

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

HOLIDAYS –General holidays and Optional Holidays for the year 2018 – Declared.

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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (POLL.B) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.RT.No. 2437**

**Dated: 31-10-2017**

**ORDER:-**

The following Notification shall be published in the next issue of Andhra Pradesh extra-ordinary Gazette:

**NOTIFICATION**

The Government of Andhra Pradesh direct that the days specified in Annexure-I shall be observed as General Holidays by all the State Government Offices excluding the holidays falling on Sundays shown in Part-II and Optional Holidays shown in Annexure-II except the Optional Holidays falling on Sundays shown in Annexure Part-II, during the year 2018.

2. The State Government directs that all offices under State Government shall remain closed on all Sundays and Second Saturdays in all the months during the year 2018.

3. In addition to the above mentioned General Holidays in Annexure-I, the State Government employees may avail themselves of Optional Holidays not exceeding FIVE during the year 2018 on festival/occasions specified in Annexure-II to this order, at their option and irrespective of the religion to which the festival pertains. Permission to avail any of these holidays shall be applied for, in writing in advance and shall normally be granted by the Superior Officers competent to grant casual leave except when the presence of an individual employee is considered necessary in exigencies of Government work.

4. The Government also directs that General Holidays shall not ipso-facto apply to the Industrial Establishment and Public Undertakings under the control of the State Government, the workmen engaged in Public Works Departments and Educational Institutions in this State. Separate orders regarding the festivals/occasions when these Institutions have to observe holidays shall be issued by the concerned Administrative Department of the Secretariat.

5. If there is any change of date in respect of Idu'l Zuha, Muharram and id-e-Milad as per the sighting of the moon or any other Hindu holiday as well, it shall be announced through electronic / print media. All the Departments of Secretariat, Heads of Departments and District Collectors shall take action according to such an announcement and without waiting for formal order about the change of date.

**(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADEH)**

**DINESH KUMAR  
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Commissioner of Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase (Publication Wing), Govt. Regl. Press Building, Mutyalampadu, Vijayawada-11.

(They are requested to publish the above Notification in the next issue of Andhra Pradesh State Extra-Ordinary Gazette and supply 500 copies to Govt.

The Commissioner, Information and Public Relations, State Guest House Premises, Gopala Reddy Street, Suryaraopet, Vijayawada , Andhra Pradesh. (He is requested to give wide publicity through media).

The Home/Education/TR&B/Irr. & CAD(PW)/Agri. & Coop./Energy/Food & Civil supplies/AH&F/EFS&ST/Ind.&Com./B.C.Welfare/WD&CW /LE&T/YAT&C Departments. (They are requested to take necessary action in the matter with reference to para 4 of the notification).

All other Departments of Secretariat.

All Administrative Sections in General Administration Department.

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All Heads of Departments.

All the Collectors & District Magistrates in Andhra Pradesh

The Resident Commissioner, A.P. Bhavan, No.1, Ashoka Road, New Delhi.

The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, New Delhi.

The Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories.

The Registrar General, High Court of Judicature for the State of Telangana and State of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The Registrar, A.P. Administrative Tribunal, Hyderabad.

The Registrar, Institution of A.P. Lokayukta/Upalokayukta, Hyderabad.

The Chief Executive Officer, A.P. State Wakf Board, Vijayawada.

The Secretary, Andhra Public Service Commission, Hyderabad.

All the Heads of Local Financial Institutions in the State.

The P.S. to CM/Prl. Secy. to C.M./All P.Ss to Ministers/P.S. to C.S/P.S. to Secy (Poll)/P.A. to Jt. Secretary (Poll)

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**SECTION OFFICER**

**ANNEXURE -I****(G.O.Rt.No.2437, G.A.(Poll.B) Dept., dt. 31-10-2017)****GENERAL HOLIDAYS**

<b>S.No</b>	<b>OCCASION/FESTIVAL</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>SAKA-ERA</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
1.	SANKRANTI/PONGAL	15.01.2018	MONDAY	PAUSHA 24-1939
2.	KANUMU	16.01.2018	TUESDAY	PAUSHA 25-1939
3.	REPUBLIC DAY	26.01.2018	FRIDAY	MAGHA 06 - 1939
4.	MAHA SHIVARATRI	13.02.2018	TUESDAY	MEGHA 24- 1939
5.	HOLI	02.03.2018	FRIDAY	Phalguna 11 - 1939
6.	GOOD FRIDAY	30.03.2018	FRIDAY	CHAITRA 09-1940
7.	BABU JAGIVAN RAM'S BIRTHDAY	05.04.2018	THURSADY	CHAITRA 15-1940
8.	IDUL FITR	16.06.2018	SATURDAY	JYAISHTHA 26-1940
9.	INDEPENDENCE DAY	15.08.2018	WEDNESDAY	SRAVANA 24-1940
10.	BAKRID (ID-UL-AZHA)	22.08.2018	WEDNESDAY	SRAVANA 31 - 1940
11.	SRI KRISHNA ASTAMI	03.09.2018	MONDAY	BHADRA 12 - 1940
12.	VINAYAKA CHAVITHI	13.09.2018	THURSDAY	BHADRA 22-1940
13.	SHAHADAT IMAM HUSSAIN (R.A.) - MUHARRAM	21.09.2018	FRIDAY	BHADRA 30-1940
14.	MAHTMA GANDHI JAYANTHI	02.10.2018	TUESDAY	ASVINA 10 - 1940
15.	*DURGASTAMI/ Maharnavami	17.10.2018	WEDNESDAY	ASVINA 25-1940
16.	VIJAYA DASAMI/ DUSSEHRA	18.10.2018	THURSDAY	ASVINA 26 - 1940
17.	DEEPAVALI	07.11.2018	WEDNESDAY	KARTIKA 16-1940
18.	EID MILADUN NABI (S.A.W.S) (1140 HIJRI)	21.11.2018	WEDNESDAY	KARTIKA 30-1940
19.	CHRISTMAS	25.12.2018	TUESDAY	PAUSHA 04-1940

