

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI  
DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION: SCHOOL BRANCH  
OLD SECRETARIAT DELHI-110054

No.DE.23(544)/Sch.Br./2026/57

Dated: 21.01.2026

CIRCULAR

**Sub: Mandatory 220 Working Days in Academic Year 2026-27 In the Schools.**

All the Heads of Schools are directed to adhere to the provision laid down in the section 19 of RTE Act- 2009 which envisages that every recognized school has to observe minimum of 220 Working Days for Upper Primary Classes in an Academic Year.

It is pertinent to mention that at least 220 Working Days have to be completed in an Academic Year (April to March) although the notified lists of Gazetted and Restricted Holidays are for the Calendar Year (January to December) (for primary classes the mandatory days are 200 per academic year).

Accordingly, all the HOS shall ensure that for the Academic Year 2026-27, each school shall complete at least 220 Working Days while planning the restricted/special holidays for the Calendar Year 2026 besides the following vacations/ breaks.

**Beginning of academic session 2026-27: 01.04.2026 (Wednesday)**

**Summer Vacation: 11.05.2026 (Monday) to 30.06.2026 (Tuesday)**  
(29 June 2026 & 30 June 2026 will be working days for teachers)

**Autumn Break: 17.10.2026 (Saturday) to 19.10.2026 (Monday)**

**Winter Vacation: 01.01.2027 (Friday) to 15.01.2027 (Friday)**

Further, all the Heads of Govt./ Govt. Aided/ Unaided Recognized Private Schools may observe seven (07) holidays i.e. 02 Restricted Holidays and 05 Special Holidays in the Calendar Year 2026 in addition to Gazetted Holidays as notified by the Administrator, GNCT Delhi subject to fulfilling the mandatory 220 Working Days.

The list of Restricted/ Special holidays, proposed to be observed in schools during 2026 will be approved by the concerned Zonal DDEs.


All the Heads of Schools will submit an undertaking in the enclosed format to the Zonal DDEs that their school shall ensure that at least 220 Working Days are observed during the academic session 2026-27. The record of the approved list of holidays in r/o each school must be maintained by the respective Zonal DDEs. The District DDEs will ensure the mandatory provisions of the RTE Act, 2009 in this regard.

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In case of Govt. Aided & Unaided Recognized Private Schools, the Principal/HoS would obtain approval of holidays from their respective managements. It is the responsibility of the respective school management to ensure that the schools under their control must observe a minimum of 220 working days in each academic year and undertaking in this regard should be submitted to the concerned Zonal DDEs.

This issues with prior approval of the Competent Authority.

- Encls.: 1. Format of Undertaking  
2. List of Holidays

  
21/01/2026  
(Dr. Sudhakar Gaikwad)  
DDE (School)

**Heads of all Govt., Govt. Aided and Unaided Private Recognized Schools of DoE through DEL-E.**

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1. Secretary to Hon'ble CM.
2. Secretary to Hon'ble MoE.
3. PS to Secretary (Education)
4. PPS to Director (Education).
5. CEO of Delhi Cantonment Board to issue directions accordingly.
6. Director (Education) of NDMC to issue directions accordingly.
7. Director (Education) of MCD to issue directions accordingly.
8. All RDEs and DDEs (District/ Zone) of Directorate of Education for necessary action please.
9. DDE (ASB) for necessary action.
10. DDE (PSB) for necessary action.
11. OS (IT) to place on the website.
12. Guard File.

  
21/01/2026  
(Dr. Sudhakar Gaikwad)  
DDE (School)

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI  
DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION: CO-ORDINATION BRANCH  
ROOM NO.176, OLD SECTT, DELHI-54

F. No. 30-3(17)/05/Circular/Coord/2025/Part-(1)/344-349 Dated: 10.12.2025

**CIRCULAR**

Subject: - Declaration of Holidays in the National Capital Territory of Delhi during the Year 2026 -regarding

Please find enclosed herewith a copy of Notification. No.F.53/812/GAD/CN/2025/4540-4576 dated 04.12.2025 received from the General Administration Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi on the subject cited above for information and necessary action.

This issues with the approval of the Director (Education).

*Dr. Rajvir Singh*  
10/12/25  
(Dr. Rajvir Singh)  
Deputy Director of Education (Coord.)

Encls: As above.

