Puducherry government holiday list 2026

Public holidays for Puducherry 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	1 January	Thursday	New Year
2	14 January	Wednesday	Bhogi (Pongal celebrations)
3	15 January	Thursday	Pongal
4	16 January	Friday	Thiruvalluvar Day / Mattu Pongal
5	26 January	Monday	Republic Day
6	21 March	Saturday	Ramzan (Id-ul-Fitr) Date may change
7	3 April	Friday	Good Friday
8	14 April	Tuesday	Tamil New Year / Dr. Ambedkar's Birthday
9	1 May	Friday	May Day
10	28 May	Thursday	Bakrid (Id-ul-Alha) Date may change
11	26 June	Friday	Muharram Date may change
12	15 August	Saturday	Independence Day
13	26 August	Wednesday	Milad-Un-Nabi Date may change
14	14 September	Monday	Vinayagar Chathurthi
15	2 October	Friday	Gandhi Jayanthi
16	19 October	Monday	Saraswathi Pooja / Ayudha Pooja
17	9 November	Monday	Deepavali (additional holiday)
18	25 December	Friday	Christmas

Long weekends in 2026

Dates	Length	Holiday
14 Jan to 16 Jan	3 days	Bhogi (Pongal celebrations), Pongal, Thiruvalluvar Day / Mattu Pongal

> 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 Puducherry Liberation Day (1 November); Deepavali (8 November). These fall on a Sunday, so they are not counted here.

- Dates follow the Puducherry and Karaikal region list as amended. Mahe differs: Id-ul-Fitr stays Fri 20 Mar.
- Original gazette had 17 holidays; Bhogi 14 Jan (comp. working Sat 31 Jan) and Muharram 26 Jun (comp. working Sat 4 Jul) were added, Deepavali got an extra holiday Mon 9 Nov (comp. working Sat 21 Nov).
- Thu 9 Apr 2026 was a one-off paid holiday for the Legislative Assembly election (G.O. Ms. No. 25); not listed.
- Puducherry Liberation Day 1 Nov and Deepavali 8 Nov fall on Sunday; De jure Transfer Day 16 Aug (Sunday) is excluded by the G.O.
- Independence Day 15 Aug is a Saturday and stays listed.
- Bakrid 28 May is in the original G.O. itself.
- **Optional holidays.** Each employee may take 2 restricted holidays from Appendix-III (Bhogi no longer restricted, now a holiday). Muharram 26 Jun was restricted, now a holiday. Mahe and Yanam regions have their own lists (Mahe: only Jan 1, Jan 26, Mar 20, Apr 3, Apr 14 etc.).
- **Saturdays.** We could not confirm which Saturdays are off for state offices, so only Sundays are counted as weekly offs.
- **Source difference.** Id-ul-Fitr: 20 Mar in original G.O. 73 vs 21 Mar in G.O. 22 of 19.03.2026. Used 21 Mar.
- **Source difference.** Deepavali: 8 Nov (Sunday, original) vs additional Monday 9 Nov (G.O. 108). Both kept; 8 Nov in sunday_listed.
- **Source difference.** greytHR/aggregators list Pongal 14 Jan; official Pongal is 15 Jan, 14 Jan is Bhogi (added by G.O. 2).
- 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:** Puducherry Government notification G.O. Ms. No. 73 dated 11 Nov 2025, Home Department (Gazette Part I Extraordinary No. 117, 13 Nov 2025); amended by G.O. Ms. No. 2 (13.01.2026, Bhogi 14 Jan), G.O. Ms. No. 22 (19.03.2026, Id-ul-Fitr 20 Mar to 21 Mar), G.O. Ms. No. 53 (25.06.2026, Muharram 26 Jun), G.O. Ms. No. 108 (04.11.2026, Deepavali Monday 9 Nov) (holidays for 2026), as read from Puducherry Home Dept G.O. Ms. No. 73 (Gazette), G.O. Ms. No. 2, G.O. Ms. No. 22 and G.O. Ms. No. 53, read on 10 November 2026. Weekdays checked against the calendar. This list is for information and is not legal advice.

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