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List of Holidays to be Observed During the Year 2026

As approved by the Competent Authority, the following holidays will be observed by university during 2026.

S. No.	Holiday	Date	Day
1	SAARC Staff Day	16 th January	Friday
2	Republic Day	26 th January	Monday
3	Holi	04 th March	Wednesday
4	Id-ul-Fitr	21 st March	Saturday
5	Ram Navami	26 th March	Thursday
6	Mahavir Jayanti	31 st March	Tuesday
7	Good Friday	03 rd April	Friday
8	Buddha Purnima	01 st May	Friday
9	Id-UI-Zuha (Bakrid)	27 th May	Wednesday
10	Independence Day of India	15 th August	Saturday
11	Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday	02 nd October	Friday
12	Dussehra	20 th October	Tuesday
13	Diwali	08 th November	Sunday
14	Guru Nanak's Birthday	24 th November	Tuesday
15	SAARC Charter Day	08 th December	Tuesday
16	Christmas Day	25 th December	Friday

Note:- As has been expressed by the students, SAARC Nations National Days will be observed during working days for greater participation by all.

****List of Restricted Holidays is on the next page.**

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Restricted Holidays (2026)*			
1.	New Years' Day	1 st January	Thursday
2.	Hazarat Ali's Birthday	03 rd January	Saturday
3.	Makar Sankranti/Magha Bihu/Pongal	14 th January	Wednesday
4.	Sri Panchami, Basant Panchami	23 rd January	Friday
5.	Guru Ravi Das's Birthday	01 st February	Sunday
6.	National Day of Sri Lanka	4 th February	Wednesday
7.	Birthday of Swami Dayananda Saraswati	12 th February	Thursday
8.	Maha Shivratri	15 th February	Sunday
9.	Shiva Ji Jayanti	19 th February	Thursday
10.	Holika dahan/Dolyartra	03 rd March	Tuesday
11.	Chaitra Sukladi/Gudu Padava/Ugadi/Cheti Chand	19 th March	Thursday
12.	Jamat-UI-Vida	20 th March	Friday
13.	National Day of Pakistan	23 rd March	Monday
14.	National Day of Bangladesh	26 th March	Thursday
15.	Easter-UI-Vida	05 th April	Sunday
16.	Vaisakhi/Visu/Meshadi (Tamil New Year's Day)	14 th April	Tuesday
17.	Vaisakhadi (Bengal)/Bahag Bihu (Assam)	15 th April	Wednesday
18.	Birthday of Guru Rabindranath Tagore	09 th May	Saturday
19.	Muharram	26 th June	Friday
20.	Rath Yatra	16 th July	Thursday
21.	Independence Day of The Maldives	26 th July	Sunday
22.	Parsi New Year's day/Nauraj	15 th August	Saturday
23.	National Day of Afghanistan	19 th August	Wednesday
24.	Onam or Thiru Onam Day/Milad-un-Nabi or Id-e-Milad (Birthday of Prophet Mohammad)	26 th August	Wednesday
25.	Raksha Bandhan	28 th August	Friday
26.	Janmashtami	04 th September	Friday
27.	Ganesh Chaturthi/Vinayak Chaturthi	14 th September	Monday
28.	National Day of Nepal	19 th September	Saturday
29.	Dussehra (Saptami)	18 th October	Sunday
30.	Dussehra (Mahashtami)	19 th October	Monday
31.	Dussehra (Mahanavami)	20 th October	Tuesday
32.	Maharishi Valmiki's Birthday	26 th October	Monday
33.	Karaka Chaturthi (Karwa Chouth)	29 th September	Thursday
34.	Naraka Chaturdasi	08 th November	Sunday
35.	Govardhan Puja	09 th November	Monday
36.	Bhai Duj	11 th November	Wednesday
37.	Prathihar Shashthi or Surya Shashthi (Chhat Puja)	15 th November	Sunday
38.	Guru Teg Bahadur's Martyrdom day	24 th November	Tuesday
39.	National Day of Bhutan	17 th December	Thursday
40.	Hazarat Ali's Birthday	23 rd December	Wednesday
41.	Christmas Eve	24 th December	Thursday

* Employees can choose any 2 holidays out of this list.


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