Karnataka government holiday list 2026

Public holidays for Karnataka 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 weekends

Holidays

#	Date	Day	Holiday
1	15 January	Thursday	Uttarayana Punyakala, Makar Sankranti
2	26 January	Monday	Republic Day
3	19 March	Thursday	Ugadi Festival
4	21 March	Saturday	Khutba-e-Ramzan Date may change
5	31 March	Tuesday	Mahavir Jayanti
6	3 April	Friday	Good Friday
7	14 April	Tuesday	Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Jayanti
8	20 April	Monday	Basava Jayanti, Akshaya Tritiya
9	1 May	Friday	Labour Day
10	28 May	Thursday	Bakrid Date may change
11	26 June	Friday	Muharram Date may change
12	15 August	Saturday	Independence Day
13	26 August	Wednesday	Eid Milad Date may change
14	14 September	Monday	Varasiddhi Vinayaka Vrata
15	2 October	Friday	Gandhi Jayanti
16	20 October	Tuesday	Mahanavami, Ayudha Puja
17	21 October	Wednesday	Vijayadashami
18	10 November	Tuesday	Balipadyami, Deepavali
19	27 November	Friday	Kanakadasa Jayanti
20	25 December	Friday	Christmas

Long weekends in 2026

Dates	Length	Holiday
24 Jan to 26 Jan	3 days	Republic Day
26 Jun to 28 Jun	3 days	Muharram
12 Sep to 14 Sep	3 days	Varasiddhi Vinayaka Vrata
27 Nov to 29 Nov	3 days	Kanakadasa Jayanti

25 Dec to 27 Dec	3 days	Christmas

> Counts every Sunday and every second and fourth Saturday as off, as the notification does for state offices. Uses only the holidays above.

Good to know

- **Weekly offs.** The notification also declares all Sundays and every second and fourth Saturday as public holidays. Other Saturdays are working days for state offices, so 21 March and 15 August are real days off.
- **Left out because they fall on a Sunday or a weekly off.** The notification names Maha Shivaratri (15 February), Maharshi Valmiki Jayanti (25 October), Kannada Rajyotsava (1 November), Naraka Chaturdashi (8 November) and the second-Saturday Amavasya (10 October).
- **Valmiki Jayanti, Monday 26 October 2026.** One banking news site reports a notice dated 5 October 2026 that gives 26 October as a compensatory holiday for the Valmiki Jayanti that fell on a Sunday. It is not in the notification we read, so we have not counted it. Check the DPAR notice before you plan around it.
- **Kodagu district only.** Local holidays were declared for Kail Muhurtha (3 September, Thursday), Tula Sankramana (18 October, Sunday) and Huttari Festival (26 November, Thursday).
- **Restricted holidays.** The government also issued a restricted-holiday list from which employees may take any two. This page does not cover it.
- Khutba-e-Ramzan, Bakrid, Muharram and Eid Milad depend on the moon. The notification lets Muslim employees take the actual festival day if it falls on a different date.

> **Source:** Karnataka Government Notification No. DPAR 16 HHL 2025, Notification-I (list of general holidays for 2026), as reproduced by SGC Services and Sakshi Post, read on 10 November 2026. Weekdays checked against the calendar. This list is for information and is not legal advice.

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