

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT  
SECTION-A**

NOTIFICATION

*Shimla-2, the 12th November, 2020*

**No. GAD- A(F)12-1/2020.**—The Governor, Himachal Pradesh is pleased to order that the holidays as listed in Annexure-I, will be observed as ‘Gazetted Holidays’ during the **Calendar Year-2021, in the State of Himachal Pradesh.**

2. In addition to the holidays mentioned in **Annexure-I**, all Government employees will be authorized to avail two 'Restricted Holidays' out of those mentioned in **Annexure-III**.

3. Holidays listed in **Annexure-II** are declared ‘Gazetted Holidays’ for women employees working in all Government Offices/ Boards/ Corporations/ Educational Institutions in H.P. These will also be holidays for women employees within the meaning of Section 25 of Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 and also to daily wage women employees.

4. (i) The Deputy Commissioners in the State are authorized to declare two local holidays within their jurisdiction during the Year 2021 in connection with celebration of important fairs and festivals in the respective District/ Area.

(ii) However, for the offices situated within the Municipal limits of Shimla, two local holidays will be declared by the State Government after receiving proposal in this regard from the Deputy Commissioner, Shimla and for the rest of the areas of District Shimla, two local holidays will be declared/decided by the Deputy Commissioner, Shimla as per past practice. For the Offices of H.P. Government situated at Delhi, two local holidays will be declared by the State Government after receiving proposal from Pr. Resident Commissioner, H.P., New Delhi.

5. The holidays listed in Annexure-IV are also declared as ‘Gazetted Holidays’ within the meaning of Section 25 of Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

By order,

ANIL KUMAR KHACHI,  
*Chief Secretary.*

**Gazetted Holidays for the Year-2021**

**ANNEXURE-I**

Sl. No.	Holiday	Date	Saka Date	Day of week
<b>1942 Saka Era</b>				
1.	Statehood Day	25th January, 2021	Magha 05	Monday

2.	Republic Day	26th January, 2021	Magha 06	Tuesday
3.	Guru Ravidas's Birthday	27th February, 2021	Phalguna 08	Saturday
4.	Maha Shivratri	11th March, 2021	Phalguna 20	Thursday
<b>1943 Saka Era</b>				
5.	Holi	29th March, 2021	Chaitra 08	Monday
6.	Good Friday	02nd April, 2021	Chaitra 12	Friday
7.	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Birthday	14th April, 2021	Chaitra 24	Wednesday
8.	Himachal Day	15th April, 2021	Chaitra 25	Thursday
9.	Ram Navami	21st April, 2021	Vaisakha 01	Wednesday
10.	Bhagvan Shree Parshuram Jayanti & Id-ul-Fitr	14th May, 2021	Vaisakha 24	Friday
11.	Budha Purnima	26th May, 2021	Jayeshtha 05	Wednesday
12.	Maharana Pratap Jayanti	13 th June, 2021	Jayeshtha 23	Sunday
13.	Sant Guru Kabir Jayanti (Prakat Diwas)	24th June, 2021	Ashadha 03	Thursday
14.	Id-ul-Zuha (Bakrid)	21st July, 2021	Ashadha 30	Wednesday
15.	Independence Day	15th August, 2021	Sravana 24	Sunday
16.	Muharram	19th August, 2021	Sravana 28	Thursday
17.	Janmashtami	30th August, 2021	Bhadra 08	Monday
18.	Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday	2nd October, 2021	Asvina 10	Saturday
19.	Dussehra	15th October, 2021	Asvina 23	Friday
20.	Maharishi Valmiki's Birthday	20th October, 2021	Asvina 28	Wednesday
21.	Diwali (Deepavali)	04th November, 2021	Kartika 13	Thursday
22.	Guru Nanak's Birthday	19th November, 2021	Kartika 28	Friday
23.	Christmas Day	25th December, 2021	Pausha 04	Saturday

**ANNEXURE-II**

Gazetted Holidays for the Year-2021 for women employees working in all Government Offices/ Boards/Corporations/Educational Institutions in H.P. These will also be holidays for women employees under Section 25 of Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 and also to daily waged women employees.

Sl. No.	Holiday	Date	Saka Date	Day of week
<b>1943 Saka Era</b>				
1.	Raksha Bandhan	22nd August, 2021	Sravana 31	Sunday
2.	Karva Chauth	24th October, 2021	Kartika 02	Sunday
3.	Bhai Duj	06th November, 2021	Kartika 15	Saturday

**ANNEXURE-III****Restricted Holidays for the Year-2021**

Sl. No.	Holiday	Date	Saka Date	Day of week
<b>1942 Saka Era</b>				
1.	New Year's Day	1st January, 2021	Pausha 11	Friday
2.	Lohri	13th January, 2021	Pausha 23	Wednesday
3.	Makar Sankranti/ Pongal	14th January, 2021	Pausha 24	Thursday
4.	Basant Panchami	16th February, 2021	Magha 27	Tuesday
5.	Swami Dayanand Saraswati Jayanti	08th March, 2021	Phalgun 17	Monday
<b>1943 Saka Era</b>				
6.	Easter Sunday	04th April, 2021	Chaitra 14	Sunday
7.	Vaisakhi/Vishu	13th April, 2021	Chaitra 23	Tuesday
8.	Mahavir Jayanti	25th April, 2021	Vaisakha 05	Sunday
9.	Maha Ashtami	13th October, 2021	Asvina 21	Wednesday

10.	Govardhan Puja	05th November, 2021	Kartika 14	Friday
11.	Guru Teg Bahadur's Martyrdom Day	24th November, 2021	Agrahayana 03	Wednesday
12.	Christmas Eve	24th December, 2021	Pausha 03	Friday

## ANNEXURE-IV

**Gazetted Holidays for the Year-2021 under Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881**

Sl. No.	Holiday	Date	Saka Date	Day of week
<b>1942 Saka Era</b>				
1.	Republic Day	26th January, 2021	Magha 06	Tuesday
2.	Maha Shivratri	11th March 2021	Phalguna 20	Thursday
<b>1943 Saka Era</b>				
3.	Holi	29th March, 2021	Chaitra 08	Monday
4.	Annual Accounts closing	1st April, 2021	Chaitra 11	Thursday
5.	Himachal Day	15th April, 2021	Chaitra 25	Thursday
6.	Ram Navami	21st April, 2021	Vaisakha 01	Wednesday
7.	Bhagvan Shree Parshuram Jayanti & Id-ul-Fitr	14th May, 2021	Vaisakha 24	Friday
8.	Budha Purnima	26th May, 2021	Jyaishtha 05	Wednesday
9.	Id-ul-Zuha (Bakrid)	21st July, 2021	Ashadha 30	Wednesday
10.	Independence Day	15th August, 2021	Sravana 24	Sunday
11.	Janmashtami	30th August, 2021	Bhadra-08	Monday
12.	Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday	2nd October, 2021	Asvina 10	Saturday
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16.	Christmas Day	25th December, 2021	Pausha 04	Saturday