

**PART – II**

**OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS FOR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES**

No.GS/30/2019/PHD/102019/1111/GH:- The following are the Optional Holidays recognized by Government of Gujarat for the year 2020 in addition to those notified in Part-I as Public Holidays.

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Optional Holidays</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Saka Era</b>	<b>Days of Week</b>
1.	Christian New Year Day	01 <sup>st</sup> January, 2020	11, Paush,1941	Wednesday
2.	Guru Govindsingh's Birthday	02 <sup>nd</sup> January 2020	12, Paush,1941	Thursday
3.	Vassi Uttarayan (Next day to Makar Sankranti)	15 <sup>th</sup> January, 2020	25, Paush,1941	Wednesday
4.	Vishvakarma Jayanti (Maha Sud-13)	07 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020	18, Magh, 1941	Friday
5.	Birthday of Dhani Matang Dev	12 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020	23, Magh, 1941	Wednesday
6.	Holi	09 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020	19, Phalgun, 1941	Monday
7.	Jamshedi Navroz ( Parsi Shahenshahi & Parsi Kadmi)	21 <sup>st</sup> March, 2020	01,Chaitra, 1942	Saturday
8.	Gudi Padvo (Chaitra Sud-1)	25 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020	05, Chaitra, 1942	Wednesday
9.	Hatkeshvar Jayanti	07 <sup>th</sup> April, 2020	18, Chaitra, 1942	Tuesday
10.	Hanuman Jayanti (Chaitra Sud-15)	08 <sup>th</sup> April,2020	19, Chaitra, 1942	Wednesday
11.	Shab-e-Barat (Muslim Shiya & Sunni)	08 <sup>th</sup> April, 2020	19, Chaitra, 1942	Wednesday
12.	Pesah (1 <sup>st</sup> Day) (Yahudi)	09 <sup>th</sup> April, 2020	20, Chaitra, 1942	Thursday
13.	Maha Prabhujji's Praktyotsava (Vallabhacharya Jayanti)	18 <sup>th</sup> April, 2020	29, Chaitra, 1942	Saturday
14.	Zarthost-no-Disho (Parsi Kadami)	23 <sup>th</sup> April, 2020	03, Vaishakh,1942	Thursday
15.	Shree Adhya Jagadguru Shankaracharya Jayanti (Vaishakh Sud-5)	28 <sup>th</sup> April, 2020	08, Vaishakh, 1942	Tuesday
16.	Budhha Purnima (Vaishakh Sud-15)	07 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020	17, Vaishakh,1942	Thursday
17.	Shahadat-e-Hazarat Ali (Muslim Shiya)	15 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020	25, Vaishakh, 1942	Friday
18.	Zarthost-no-Disho (Parsi Shahenshahi)	23 <sup>rd</sup> May, 2020	02, Jyesth,1942	Saturday
19.	Ramjan-Id (Id-UI-Fitra) (2 <sup>nd</sup> Shawaal-Muslim Shiya & Sunni)	26 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020	05, Jyesth,1942	Tuesday
20.	Guru Arjundev's Martyrdom day	26 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020	05, Jyesth,1942	Tuesday
21.	Shavuoth (Yahudi)	29 <sup>th</sup> May, 2020	08, Jyesth, 1942	Friday
22.	Rathayatra (Ashadhi bij) (Ashadh Sud-2)	23 <sup>rd</sup> June, 2020	02, Ashadh,1942	Tuesday
23.	Gatha Gahamber (Gatha-III) (Parsi Kadmi)	14 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	23, Ashadh,1942	Tuesday
24.	Parsi New Year Day Eve (Gatha-V) (Parsi Kadmi)	16 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	25, Ashadh,1942	Thursday
25.	Parsi New Year Day (Parsi Kadmi)	17 <sup>th</sup> July, 2020	26, Ashadh,1942	Friday
26.	Khordad Sal (Parsi Kadmi)	22 <sup>nd</sup> July, 2020	31, Ashadh,1942	Wednesday
27.	Tisha-be-aav (Yahudi)	31 <sup>st</sup> July,2020	09, Shravan, 1942	Friday
28.	Gatha Gahamber (Gatha-III) (Parsi Shahenshahi)	13 <sup>th</sup> August, 2020	22, Shravan,1942	Thursday
29.	Nand Utsav (Shravan Vad-9)	13 <sup>th</sup> August, 2020	22, Shravan,1942	Thursday
30.	Parsi New Year Day Eve (Gatha-V) (Parsi Shahenshahi)	15 <sup>th</sup> August, 2020	24, Shravan,1942	Saturday
31.	Shravan Vad-11 (Paryusan 1 <sup>st</sup> Day) (Chaturthi Paksha)	15 <sup>th</sup> August, 2020	24, Shravan,1942	Saturday
32.	Mahavir Swami Janma Vachan (Chaturthi Paksha)	19 <sup>th</sup> August, 2020	28, Shravan,1942	Wednesday

33.	Khordad Sal (Parsi Shahenshahi)	21 <sup>st</sup> August, 2020	30, Shraavan, 1942	Friday
34.	9 <sup>th</sup> Muharram (Muslim Shiya & Sunni)	29 <sup>th</sup> August, 2020	07, Bhadrapad, 1942	Saturday
35.	Onam	31 <sup>st</sup> August, 2020	09, Bhadrapad, 1942	Monday
36.	Rosh Hashanah (1 <sup>st</sup> Day) (New Year) (Yahudi)	19 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020	28, Bhadrapad, 1942	Saturday
37.	Yom Kippur (Yahudi)	28 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020	06, Ashwin, 1942	Monday
38.	Sukkot (Yahudi)	03 <sup>rd</sup> October, 2020	11, Ashwin, 1942	Saturday
39.	Shahadat-e- Imam Hasan (Muslim Shiya)	16 <sup>th</sup> October, 2020	24, Ashwin, 1942	Friday
40.	Id-e-Maulud (Muslim Shiya)	04 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020	13, Kartik, 1942	Wednesday
41.	Dhan Terash ( Aso Vad- 13)	13 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020	22, Kartik, 1942	Friday
42.	Kali Chaudash (Aso Vad-14)	13 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020	22, Kartik, 1942	Friday
43.	Kartak Sud-15 (Dev-Diwali)	30 <sup>th</sup> November, 2020	09, Agrahayan, 1942	Monday
44.	Shrimad Bhagwad Gita Jayanti	25 <sup>th</sup> December, 2020	04, Paush, 1942	Friday
45.	Boxing Day (Next Day to Christmas)	26 <sup>th</sup> December, 2020	05, Paush, 1942	Saturday

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

1.	Saint Shiromani Ravidasji's Birthday	09 <sup>th</sup> February, 2020	20, Magh, 1941	Sunday
2.	International Day of the World's Indigenous People	9 <sup>th</sup> August, 2020	18, Shraavan, 1942,	Sunday
3.	Shraavan Vad-12 (Paryusan 1 <sup>st</sup> Day) (Panchami Paksha)	16 <sup>th</sup> August, 2020	25, Shraavan, 1942	Sunday
4.	Samvatsari (Panchami Paksha)	23 <sup>rd</sup> August, 2020	01, Bhadrapad, 1942	Sunday
5.	Eve of Kippur (Yahudi)	27 <sup>th</sup> September, 2020	05, Ashwin, 1942	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.**