

Karnataka Public Holidays 2026

Karnataka Government Holidays 2026

The Karnataka Government's notification dated 17 November 2025 lists the following 20 general holidays for 2026. The same notification states that Sundays, second Saturdays and fourth Saturdays are holidays.

Sr. No.	Date	Day	Public Holiday
1	15 January 2026	Thursday	Uttarayana Punyakala, Makara Sankranti Festival
2	26 January 2026	Monday	Republic Day
3	19 March 2026	Thursday	Ugadi Festival
4	21 March 2026	Saturday	Khutub-E-Ramzan
5	31 March 2026	Tuesday	Mahaveera Jayanthi
6	3 April 2026	Friday	Good Friday
7	14 April 2026	Tuesday	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanthi
8	20 April 2026	Monday	Basava Jayanthi, Akshaya Tritiya
9	1 May 2026	Friday	May Day
10	28 May 2026	Thursday	Bakrid
11	26 June 2026	Friday	Last Day of Moharam
12	15 August 2026	Saturday	Independence Day
13	26 August 2026	Wednesday	Eid-Milad
14	14 September 2026	Monday	Varasiddhi Vinayaka Vrata
15	2 October 2026	Friday	Gandhi Jayanthi
16	20 October 2026	Tuesday	Mahanavami, Ayudhapooja
17	21 October 2026	Wednesday	Vijayadasami
18	10 November 2026	Tuesday	Balipadyami, Deepavali
19	27 November 2026	Friday	Kanakadasa Jayanthi
20	25 December 2026	Friday	Christmas

The official notification also notes that Maha Shivaratri on 15 February, Maharshi Valmiki Jayanthi on 25 October, Kannada Rajyothsava on 1 November, Naraka Chaturdashi on 8 November and Mahalaya Amavasye on 10 October fall on Sundays or the second Saturday and therefore are not separately included in the general-holiday count.

Karnataka Restricted Holidays 2026

Karnataka restricted holidays 2026 are optional holidays available to eligible Karnataka State Government employees. The 2026 notification provides a separate restricted-holiday annexure and states that state government employees may utilise up to two restricted holidays during the year with prior permission from the competent authority.

Sr. No.	Date	Day	Restricted Holiday
1	1 January 2026	Thursday	New Year
2	27 January 2026	Tuesday	Sri Madvanavami
3	4 February 2026	Wednesday	Shab-e-Barath
4	2 March 2026	Monday	Holi Festival
5	17 March 2026	Tuesday	Shab-e-Qadar
6	20 March 2026	Friday	Jumat-UI-Wida
7	23 March 2026	Monday	Devara Daseemaiah Jayanthi
8	27 March 2026	Friday	Sri Ramanavami
9	4 April 2026	Saturday	Holy Saturday
10	21 April 2026	Tuesday	Sri Shankarayacharya Jayanthi
11	22 April 2026	Wednesday	Sri Ramanujacharya Jayanthi
12	21 August 2026	Friday	Varamahalakshmi Vrata
13	27 August 2026	Thursday	Yajur Upakarma
14	28 August 2026	Friday	Brahma Shri Narayana Guru Jayanthi, Raksha Bandhan
15	4 September 2026	Friday	Sri Krishna Janmashtami
16	8 September 2026	Tuesday	Kanya Mariyamma Jayanthi
17	17 September 2026	Thursday	Vishwakarma Jayanthi
18	25 September 2026	Friday	Ananta Padmanabha Vrata
19	24 November 2026	Tuesday	Guru Nanak Jayanthi
20	26 November 2026	Thursday	Huttari Festival
21	24 December 2026	Thursday	Christmas Eve

The restricted-holiday list is separate from the general-holiday list. Some dates that appear as restricted holidays in other government calendars may not have the same status under Karnataka's own state-government notification. Therefore, use the Karnataka-specific list when planning state government employee leave.

Important Karnataka Public Holidays 2026 at a Glance

If you only need the major dates for planning, the following are among the most important **Karnataka public holidays 2026**.

Holiday	Date	Day
Makara Sankranti	15 January 2026	Thursday
Republic Day	26 January 2026	Monday
Ugadi	19 March 2026	Thursday
Mahaveera Jayanthi	31 March 2026	Tuesday
Good Friday	3 April 2026	Friday
Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Jayanthi	14 April 2026	Tuesday
Basava Jayanthi	20 April 2026	Monday
May Day	1 May 2026	Friday
Bakrid	28 May 2026	Thursday
Independence Day	15 August 2026	Saturday
Eid-Milad	26 August 2026	Wednesday

Holiday	Date	Day
Ganesh Chaturthi	14 September 2026	Monday
Gandhi Jayanthi	2 October 2026	Friday
Mahanavami / Ayudhapooja	20 October 2026	Tuesday
Vijayadasami	21 October 2026	Wednesday
Deepavali	10 November 2026	Tuesday
Kanakadasa Jayanthi	27 November 2026	Friday
Christmas	25 December 2026	Friday

Karnataka Holidays List Chart for Year 2026

Online reference

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