

PART – II**OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

No. GS/2017-30-PHD/102017/1314/GH:- The following are the Optional Holidays recognized by Government of Gujarat for the year 2018 in addition to those notified as Public Holidays.

Sr. No.	Name of the Optional Holidays	Date	Saka Era	Days of Week
01	Christian New Year Day	01 st January, 2018	11, Paush, 1939	Monday
02	Guru Govindsingh's Birthday	05 th January 2018	15, Paush, 1939	Friday
03	Vassi Uttarayan (Next Day to Makar Sankranti)	15 th January, 2018	25, Paush, 1939	Monday
04	Vishvakarma Jayanti (Maha Sud-13)	29 th January, 2018	09, Magh, 1939	Monday
05	Holi	01 st March, 2018	10, Phalgun, 1939	Thursday
06	Jamshedi Navroz (Parsi Shahenshahi & Parsi Kadmi)	21 st March, 2018	30, Phalgun, 1939	Wednesday
07	Hatkeshvar Jayanti	30 th March, 2018	09, Chaitra, 1940	Friday
08	Hanuman Jayanti (Chaitra Sud-15)	31 st March, 2018	10, Chaitra, 1940	Saturday
09	Pesah (1st Day) (Yahudi)	31 st March, 2018	10, Chaitra, 1940	Saturday
10	Maha Prabhuji's Praktyotsava (Vallabhacharya Jayanti)	12 th April, 2018	22, Chaitra, 1940	Thursday
11	Shree Adhya Jagadguru Shankaracharya Jayanti (Vaishakh Sud-5)	20 th April, 2018	30, Chaitra, 1940	Friday
12	Zarthost-no-Disho (Parsi Kadami)	24 th April, 2018	04, Vaishakh, 1940	Tuesday
13	Budhha Purnima (Vaishakh Sud-15)	30 th April, 2018	10, Vaishakh, 1940	Monday
14	Shab-e-Barat (Muslim Shiya & Sunni)	02 nd May, 2018	12, Vaishakh, 1940	Wednesday
15	Zarthost-no-Disho (Parsi Shahenshahi)	24 th May, 2018	03, Jyesth, 1940	Thursday
16	Shahadat-e-Hazarat Ali (Muslim Shiya)	06 th June, 2018	16, Jyesth, 1940	Wednesday
17	Rathayatra (Ashadhi bij) (Ashadh Sud-2)	14 th July, 2018	23, Ashadh, 1940	Saturday
18	Parsi New Year Day Eve (Gatha-V) (Parsi kadmi)	17 th July, 2018	26, Ashadh, 1940	Tuesday
19	Parsi New Year Day (Parsi Kadmi)	18 th July, 2018	27, Ashadh, 1940	Wednesday
20	Khordad Sal (Parsi Kadmi)	23 rd July, 2018	01, Shravan, 1940	Monday
21	Gatha Gahamber (Gatha-III) (Parsi Shahenshahi)	14 th August, 2018	23, Shravan, 1940	Tuesday
22	Parsi New Year Day Eve (Gatha-V) (Parsi Shahenshahi)	16 th August, 2018	25, Shravan, 1940	Thursday
23	Khordad Sal (Parsi Shahenshahi)	22 nd August, 2018	31, Shravan, 1940	Wednesday
24	Onam	25 th August, 2018	03, Bhadrapad, 1940	Saturday
25	Nand Utsav (Shravan Vad-9)	04 th September, 2018	13, Bhadrapad, 1940	Tuesday
26	Shravan Vad-11 (Paryusan 1 st Day) (Chaturthi Paksha)	06 th September, 2018	15, Bhadrapad, 1940	Thursday
27	Shravan Vad-12 (Paryusan 1 st Day) (Panchami Paksha)	07 th September, 2018	16, Bhadrapad, 1940	Friday

28	Mahavir Swami Janma Vachan (Chaturthi Paksha)	10 th September, 2018	19, Bhadrapad, 1940	Monday
29	Rosh Hashanah (1 st Day) (New Year) (Yahudi)	10 th September, 2018	19, Bhadrapad, 1940	Monday
30	Ganesh Chaturthi (Bhadarva Sud-4)	13 th September, 2018	22, Bhadrapad, 1940	Thursday
31	Samvatsari (Panchami Paksha)	14 th September, 2018	23, Bhadrapad, 1940	Friday
32	Eve of Kippur (Yahudi)	18 th September, 2018	27, Bhadrapad, 1940	Tuesday
33	Yom Kippur (Yahudi)	19 th September, 2018	28, Bhadrapad, 1940	Wednesday
34	9th Muharram (Muslim Shiya & Sunni)	20 th September, 2018	29, Bhadrapad, 1940	Thursday
35	Succoth (Yahudi)	24 th September, 2018	02, Ashwin, 1940	Monday
36	Dhan Terash (Aso Vad-13)	05 th November, 2018	14, Kartik, 1940	Monday
37	Kali Chaudash (Aso Vad-14)	06 th November, 2018	15, Kartik, 1940	Tuesday
38	Shahadat-e- Imam Hasan (Muslim Shiya)	07 th November, 2018	16, Kartik, 1940	Wednesday
39	Kartak Sud-15 (Dev-Diwali)	23 rd November, 2018	02, Agrahayan, 1940	Friday
40	Id-e-Maulud (Muslim Shiya)	26 th November, 2018	05, Agrahayan, 1940	Monday
41	Shrimad Bhagwad Gita Jayanti	19 th December, 2018	28, Agrahayan, 1940	Wednesday
42	Boxing Day (Next Day to Christmas)	26 th December, 2018	05, Paush, 1940	Wednesday

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

1.	Gudi Padvo (Chaitra Sud-1)	18 th March, 2018	27, Phalgun, 1939	Sunday
2.	Shavuoth (Yahudi)	20 th May, 2018	30, Vaishakh, 1940	Sunday
3.	Ramjan-Id (Id-ul-Fitra) (2 nd Shawaal- Muslim Shiya & Sunni)	17 th June, 2018	27, Jyesth, 1940	Sunday
4.	Guru Arjundev's Martyrdom day	17 th June, 2018	27, Jyesth, 1940	Sunday
5.	Gatha Gahamber (Gatha-III) (Parsi Kadmi)	15 th July, 2018	24, Ashadh, 1940	Sunday
6.	Tisha-be-aav (Yahudi)	22 nd July, 2018	31, Ashadh, 1940	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 this 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 Government Employees may be granted an optional holiday on the day on which the holiday is actually observed.