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1. Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of NCT of Delhi
2. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
3. PA to Secretary (Education), Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
4. PPS to Director (Education), Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
5. PA to Addl. DE (Admin), Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
6. All RDEs/ DDEs (HQ/District), Directorate of Education, Govt. of NCT of Delhi (through website).
7. All the HOSSs of Government, Government Aided and Recognized Unaided Private Schools under DoE, Govt. of NCT of Delhi (through website).
8. In-charge (Computer Cell) with the request to upload the Circular on the website of Department.

*Devender Kumar*  
10/12/25  
(DEVENDER KUMAR)  
OSD (Coord.)

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**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT**  
**(CO-ORDINATION BRANCH)**  
**DELHI SECRETARIAT, I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI - 110002**

No.F.53/812/GAD/CN/2025/1540-4576

Dated: 04.12.2025

**NOTIFICATION**

The Lieutenant Governor of the National Capital Territory of Delhi is pleased to declare the days specified in the following schedule to be observed as holidays in all Government offices under Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi during the Year - 2026 (Saka Era: 1947-48) :-

SNo	Holiday	Date	Saka Date	Day
<b>1947 SAKA ERA</b>				
1.	Republic Day	January 26	Magha 06	Monday
2.	Holi	March 04	Phalgun 13	Wednesday
3.	Id-ul-Fitr	March 21	Phalgun 30	Saturday
<b>1948 SAKA ERA</b>				
4.	Ram Navami	March 26	Chaitra 05	Thursday
5.	Mahavir Jayanti	March 31	Chaitra 10	Tuesday
6.	Good Friday	April 03	Chaitra 13	Friday
7.	Buddha Purnima	May 01	Vaisakha 11	Friday
8.	Id-ul-Zuha (Bakrid)	May 27	Jyaishta 06	Wednesday
9.	Muharram	June 26	Ashadha 05	Friday
10.	Independence Day	August 15	Sravana 24	Saturday
11.	Milad-un-Nabi or Id-e Milad (Birthday of Prophet Mohammad)	August 26	Bhadra 04	Wednesday
12.	Janmashtami (Vaishnva)	September 04	Bhadra 13	Friday
13.	Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday	October 02	Asvina 10	Friday
14.	Dussehra	October 20	Asvina 28	Tuesday
15.	Maharishi Valmiki's Birthday	October 26	Kartika 04	Monday
16.	Diwali (Deepavali)	November 08	Kartika 17	Sunday
17.	Guru Nanak's Birthday	November 24	Agrahayana 03	Tuesday
18.	Christmas Day	December 25	Pausha 04	Friday

In addition to the holidays specified above, an employee is entitled to avail himself/herself any of two holidays out of the following Restricted Holidays during the Year - 2026 (Saka Era: 1947-48) as mentioned below :-

SNo	Holiday	Date	Saka Date	Day
<b>1947 SAKA ERA</b>				
1.	New Year's Day	January 01	Pausha 11	Thursday
2.	Hazarat Ali's Birthday	January 03	Pausha 13	Saturday
3.	Makar Sankranti	January 14	Pausha 24	Wednesday
4.	Magh Bihu/ Pongal	January 14	Pausha 24	Wednesday
5.	Sri Panchami, Basant Panchami	January 23	Magha 03	Friday
6.	Guru Ravi Das's Birthday	February 01	Magha 12	Sunday
7.	Birthday of Swami Dayananda Saraswati	February 12	Magha 23	Thursday
8.	Maha Shivratri	February 15	Magha 26	Sunday
9.	Shiva Ji Jayanti	February 19	Magha 30	Thursday
10.	Holika Dahan	March 03	Phalgun 12	Tuesday
11.	Dolyatra	March 03	Phalgun 12	Tuesday
12.	Chaitra Sukladi/ Gudi Padava/ Ugadi/ Cheti Chand	March 19	Phalgun 28	Thursday
13.	Jamat-ul-Vida	March 20	Phalgun 29	Friday
<b>1948 SAKA ERA</b>				
14.	Easter Sunday	April 05	Chaitra 15	Sunday
15.	Vaisakhi/ Visu/ Meshadi (Tamil New Year's Day)	April 14	Chaitra 24	Tuesday
16.	Vaisakhadi (Bengal) / Bahag Bihu (Assam)	April 15	Chaitra 25	Wednesday

