

## PART – II

### OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

No. GS/2016-51-PHD/102016/977/GH:- The following are the Optional Holidays recognized by Government of Gujarat for the year 2017 in addition to those notified as Public Holidays.

No	Name of the Optional Holidays	Date / Saka Era	Days of Week
1.	Guru Govind Singh's Birthday	5 <sup>th</sup> January 2017 / 15 , Paush, 1938	Thursday
2.	Vishvakarma Jayanti (Maha Sud-13)	9 <sup>th</sup> February, 2017 / 20 , Magh, 1938	Thursday
3.	Jamshedi Navroz ( Parsi Shahenshahi & Parsi Kadmi)	21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2017 / 30, Falgun, 1938	Tuesday
4.	Gudi Padvo (Chaitra Sud-1)	28 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017 / 07, Chaitra, 1939	Tuesday
5.	Hatkeshvar Jayanti	10 <sup>th</sup> April, 2017 / 20, Chaitra, 1939	Monday
6.	Hanuman Jayanti (Chaitra Sud-15)	11 <sup>th</sup> April, 2017 / 21, Chaitra, 1939	Tuesday
7.	Passovar (1st Day) (Yahudi)	11 <sup>th</sup> April, 2017 / 21, Chaitra, 1939	Tuesday
8.	Maha Prabhuji's Praktyotsava (Vallabhacharya Jayanti)	22 <sup>nd</sup> April, 2017 / 02, Vaishakh, 1939	Saturday
9.	Zarthost-no-Disho (Parsi Kadmi)	24 <sup>th</sup> April, 2017 / 04, Vaishakh, 1939	Monday
10.	Budha Purnima (Vaishakh Sud-15)	10 <sup>th</sup> May, 2017 / 20, Vaishakh, 1939	Wednesday
11.	Shab-e-Barat (Muslim Shiya & Sunni)	12 <sup>th</sup> May, 2017 / 22, Vaishakh, 1939	Friday
12.	Zarthost-no-Disho (Parsi Shahenshahi)	24 <sup>th</sup> May, 2017 / 03, Jyesth, 1939	Wednesday
13.	Shavuoth (Yahudi)	1 <sup>st</sup> June, 2017 / 11, Jyesth, 1939	Thursday
14.	Guru Arjundev's Martyrdom Day	8 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017 / 18, Jyesth, 1939	Thursday
15.	Shahadat-e-Hazrat Ali (Muslim Shiya)	17 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017 / 27, Jyesth, 1939	Saturday
16.	Ramjan-Id (Id-ul-Fitra) (2 <sup>nd</sup> Shawaal- Muslim Shiya & Sunni)	27 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017 / 06, Ashadh, 1939	Tuesday
17.	Gatha Gahamber (Gatha-III) (Parsi Kadmi)	15 <sup>th</sup> July, 2017 / 24, Ashadh, 1939	Saturday
18.	Parsi New Year Day Eve (Gatha-V) (Parsi Kadmi)	17 <sup>th</sup> July, 2017 / 26, Ashadh, 1939	Monday
19.	Parsi New Year Day (Parsi Kadmi)	18 <sup>th</sup> July, 2017 / 27, Ashadh, 1939	Tuesday
20.	Tisha-be-aav (Yahudi)	2 <sup>nd</sup> August, 2017 / 11, Shravan, 1939	Wednesday
21.	Gatha Gahamber (Gatha-III) (Parsi Shahenshahi)	14 <sup>th</sup> August, 2017 / 23, Shravan, 1939	Monday
22.	Parsi New Year Day Eve (Gatha-V) (Parsi Shahenshahi)	16 <sup>th</sup> August, 2017 / 25, Shravan, 1939	Wednesday
23.	Nand Utsav (Shravan Vad-9)	16 <sup>th</sup> August, 2017 / 25, Shravan, 1939	Wednesday
24.	Shravan Vad-12 (Paryusan 1 <sup>st</sup> Day) (Chaturthi Paksha)	18 <sup>th</sup> August, 2017 / 27, Shravan, 1939	Friday
25.	Shravan Vad-13 (Paryusan 1 <sup>st</sup> Day) (Panchami Paksha)	19 <sup>th</sup> , August, 2017 / 28, Shravan, 1939	Saturday
26.	Mahavir Swami Janma Vachan (Chaturthi Paksha)	22 <sup>nd</sup> August, 2017 / 31, Shravan, 1939	Tuesday
27.	Khordad Sal (Parsi Shahenshahi)	22 <sup>nd</sup> August, 2017 / 31, Shravan, 1939	Tuesday

28.	Ganesh Chaturthi (Bhadarva Sud-4)	25 <sup>th</sup> August, 2017 / 03, Bhadrapad, 1939	Friday
29.	Samvatsari (Panchami Paksha)	26 <sup>th</sup> August, 2017 / 04, Bhadrapad, 1939	Saturday
30.	Onam	4 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017 / 13, Bhadrapad, 1939	Monday
31.	Rosh Hashanah (1 <sup>st</sup> Day) (New Year) (Yahudi)	21 <sup>st</sup> September, 2017 / 30, Bhadrapad, 1939	Thursday
32.	Eve of Kippur (Yahudi)	29 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017 / 07, Ashwin, 1939	Friday
33.	9th Muharram (Muslim Shiya & Sunni)	30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017 / 08, Ashwin, 1939	Saturday
34.	Yom Kippur (Yahudi)	30 <sup>th</sup> September, 2017 / 08, Ashwin, 1939	Saturday
35.	Succoth (Yahudi)	5 <sup>th</sup> October, 2017 / 13, Ashwin, 1939	Thursday
36.	Dhan Terash (AsoVad- 13)	17 <sup>th</sup> October, 2017 / 25, Ashwin, 1939	Tuesday
37.	Kali Chaudash (Aso Vad-14)	18 <sup>th</sup> October, 2017 / 26, Ashwin, 1939	Wednesday
38.	Kartak Sud-15 (Dev-Diwali)	4 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017 / 13, Kartik, 1939	Saturday
39.	Shahadat-e- Imam Hasan (Muslim Shiya)	18 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017 / 27, Kartik, 1939	Saturday
40.	Shrimad Bhagwad Gita Jayanti	30 <sup>th</sup> November, 2017 / 09, Agrahayan, 1939	Thursday
41.	Id-e-Maulud (Muslim Shiya)	7 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017 / 16, Agrahayan, 1939	Thursday
42.	Boxing Day (Next Day to Christmas)	26 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017 / 05, Paush, 1939	Tuesday

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

1.	Christian New Year Day	1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2017 / 11, Paush, 1938	Sunday
2.	Vassi Uttarayan (Next Day to Makar Sankranti)	15 <sup>th</sup> January, 2017 / 25, Paush, 1938	Sunday
3.	Holi	12 <sup>th</sup> March, 2017 / 21, Phalgun, 1938	Sunday
4.	Shree Adhya Jagadguru Shankaracharya Jayanti (Vaishakh Sud-5)	30 <sup>th</sup> April, 2017 / 10, Vaishakh, 1939	Sunday
5.	Rathayatra (Ashadhi bij) (Ashadh Sud-2)	25 <sup>th</sup> June, 2017 / 04, Ashadh, 1939	Sunday
6.	Khordad Sal (Parsi Kadmi)	23 <sup>rd</sup> July, 2017 / 01, Shravan, 1939	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.**