

PART – II

OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

No. GS/ 33 /2020/PHD/102020/500/GH:- The following are the Optional Holidays recognized by Government of Gujarat for the year 2021 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.	Christian New Year Day	1 st January, 2021	11, Paush, 1942	Friday
2.	Vassi Uttarayan (Next Day to Makar Sankranti)	15 th January, 2021	25, Paush, 1942	Friday
3.	Guru Govindsingh's Birthday	20 th January, 2021	30, Paush, 1942	Wednesday
4.	Vishvakarma Jayanti (Maha Sud-13)	25 th February, 2021	06, Phalgun, 1942	Thursday
5.	Saint Shiromani Ravidasji's Birthday	27 th February, 2021	08, Phalgun, 1942	Saturday
6.	Birthday of Dhani Matang Dev	01 st March, 2021	10, Phalgun, 1942	Monday
7.	Shab-e-Barat (Muslim Shiya & Sunni)	29 th March, 2021	08, Chaitra, 1943	Monday
8.	Gudi Padvo (Chaitra Sud-1)	13 th April, 2021	23, Chaitra, 1943	Tuesday
9.	Zarthost-no-Disho (Parsi Kadami)	23 rd April, 2021	03, Vaishakh, 1943	Friday
10.	Hatkeshvar Jayanti	26 th April, 2021	06, Vaishakh, 1943	Monday
11.	Hanuman Jayanti (Chaitra Sud-15)	27 th April, 2021	07, Vaishakh, 1943	Tuesday
12.	Shahadat-e-Hazarat Ali (Muslim Shiya)	04 th May, 2021	14, Vaishakh, 1943	Tuesday
13.	Maha Prabhuji's Praktyotsava (Vallabhacharya Jayanti)	07 th May, 2021	17, Vaishakh, 1943	Friday
14.	Ramjan-Id (Id-ul-Fitra) (2 nd Shawaal-Muslim Shiya & Sunni)	15 th May, 2021	25, Vaishakha, 1943	Saturday
15.	Shree Adhya Jagadguru Shankaracharya Jayanti (Vaishakh Sud-5)	17 th May, 2021	27, Vaishakh, 1943	Monday
16.	Shavuoth (Yahudi)	17 th May, 2021	27, Vaishakha, 1943	Monday
17.	Budhha Purnima (Vaishakh Sud-15)	26 th May, 2021	05, Jyaishtha, 1943	Wednesday
18.	Guru Arjundev's Martyrdom day	14 th June, 2021	24, Jyaishtha, 1943	Monday
19.	Rathayatra (Ashadhi bij) (Ashadh Sud-2)	12 th July, 2021	21, Ashadh, 1943	Monday
20.	Gatha Gahamber (Gatha-III) (Parsi Kadmi)	14 th July, 2021	23, Ashadh, 1943	Wednesday
21.	Parsi New Year Day Eve (Gatha-V) (Parsi kadmi)	16 th July, 2021	25, Ashadh, 1943	Friday
22.	Parsi New Year Day (Parsi Kadmi)	17 th July, 2021	26, Ashadh, 1943	Saturday
23.	Khordad Sal (Parsi Kadmi)	22 nd July, 2021	31, Ashadh, 1943	Thursday
24.	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	09 th August, 2021	18, Shravan, 1943	Monday
25.	Gatha Gahamber (Gatha-III) (Parsi Shahenshahi)	13 th August, 2021	22, Shravan, 1943	Friday
26.	9th Muharram (Muslim Shiya & Sunni)	18 th August, 2021	27, Shravan, 1943	Wednesday
27.	Khordad Sal (Parsi Shahenshahi)	21 st August, 2021	30, Shravan, 1943	Saturday
28.	Onam	21 st August, 2021	30, Shravan, 1943	Saturday
29.	Nand Utsav (Shravan Vad-9)	31 st August, 2021	09, Bhadrapad, 1943	Tuesday

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30.	Shravan Vad-11 (Paryusan 1 st Day) (Chaturthi-Paksha)	03 rd September, 2021	12, Bhadrapad, 1943	Friday
31.	Shravan Vad-12 (Paryusan 1 st Day) (Panchami Paksha)	04 th September, 2021	13, Bhadrapad, 1943	Saturday
32.	Mahavir Swami Janma Vachan (Chaturthi Paksha)	7 th September, 2021	16, Bhadrapad, 1943	Tuesday
33.	Rosh Hashanah (1 st Day) (New Year) (Yahudi)	07 th September, 2021	16, Bhadrapad, 1943	Tuesday
34.	Ganesh Chaturthi (Bhadarva Sud-4)	10 th September, 2021	19, Bhadrapad, 1943	Friday
35.	Samvatsari (Panchami Paksha)	11 th September, 2021	20, Bhadrapad, 1943	Saturday
36.	Eve of Kippur(Yahudi)	15 th September, 2021	24, Bhadrapad, 1943	Wednesday
37.	Yom Kippur(Yahudi)	16 th September, 2021	25, Bhadrapad, 1943	Thursday
38.	Succoth(Yahudi)	21 st September, 2021	30, Bhadrapad, 1943	Tuesday
39.	Shahadat-e- Imam Hasan (Muslim Shiya)	06 th October, 2021	14, Ashvin, 1943	Wednesday
40.	Vagh Baras (Aaso Vad- 11 / 12)	01 st November, 2021	10, Kartik, 1943	Monday
41.	Dhan Terash (Aaso Vad- 12 / 13)	02 nd November, 2021	11, Kartik, 1943	Tuesday
42.	Kali Chaudash (Aaso Vad- 13/ 14)	03 rd November, 2021	12, Kartik, 1943	Wednesday
43.	Kartak Sud-15 (Dev-Diwali)	19 th November, 2021	28, Kartik, 1943	Friday
44.	Shrimad Bhagwad Gita Jayanti	14 th December, 2021	23, Agrahayan, 1943	Tuesday

Note: (1) The following days have not been notified as Optional Holidays as they fall on Sundays

1.	Jamshedi Navroz (Parsi Shahenshahi & Parsi Kadmi)	21 st March, 2021	30, Phalgun, 1942	Sunday
2.	Holi	28 th March, 2021	07, Chaitra, 1943	Sunday
3.	Pesah (1 st Day) (Yahudi)	28 th March, 2021	07, Chaitra, 1943	Sunday
4.	Zarthost-no-Disho (Parsi Shahenshahi)	23 rd May, 2021	02, Jyaishtha, 1943	Sunday
5.	Tisha-be-aav (Yahudi)	18 th July, 2021	27, Ashadh, 1943	Sunday
6.	Parsi New Year Day Eve (Gatha-V) (Parsi Shahenshahi)	15 th August, 2021	24, Shravan, 1943	Sunday
7.	Id-e-Maulud (Muslim Shiya)	24 th October, 2021	02, Kartik, 1943	Sunday
8.	Boxing Day (Next Day to Christmas)	26 th December, 2021	05, Paush, 1943	Sunday

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 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.