17.	Birthday of Guru Rabindranath Tagore	May	09	Vaisakha	19	Saturday
18.	Rath Yatra	July	16	Ashadha	25	Thursday
19.	Parsi New Year's day/ Nauraj	August	15	Sravana	24	Saturday
20.	Onam or Thiru Onam Day	August	26	Bhadra	04	Wednesday
21.	Raksha Bandhan	August	28	Bhadra	06	Friday
22.	Ganesh Chaturthi/Vinayaka Chaturthi	September	14	Bhadra	23	Monday
23.	Dussehra (Saptami)	October	18	Asvina	26	Sunday
24.	Dussehra (Mahashtami)	October	19	Asvina	27	Monday
25.	Dussehra (Mahanavmi)	October	20	Asvina	28	Tuesday
26.	Karaka Chaturthi (Karva Chouth)	October	29	Kartika	07	Thursday
27.	Naraka Chaturdasi	November	08	Kartika	17	Sunday
28.	Govardhan Puja	November	09	Kartika	18	Monday
29.	Bhai Duj	November	11	Kartika	20	Wednesday
30.	Pratihara Shashthi or Surya Shashthi (Chhat Puja)	November	15	Kartika	24	Sunday
31.	Guru Teg Bahadur's Martyrdom Day	November	24	Agrahayana	03	Tuesday
32.	Hazarat Ali's Birthday	December	23	Pausha	02	Wednesday
33.	Christmas Eve	December	24	Pausha	03	Thursday

BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR  
OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI

  
(Pradeep Nayal)  
Joint Secretary (GAD)

No.F.53/812/GAD/CN/2025/ 4540-4576

Dated: 04.12.2025

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. Pr. Secretary to Lt. Governor, Lok Niwas, Civil Lines, Delhi.
2. Secretary to the Chief Minister, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Delhi Secretariat, New Delhi.
3. Secretary to the Speaker, Legislative Assembly of Delhi, Delhi.
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5. Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi.
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9. Registrar, High Court of Delhi, New Delhi.
10. Chairman, DSSSB, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi.
11. Chairman, Delhi Transeo Ltd., Shakti Sadan, Kotla Marg, New Delhi.
12. Director, Dir. of Information & Publicity, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Delhi.
13. MD, DTDC, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, New Delhi.
14. MD, Delhi Transport Corporation, New Delhi.
15. MD, DSIDC, Connaught Circus, New Delhi.
16. Vice Chairperson, Delhi Agricultural Marketing Board, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, New Delhi.
17. CEO, Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, Punarvas Bhawan, I.P. Estate, New Delhi.
18. MD, DSPC & DC, Ambedkar Bhawan, Institutional Area, Sector-XVI, Rohini Delhi.
19. MD, Delhi Khadi & Village Industries Board, Nigam Bhawan, Kashmir Gate, Delhi.
20. Chief Executive Officer, Delhi Cantonment Board, New Delhi.
21. Chief Fire Officer, Delhi Fire Services, Connaught Place, New Delhi.

**DCM GIRLS SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL  
KISHAN GANJ, DELHI-110006**

**ANNUAL SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR THE SESSION 2026-27**

**ADMISSION SCHEDULE:**

- Commencement of admission process – 01.04.2026 (Wednesday)
- Last date of admission process for Class VI to IX – 30.08.2026 (Monday)

**Note: Admission under RTE Act to Classes VI to VIII will continue throughout the year at HOS level.**

- Admission to class XI: It will be started after declaration of result of Class X for session 2025-26.
- Commencement of Academic Session 2026-27 – 01-04-2026 (Wednesday)

**Holidays and Vacations:**

Summer Vacation: 11.05.2026 (Monday) to 30.06.2026 (Tuesday) (29 June to 30 June, 2026 will be working days for teachers)

Autumn Break: 17.10.2026 (Saturday) to 19.10.2026 (Monday)

Winter Vacation: 01.01.2027 (Friday) to 15.01.2027 (Friday)

**Examination Branch**

S.No.	Examination	Date(s)
1.	Common Compartment School Examination (CCSE) for Classes V, VIII, IX & XI	06.04.2026 to 30.04.2026
2.	Declaration of Compartment School Examination Result (CCSE) for Classes V, VIII, IX & XI	08.05.2026
3.	Workshop for Preparation of Support Material for Classes IX to XII	Second week of April, 2026
4.	Mid Term Examination for Classes III to XII	15.09.2026 to 13.10.2026 (Tentatively)
5.	Announcement of Result Mid-Term Exam	18.10.2026 (Tentatively)
6.	Common Pre- Board School Examination (CPSE) for Classes X & XII	15.12.2026 to 31.12.2026 (Tentatively)
7.	Announcement of Result of CPSE	05.01.2027 (Tentatively)
8.	Common Annual School Examination for Classes III to IX & XI	15.02.2027 to 23.03.2027 (Tentatively)
9.	Announcement of Result	Classes VI & VII - 27.03.2027 Classes VIII, IX & XI - 31.03.2027

**Common Guidelines-**

1. In-house meeting of all should be organized every month
2. Subject wise time table should be implemented in all the classes.
3. Assessment of students should be done in the last week of each month.
4. Art should be integrated in regular classroom teaching.

