday                | 1                        |
| 3   | Subash Chandra Bose Jayanti | 23.01.2024               | Tuesday               | 1                        |
| 4   | Republic Day                | 26.01.2024               | Friday                | 1                        |
| 5   | Basanta Panchami            | 14.02.2024               | Wednesday             | 1                        |
| 6   | Panchayati Raj Divas        | 05.03.2024               | Tuesday               | 1                        |
| 7   | Maha Shivaratri             | 08.03.2024               | Friday                | 1                        |
| 8   | Dola Purnima                | 25.03.2024               | Monday                | 1                        |
| 9   | Holi                        | 26.03.2024               | Tuesday               | 1                        |
| 10  | Good Friday                 | 29.03.2024               | Friday                | 1                        |
| 11  | Utkal Divas                 | 01.04.2024               | Monday                | 1                        |
| 12  | Id-Ul-Fitre                 | 11.04.2024               | Thursday              | 1                        |
| 13  | Rama Navami                 | 17.04.2024               | Wednesday             | 1                        |
| 14  | Summer Vacation             | 04.05.2024 to 17.06.2024 | Saturday to Monday    | 38 (Excluding 7 Sundays) |
| 15  | Bahuda Yatra                | 15.07.2024               | Monday                | 1                        |
| 16  | Muharram                    | 17.07.2024               | Wednesday             | 1                        |
| 17  | Independence day            | 15.08.2024               | Thursday              | 1                        |
| 18  | Jhulana Purnima             | 19.08.2024               | Monday                | 1                        |
| 19  | Janmastami                  | 26.08.2024               | Monday                | 1                        |
| 20  | Ganesh Chaturthi            | 07.09.2024               | Saturday              | 1                        |
| 21  | B'day of Prophet Mohammad   | 16.09.2024               | Monday                | 1                        |
| 22  | Gandhi Jayanti / Mahalaya   | 02.10.2024               | Wednesday             | 1                        |
| 23  | Puja Vacation               | 10.10.2024 to 16.10.2024 | Thursday to Wednesday | 6 (Excluding 1 Sunday)   |
| 24  | Diwali/ Kali Puja           | 31.10.2024               | Thursday              | 1                        |
| 25  | Badaosha                    | 14.11.2024               | Thursday              | 1                        |
| 26  | Rasa Purnima                | 15.11.2024               | Friday                | 1                        |
| 27  | Prathamastami               | 23.11.2024               | Saturday              | 1                        |
| 28  | X-Mas Day                   | 25.12.2024               | Wednesday             | 1                        |
| 29  | Local Holiday               |                          |                       | 2                        |
|   |                             | Total number of Holidays |                       | 72                       |

- Two local holidays shall be declared by the respective Principals as per local need. (Local holidays declared by the Revenue Divisional Commissioner are as such not applicable to the Colleges. However, the Principals may declare that particular day, declared as a local holiday by the RDC, as a local holiday - within the two permissible local holidays - for their respective college if s/he deems fit.)


*Per*

16.12.2023

**Annexure-B**

| <b>Optional Holiday List for Government and Aided Degree Colleges under Higher Education Department For the Calendar Year- 2024</b> |                                |             |                        |   |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|---|
| <b>Sl.No.</b>   | <b>Name of the Festival</b>    | <b>Date</b> | <b>Day of the week</b> | <b>Number of Holidays excluding Sundays</b> |
| 1   | Guru Govind Singh Birthday     | 17.01.2024  | Wednesday              | 1   |
| 2   | Foundation Day of Bramho Samaj | 25.01.2024  | Thursday               | 1   |
| 3   | Easter Saturday                | 30.03.2024  | Saturday               | 1   |
| 4   | Birthday of Raja Ram Mohan Ray | 22.05.2024  | Wednesday              | 1   |
| 5   | Christmas Eve                  | 24.12.2024  | Tuesday                | 1   |

- *The employees of Government and aided degree colleges coming under Higher Education Department may avail one optional holiday on any one of the above mentioned festive occasions/ commemorative days as listed.*
- *This list is subject to change by the Government from time to time.*

  
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