

# HOLIDAYS TO BE DECLARED (ALL COURTS)

The following holidays are subject to the visibility of the moon and will be formally announced at a later date for all court tiers:

- Id-Ul-Fitr
- Id-Uz-Zoha (Bakrid)
- Muharram
- Fateha-Duaz-Daham

## Extended Vacation and Regional Variations

- **Summer Vacation Disparity:** The High Court observes a full two-week summer break (May 25 – June 6). Subordinate courts (City Civil, District Civil, and District Criminal) only observe the first week (May 25 – May 30).
- **Annual Vacation Disparity:** The High Court and Civil Courts (City and District) observe a continuous long vacation from October 16 to November 11. However, District Criminal Courts only observe a break from October 16 to October 28, returning to work before the Diwall/Bhatridwitiya break (November 9-11).
- **Christmas Vacation:** Civil courts observe a vacation until the end of the year. Criminal courts generally observe only the Christmas Day holiday on December 25.
- **Darjeeling and Kalimpong:** Courts in these hilly regions (except Siliguri) do not have a summer vacation. Instead, they have an annual vacation from January 2 to January 26 and again from December 25 to December 31. They also observe July 13 as a holiday for the Birthday of Nepali Poet Bhanu Bhakta.

## General Holiday Rules

- **Saturdays:** The 2nd and 4th Saturdays of every month are fixed holidays for the High Court and all subordinate Civil and Criminal courts.
- **Sectional Holidays:** Sab-e-Barat (Feb 4) and Mahabir Jayanti (March 31) are available as sectional holidays for Muslim and Jain employees respectively.
- **Local Holidays:** District Judges and Chief Judges are authorized to declare up to two additional days of local holidays per year based on local customs.

## Circuit Bench Schedules 2026

- **Jalpaiguri Circuit Bench:** Operates in 15 sessions throughout the year, typically in two-week blocks (e.g., Jan 5–16, May 11–22, Dec 14–24).
- **Port Blair Circuit Bench (Andaman & Nicobar Islands):** Operates in 12 sessions throughout the year (e.g., Jan 2–15, June 8–22, Dec 7–21). Note that the District Civil and Criminal courts in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands have a unique Annual Vacation from May 1 to May 29.

## COMPARATIVE HOLIDAY TABLE OF COURTS OF WEST BENGAL, 2026

Date	Holiday Name	Calcutta High Court	City Civil Court	District Civil Court	District Criminal Court
Jan 1	New Year's Day	obs	obs	obs	obs
Jan 12	Swami Vivekananda's Birthday	obs	obs	obs	obs
Jan 23	Netaji's Birthday / Saraswati Puja	obs	obs	obs	obs
Jan 26	Republic Day	obs	obs	obs	obs
Mar 3	Doljatra	obs	obs	obs	obs
Mar 4	Holi	obs	obs	obs	obs
Mar 26	Ram Navami	obs	obs	obs	obs
Apr 3	Good Friday	obs	obs	obs	obs
Apr 4	Easter Saturday	obs	obs	obs	obs
Apr 14	Ambedkar Birthday / Chaitra Sankranti	obs	obs	obs	obs
Apr 15	Bengali New Year's Day	obs	obs	obs	obs
May 1	May Day / Buddha Purnima	obs	obs	obs	obs
May 25 – May 30	Summer Vacation (Initial Week)	obs	obs	obs	obs
Jun 1 – Jun 6	Summer Vacation (Extended)	obs	not obs	not obs	not obs
Aug 15	Independence Day	obs	obs	obs	obs
Sep 4	Janmastami	obs	obs	obs	obs
Oct 2	Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday	obs	obs	obs	obs
Oct 16 – Oct 26	Annual Vacation (Phase 1)	obs	obs	obs	obs
Oct 27 – Nov 6	Annual Vacation (Phase 2)	obs	obs	obs	not obs
Nov 9 – Nov 11	Diwali / Bhatridwitiya	obs	obs	obs	obs
Nov 18	Jagaddhatri Puja	obs	obs	obs	obs
Nov 24	Guru Nanak's Birthday / Rathajatra	obs	obs	obs	obs
Dec 25	Christmas Day	obs	obs	obs	obs
Dec 26 – Dec 31	Christmas Vacation	obs	obs	obs	not obs