## LIBRARY BRANCH

1.	April -- 2026	Sensitizing the students about activities to be organized during the academic year 2026-27. Orientation for all classes on library rules, issue-return system, etc
2.	July-- 2026	<b>Library Activities</b> as mentioned in the Circular No 167/RDE/C/2017/1 dated 11.05.2017 and DE/101/11/Lib. Br./2017/37 dated 14.06.2018 is to be celebrated as Library Foundation Week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading Marathon (one dedicated silent reading period).</li><li>• Library decoration with artefacts (posters, Cut-outs, printed photographs, etc.)</li></ul>
3.	August --2026	<b>Independence Day</b> is to be celebrated. Different activities which can be conducted are- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reading sessions on biographies of Freedom Fighters of India.</li><li>• Group discussions on topics like "Freedom movement in India" and "My India-My Pride" etc., and the life &amp; role of different freedom fighters.</li><li>• Library may be decorated with artefacts (posters, Cut-outs, printed photographs/handmade portraits of Freedom Fighters and information on freedom movement in India).</li><li>• <b>National Librarian's Day (12th August)</b> - activities can be undertaken to create awareness role of libraries in the life of students for their aced benefit and to inculcate reading habit among them, refer Circular No. DE/101/34/ASC/Lib. Br./2019/206 dated 08/08/2022</li></ul>
4.	October -- 2026	1. Library Mela is to be organized along with Mega PTM to sensitize Parents about the Importance of Reading Book Exhibitions may beplanned. 2. International School Library Day with the Theme "My School Library - The Heart of School "will also be celebrated on that day.
5.	November-- 2026	Celebration of National Library Week with different activities for different levels based on collection available in Library with reference to Circular No. 101/11/Lib Br/2017/37 dated 14.06.2018 . <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• VI-VIII: Story telling competition, Book Talks, quiz, crosswords,word search, puzzles etc. story epilogue writing, Book covermaking, Book Mark making etc.</li><li>• IX-XII: Group discussions, Quiz, Book Review writing. story epilogue writing etc.</li></ul>

## SCIENCE BRANCH (2026-27)

### Science Week in Schools (Activities & Exhibition)

- Science Based Activities & Exhibition at School level : 01.07.2026 to 31.07.2026
- Science Based Activities & Exhibition at Zonal level : 01.08.2026 to 31.08.2026
- Science Based Activities & Exhibition at Central level : 02.09.2026 to 30.09.2026
- Science Based Activities & Exhibition at State level : Last week of October, 2026

## ECO CLUB

- Tree Plantation Drive: April 2026 to March 2027
- Special Tree Plantation Drive : 01.08.2026 to 11.08.2026

## Mental Maths

- Practice to students from Question Bank 01.04.2026 to 10.09. 2026
- School level Quiz Competitions 11.09.2026 to 19.09.2026
- Cluster level Quiz Competition 01.10.2026 to 12.10.2026
- Zonal level Quiz Competition 21.10.2026 to 31.10.2026
- District level Quiz Competition 12.11.2026 to 18.11.2026
- Regional level Quiz Competition 26.11.2026 to 30.11.2026
- State level Quiz Competition 10.12.2026 to 31.12.2026

