

**PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY
PUDUCHERRY**

**HOLIDAYS – DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND RESTRICTED HOLIDAYS FOR ALL
UNIVERSITY OFFICES AND INSTITUTIONS UNDER PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY
DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026 – NOTIFICATION – ISSUED.**

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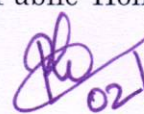
All University Schools, Departments, Centres and Offices under the control of Pondicherry University except the Central Library, University Health Centre, Gyms and Departments of Ocean Studies & Marine Biology and Department of Coastal Disaster Management, Sri Vijaya Puram, shall be closed on the days specified in **Appendix-I**, during the calendar year 2026. The following holidays, which fall on Sundays during the year 2026 have been excluded from the total count of holidays list in order to observe 17 holidays in a year:

Sunday, the 16th August, 2026 De Jure Transfer Day

In addition to the above closed holidays, the University employees are permitted to avail ANY TWO HOLIDAYS, to be chosen by the employee from the list of Restricted Holidays specified in **Appendix-II** during the Calendar year 2026.

The Departments at Sri Vijaya Puram will follow the Public Holidays declared by the Andaman & Nicobar Administration.

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DEPUTY REGISTRAR (ADMN.)

1. All Directors, Pondicherry University
2. All Deans/Heads of Departments/ Centres ...
Pondicherry University, Puducherry / Karaikal /
Mahe / Andaman.
3. The Librarian, Central Library, Pondicherry University.
4. The Controller of Examinations, Pondicherry University.
5. All Faculty Members and Officers of the University, Pondicherry University.
6. The Medical Officer, University Health Centre, Pondicherry University.
7. All Members of Staff (By circulation).

*With a request to display in the
Notice Board of the School / Dept. /
Centre*

Copy for information to:

- i). The Director of Education, Government of Puducherry.
- ii). Affiliated Institutions.

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✓ The Systems Manager & Head (i/c), ... with a request to host in the University website.
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PUBLIC HOLIDAYS –2026

Sl. No.	DATE	DAY	FESTIVAL
1	01/01/2026	Thursday	New Year
2	15/01/2026	Thursday	Pongal
3	16/01/2026	Friday	Thiruvalluvar Day/Mattu Pongal
4	26/01/2026	Monday	Republic Day
5	20/03/2026	Friday	Ramzan (Id-ul-Fitr)*
6	03/04/2026	Friday	Good Friday
7	14/04/2026	Tuesday	Tamil New Year/ Dr.Ambedkar's Birthday
8	01/05/2026	Friday	May Day
9	28/05/2026	Thursday	Bakrid (Id-ul-Adha)*
10	15/08/2026	Saturday	Independence Day
11	26/08/2026	Wednesday	Milad-Un-Nabi (Birthday of Prophet Mohammad)*
12	14/09/2026	Monday	Vinayagar Chathurthi
13	02/10/2026	Friday	Gandhi Jayanthi
14	19/10/2026	Monday	Saraswathi Pooja/Ayudha Pooja
15	01/11/2026	Sunday	Puducherry Liberation Day
16	08/11/2026	Sunday	Deepavali
17	25/12/2026	Friday	Christmas

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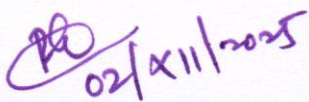
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RESTRICTED HOLIDAYS – 2026

Sl. No.	DATE	DAY	FESTIVAL
1	14/01/2026	Wednesday	Bhogi
2	15/01/2026	Thursday	Pongal (for Mahe region)
3	16/01/2026	Friday	Thiruvalluvar Day/Mattu Pongal/ Shab-e-Mihraj *(for Mahe region)
4	17/01/2026	Saturday	Uzhavar Thirunal/Shab-e-Mihraj*
5	29/01/2026	Thursday	Kandhoori Festival * (for Karaikal region)
6	03/02/2026	Tuesday	Shab-e-Barath* (for Mahe region)
7	04/02/2026	Wednesday	Shab-e-Barath* (for Puducherry, Karaikal and Yanam regions)
8	08/02/2026	Sunday	Sandana Koodu* (for Karaikal region)
9	15/02/2026	Sunday	Mahasivarathri
10	03/03/2026	Tuesday	Masi Magam/ Holi (for Yanam Region)
11	06/03/2026	Friday	Sanipeyarchi Festival (for Karaikal region)
12	16/03/2026	Monday	Lailathul Qadr*
13	19/03/2026	Thursday	Feast of St.Joseph
14	20/03/2026	Friday	Telugu New Year Day (for Puducherry, Karaikal and Mahe regions)
15	26/03/2026	Thursday	Sri Rama Navami
16	06/04/2026	Monday	Easter Monday
17	14/04/2026	Tuesday	Vishu 1 st day (for Puducherry, Karaikal and Yanam regions)/Tamil New Year (for Mahe region)
18	15/04/2026	Wednesday	Vishu 2 nd day (for Puducherry, Karaikal and Yanam regions)
19	01/05/2026	Friday	Buddha Purnima
20	14/05/2026	Thursday	Ascension (Kristhuvinninnetram)
21	28/05/2026	Thursday	Villianur Car Festival (for Puducherry region)
22	26/06/2026	Friday	Muharram*
23	29/06/2026	Monday	Mangani Festival (for Karaikal region)
24	12/08/2026	Wednesday	Karkidaka Amavasi (for Mahe region)
25	14/08/2026	Friday	Veerampattinam Car Festival

26	25/08/2026	Tuesday	Onam 1 st Day (for Puducherry, Karaikal and Yanam regions)
27	26/08/2026	Wednesday	Onam 2 nd Day (for Puducherry, Karaikal and Yanam regions)
28	28/08/2026	Friday	Sree Narayana Guru Jayanthi (for Mahe region)
29	04/09/2026	Friday	Janmashtami
30	14/09/2026	Monday	Vinayagar Chathurthi (for Mahe region)
31	21/09/2026	Monday	Sree Narayana Guru Samadhi (for Mahe region)
32	20/10/2026	Tuesday	Vijayadasami
33	02/11/2026	Monday	All Souls Day
34	07/11/2026	Saturday	Deepavali Eve
35	09/11/2026	Monday	Post Deepavali Celebration
36	24/11/2026	Tuesday	Karthigai Deepam/ Guru Nanak's Birthday
37	26/11/2026	Thursday	Sri Subramanya Sashti (for Yanam region)
38	08/12/2026	Tuesday	Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
39	24/12/2026	Thursday	Christmas Eve

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