Jammu and Kashmir government holiday list 2026

Public holidays for Jammu and Kashmir government offices, with the weekday for each date and the long weekends they create.

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holidays listed	on a working day	on a weekly off	long weekend

Holidays

#	Date	Day	Holiday
1	5 January	Monday	Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Birthday
2	17 January	Saturday	Shab-i-Miraj
3	26 January	Monday	Republic Day
4	17 March	Tuesday	Shab-i-Qadr
5	19 March	Thursday	1st Navratra
6	20 March	Friday	Jumat-ul-Vida
7	21 March	Saturday	Nauroz
8	21 March	Saturday	Eid-ul-Fitr Date may change
9	26 March	Thursday	Ram Navami
10	14 April	Tuesday	Baisakhi
11	14 April	Tuesday	Birthday of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
12	1 May	Friday	Buddha Purnima
13	27 May	Wednesday	Eid-ul-Azha (Bakrid), day 1 Date may change
14	28 May	Thursday	Eid-ul-Azha (Bakrid), day 2 Date may change
15	26 June	Friday	Ashoora (Muharram) Date may change
16	15 August	Saturday	Independence Day
17	26 August	Wednesday	Eid-i-Milad-ul-Nabi Date may change
18	28 August	Friday	Friday following Eid-i-Milad-ul-Nabi Date may change
19	4 September	Friday	Janmashtami
20	23 September	Wednesday	Birthday of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji
21	2 October	Friday	Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday
22	20 October	Tuesday	Mahanavami
23	20 October	Tuesday	Dussehra
24	26 October	Monday	Accession Day
25	24 November	Tuesday	Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Birthday

26	25 December	Friday	Christmas Day

Long weekends in 2026

Dates	Length	Holiday
19 Mar to 22 Mar	4 days	1st Navratra, Jumat-ul-Vida, Nauroz, Eid-ul-Fitr

> Counts every Sunday as off. Saturday holidays in the list are counted as off too. Uses only the holidays above.

Good to know

- **On a Sunday.** The list also names Mahashivratri (15 February); Guru Hargobind Ji's Birthday (5 July); Diwali (8 November). These fall on a Sunday, so they are not counted here.
- Only Annexure A (holidays throughout the Union Territory) is listed. Annexure A has 28 numbered holidays; 3 fall on a Sunday (Mahashivratri 15 Feb, Guru Hargobind Ji's Birthday 5 Jul, Diwali 8 Nov), leaving 25 holidays on 25 numbered rows; Eid-ul-Azha is notified for two days (27 and 28 May), shown as two entries, and 21 Mar, 14 Apr and 20 Oct each carry two holidays.
- Eid-ul-Azha is notified by the order itself for both Wednesday 27 May and Thursday 28 May 2026. No later J&K revision was found; Bakrid date used: 27 May and 28 May (both).
- Kashmir province only: Friday following Shab-i-Miraj 23 Jan, Urs Shah-i-Hamdan 23 May (Saturday), Mela Khir Bhawani 22 Jun, Urs Sheikh Noor-ud-Din 8 Oct.
- Jammu province only: Lohri 13 Jan, Guru Ravi Das Ji's Birthday 1 Feb (Sunday), Holi 4 Mar. Holi is therefore not UT-wide.
- Local holidays: Mela Bahu Fort 26 Mar, Mahavir Jayanti 31 Mar and Good Friday 3 Apr (Jammu district only); Kishtwar, Bhaderwah/Bhalessa and Doda/Ramban local days as in Annexure B.
- 13 July (Martyrs' Day) and 5 December are not holidays in the 2026 list (Tribune, Sakshi Post reports).
- All Muslim holidays are subject to appearance of the moon (marked with an asterisk in the order).
- Saturday weekend rule could not be found; recorded as unknown.
- **Optional holidays.** Restricted holidays (Annexure B iv): Parshuram Jayanti 19 Apr (Jammu only, Sunday), Martyr's Day of Guru Arjun Dev Ji 16 Jun, Kabir Jayanti 29 Jun (Jammu only), Raksha Bandhan 28 Aug.
- **Saturdays.** We could not confirm which Saturdays are off for state offices, so only Sundays are counted as weekly offs.
- **Source difference.** Order text has Mela Bahu Fort on 26.03.2026 and Mahavir Jayanti on 31.03.2026; Kashmir Life swaps them (Mahavir Jayanti 26 Mar, Bahu Fort 31 Mar). Local holidays only, not in the list; the order text was followed.
- **Source difference.** Digiliance gives Guru Gobind Singh Ji's Birthday as 1 Jan; the order says 5 Jan 2026 (Monday). Order followed.
- Festivals tied to the moon, such as the Eid festivals and Muharram, can move by a day. Any change is announced at short notice.

> **Source:** Jammu and Kashmir Government notification Government Order No. 1894-JK(GAD) of 2025 dated 12.12.2025 (General Administration Department, J&K), Annexure A (UT-wide) and B (provincial, local, restricted) (holidays for 2026), as read from J&K GAD Order 1894-JK(GAD) of 2025 (PDF) and Kashmir Life, read on 10 November 2026. Weekdays checked against the calendar. This list is for information and is not legal advice.

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