\*Both the General Holiday for Durgastami and O.H for Maharnavami have occurred on 17.10.2018.

**PART-II**

The following festivals occur on 2nd Saturday and Sunday during the year 2018

1.	BHOGI/TAMIL NEW YEAR'S DAY *	14.01.2018	SUNDAY	PAUSHA 24- 1939
2.	UGADI	18.03.2018	SUNDAY	PHALGUNA 27- 1939
3.	SRI RAMA NAVAMI	25.03.2018	SUNDAY	CHAITRA 04-1940
4.	DR.B.R. AMBEDKAR'S BIRTHDAY	14.04.2018	SATURDAY	CHAITRA 24-1940

(\*) Both the General Holiday for Bhogi and O.H. for Tamil New Year's day have occurred on 14.1.2018.

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**ANNEXURE – II**  
**OPTIONAL HOLIDAYS**

<b>S.NO</b>	<b>OCCASION/FESTIVAL</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>DAY</b>	<b>SAKA-ERA</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
1.	NEW YEAR	01.01.2018	MONDAY	PAUSHA 11-1939
2.	SRI PANCHAMI	22.01.2018	MONDAY	MAGHA 02-1939
3.	BIRTHDAY OF HZT.SYED MOHAMMED JUVANPURI MAHDI MAÚD(A.S.)	1.02.2018	THURSDAY	MAGHA 12-1939
4.	MAHAVEER JAYANTHI	29.03.2018	THURSDAY	CHAITRA 08-1940
5.	BASAVA JAYANTHI	18.04.2018	WEDNESDAY	CHAITRA 28-1940
6.	BUDDHA PURNIMA	30.04.2018	MONDAY	VAISAKHA 10-1940
7.	SHAB-E-BARAT	02.05.2018	WEDNESDAY	VAISAKHA 12-1940
8.	SHAHADAT HAZRATH ALI (R.A.)	05.06.2018	TUESDAY	JYAISHTHA 15-1940
9.	SHAB-E-QADER	12.06.2018	TUESDAY	JYAISHTHA 22-1940
10.	JUMMA TUL WADA	15.06.2018	FRIDAY	JYAISHTHA 25-1940
11.	PARSI NEW YEAR'S DAY	17.08.2018	FRIDAY	SRAVANA 26-1940
12.	VARALAKSHMI VRATHAM	24.08.2018	FRIDAY	BHADRA 02-1940
13.	EID-E-GHADEER	30.08.2018	THURSDAY	BHADRA 08-1940
14.	9TH MUHARRAM (1440 HIJRI)	20.09.2018	THURSDAY	BHADRA 29 - 1940
15.	MAHALAYA AMAVASYA	08.10.2018	MONDAY	ASVINA 16-1940
16.	ARBAYEEN	30.10.2018	TUESDAY	KARTIKA 08-1940
17.	NARAKA CHATURDHI	06.11.2018	TUESDAY	KARTIKA 15-1940
18.	KARTHIKA PURNIMA / GURUNANAK JAYANTHI	23.11.2018	FRIDAY	AGRAHAN 02-1940
19.	CHRISTMAS EVE	24.12.2018	MONDAY	PAUSHA 03-1940
20.	BOXING DAY	26.12.2018	WEDNSDAY	PAUSHA 05-1940

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The following festival occurs on 2nd Saturday and Sunday during the year 2018.

1.	BIRTHDAY OF HAZRATH ALI (RA)	1.04.2018	SUNDAY	CHAITRA 1-1940
2.	SHAB-E-MERAJ	15.04.2018	SUNDAY	CHAITRA 25-1940
3.	RATHA YATHRA	14.07.2018	SATURDAY	ASHADHA 23-1940
4.	SRAVANA PURNIMA / RAKHI PURNIMA	26.08.2018	SUNDAY	BHADRA 04-1940