## Inclusive Education Branch (IEB)

S.NO	NAME OF THE ACTIVITY	SCHEDULE	ONUS	REMARKS
1.	World Autism Awareness Day at school level	2 April 2026	HOS	.....
2.	National level Para-cum Special Games for school going CWDS.	April 2026	IEB & Sports Branch	To empower individuals with disabilities to build an inclusive environment to shine on and off the sports field.
3.	Enrollment Drive For out of school children with Disabilities.	April-May 2026	Inclusive Education Branch (IEB)	.....
4.	Gap Identification for Out of School CWSN (OoSCwsn) & Home Based Education	April 2026 to June 2026	Inclusive Education-Samagra Shiksha	.....
5.	Counselling of Parents of Children with Disabilities at District level	May 2026	IEB	.....
6.	Orientation of Principals, Educational Administrators, parents/guardians etc.	July 2026	SCERT & IEB	.....
7.	Screening and Identification of Children with Disabilities at school level	July 2026	HOS	.....
8.	1 <sup>st</sup> IEP Review Meetings at school level	July 2026	HOS	.....
9.	Early identification and Detection Camps for Children with Disabilities at District level	August 2026	IEB & DDE District	.....
10.	Assessment of Children with Intellectual Disabilities at zonal Level	Aug 2026	IEB & DDE District	.....
11.	Assessment of Children with Specific Learning Disability at zonal Level	Aug 2026	IEB & DDE District	.....
12.	Distribution of Aids and Appliances to Children with Disabilities at District level	September 2026	IEB & DDE District	.....
13.	International Day of Deaf at school level	23 Sep 2026	HOS	.....
14.	Exposure Visit of CWSNs and their Peers.	Oct 2026	IEB & DDE District	.....

15.	World White Cane Safety Day at school level	15 Oct 2026	HOS	.....
16.	District Level celebration of international Day of Persons with Disabilities	Nov 2026	IEB & DDE District	It is interconnected activity of International Day for Persons with Disabilities. 3rd December which is fixed at National and International Level
17.	School Level celebration of International Day of Persons with Disabilities	3 December 2026	HOS	.....
18.	State Level celebration of International Day. of Persons with Disabilities	3 December 2026	IEB	....
19.	2 <sup>nd</sup> IEP Review Meetings at school level	February 2027	HOS	

### SPORTS BRANCH

S. No.	Tentative Dates	Name of Activity	Level	Organizing Authority	Remarks
1.	01-04-2026 to 31-03-2027	Any events assigned time to time to Sports Branch	Zonal/State	Sports Branch	As per schedule
2.	07-05-2026 to 15-05-2026	Intra Department Sports Meet	Delhi State	Sports Branch	As per schedule
3.	21-06-2026	Observation of International Yoga Day	State	Sports Branch	
4.	08-07-2026 to 30.08.2026	Zonal Sports ( Indoor in the month of July followed by outdoor)	Zonal	Sports Branch	As per schedule
5.	29.08.2026	National Sports Day	State	Sports Branch	Multi Sports Event
6.	12.09.2026 to 20.09.2026	Para Games Sports Branch	Zonal/State	Sports Branch	In Collaboration of IEB
7.	01.11.2026 to 31.03.2027	Khelo India Para Games	State	Sports Branch	As per schedule
8.	01.02.2027 to 15.02.2027	Prize Distribution Ceremony	State	Sports Branch	As per schedule

### Physical Education Branch

S. No.	Tentative Dates	Name of Activity	Level	Organizing Authority
1	22.04.2026 to 05.06.2026	Mega Tree Plantation Drive Starting From Earth Day (22.04.2026) to World Environment Day ( 05.06.2026)	School, District & State Level	School & PE Branch
2	21.06.2026	Organization of 12th International Day of Yoga	School, District & State Level	School & PE Branch
3	August- 2026	Har Ghar Tringa, Tringa Walkathon, Tringa Run, Tringa ,Cyclathon & Main Function of Independence Day	School , ,District & State Level	School & PE Branch
4	August- 2026	Major Event on Vande Matram at Different Locations of Delhi	State Level	PE Branch
5	21.08.2026 to 30.08.2026	Sports Week Celebration and School Level Sports week	State Level	School & PE Branch
6	17.09.2026 &	Start of Sewa Pakwada different activities	School , ,District	School & PE

	September 2026	(Birthday of Hon'ble PM)	& State Level	Branch
<b>7</b>	September-2026	Zonal Cultural competitions for Students and Teachers	School , ,District & State Level	School & PE Branch
<b>8</b>	1.10.2026 to 05.10.2026	Different Competitions at School level on Gandhi Jayanti and Lal Badhur Shastri Jayanti	School , ,District & State Level	School & PE Branch
<b>9</b>	25.10.2026to 31.10.2026	Unity Week including Unity Run, Unity March	School , ,District & State Level	School & PE Branch
<b>10</b>	07.11.2026	Event on Vande Matram Year	State Level	PE Branch
<b>11</b>	November-2026	Students & teachers State Level Cultural Competitions	State Level	PE Branch
<b>12</b>	26.11.2026 to 30.11.202	Constitution Day Celebration	School , ,District & State Level	School & PE Branch
<b>13</b>	23.03.2027	Shaheed Diwas	State Level	PE Branch