



Visva-Bharati
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NOTIFICATION

This is for information of all concerned that the Competent Authority has approved the recommendations of the Committee constituted for preparation of Academic Calendar of the University for the year 2026. Accordingly, the University shall follow the enclosed Academic Calendar for the year 2026.

Encl: As stated.

Ref No. A&R/Notify/5237 /2025-26
Santiniketan, dated: 13.01.2026


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ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2026

A. Admission Programme:

- Announcement of online application for Admission to UG programmes for the Academic Session 2026-27 shall be as per the CUET schedule to be published by National Testing Agency.
- Admission process to B.Ed, B.P.Ed, M.Ed, M.P.Ed. programmes shall be completed as per NCTE schedule.
- Admission process for PG & Ph.D. programmes to be announced by the Admission Coordination Cell.
- All admitted external students to submit their Migration Certificate within 30 days from the date of admission in this University.

B. Commencement of Classes:

Even Semester (2025-26)

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| 1. II, IV, VI, VIII & X Semester (2026) | 11.02.2026 to 18.05.2026 |
| 2. II, IV, VI, VIII & X Semester (2027) | 21.12.2026 to 28.12.2026
(as 19.12.2026 is Saturday) |
| 3. Continuation of Even Semester (2027) | 06.01.2027 to 15.04.2027 |
| 4. B.Ed, B.P.Ed, M.Ed, M.P.Ed | As per NCTE schedule |
| 5. Ph. D Course Work | Bhavana concerned |

Odd Semester (2025-26)

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| 1. I, III, V, VII & IX Semester (2025) | 01.01.2026 to 07.01.2026
(in 2026) (class started on 14.07.2025) |
| 2. I, III, V, VII & IX Semester (2026) | 13.07.2026 to 16.10.2026
(as 11.07.2026 is Saturday) |
| 3. Continuation of Odd Semester (2026) | 09.11.2026 to 19.11.2026
(as 07.11.2026 is Saturday) |
| 4. B.Ed, B.P.Ed, M.Ed, M.P.Ed | As per NCTE schedule |
| 5. Ph. D Course Work | Bhavana concerned |

C. Commencement of Examination:

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| 1. I, III, V, VII & IX Semester Examination 2025(Odd) | 08.01.2026 to 10.02.2026 |
| 2. II, IV, VI, VIII & X Semester Examination 2026 (Even) | 19.05.2026 to 14.06.2026 |
| 3. I, III, V, VII & IX Semester Examination 2026(Odd) | 20.11.2026 to 18.12.2026 |
| 4. II, IV, VI, VIII & X Semester Examination 2027 (Even) | 16.04.2027 to 16.05.2027 |

D. Holidays: As per Notification no. Admn./G.H.6/753 dated 21.12.2025

i. Compulsory Holidays:

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| 26 th January, 2026 | REPUBLIC DAY |
| 21 st March, 2026 | IDU'L FITR |
| 31 st March, 2026 | MAHAVIR JAYANTI |
| 03 rd April, 2026 | GOOD FRIDAY |
| 01 st May, 2026 | BUDDHA PURNIMA |
| 27 th May, 2026 | IDU'L ZUHA |
| 26 th June, 2026 | MUHARRAM |
| 15 th August, 2026 | INDEPENDENCE DAY |

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26 th August, 2026	PROPHET MOHAMMAD'S BIRTHDAY (ID-E-MILAD)
02 nd October, 2026	MAHATMA GANDHI'S BIRTHDAY
20 th October, 2026	DUSSEHRA (VIJAY DASHMI)
08 th November, 2026	DIWALI (DEEPAVALI)
24 th November, 2026	GURU NANAK'S BIRTHDAY
25 th December, 2026	CHRISTMAS DAY

ii. Local Holidays:

23 rd January, 2026	BASANTA PANCHAMI
03 rd March, 2026/ 04 th September, 2026	DOL YATRA/ JANMASTAMI
16 th July, 2026	RATHA YATRA

iii. Restricted Holidays:

Two (2) Restricted Holidays to be chosen out of the list provided in Annexure-II of Notification no. Admn./G.H.6/753 dated 21.12.2025.

iv. Weekly off-days:

The University shall follow 5 days working, Saturday & Sunday shall be the weekly off-days for all teaching and administrative departments of Visva-Bharati, except Patha-Bhavana and Rabindra-Bhavana. Patha-Bhavana shall observe weekly off-days on Wednesday and Sunday. Rabindra-Bhavana shall observe weekly off-days on Wednesday and Thursday. For this period working hours of the University shall be 09:30 a.m. to 06:00 p.m.

E. Teaching, Examinations and Vacation Schedule:

As per Annexure

All faculty members to submit evaluated answer scripts within one week from the completion of examination of respective papers.

F. School Section (Patha-Bhavana & Siksha-Satra):

i. Examination schedule (Tentative):

Pre-Degree examinations (10+2)	21.02.2026 to 07.04.2026
School Certificate examinations (10 th)	04.03.2026 to 17.04.2026

ii. Admission Process for class XI from 09.06.2026 to 01.07.2026. Commencement of classes for Class XI from 08th July, 2026.

iii. Vacation for Patha-Bhavana & Siksha-Satra:

Summer Vacation:	11.05.2026 to 09.06.2026
Saradabakasha	17.10.2026 to 13.11.2026
Winter Vacation:	29.12.2026 to 03.01.2027
Ananda Bazar:	10 th October, 2026

G. Puja Holidays for all: 17.10.2026 to 26.10.2026

H. Vacation for Faculty*:

i. Summer Vacation:	15.06.2026 to 10.07.2026
ii. Autumn Vacation:	27.10.2026 to 06.11.2026
iii. Winter Vacation:	29.12.2026 to 05.01.2027

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*For detention of faculty during vacation, UGC regulations 2018 clause 14.2 shall apply. For calculation of the total period of detention days of each faculty, the total number of detentions of the concerned faculty needs to be considered together at the end of the year.

I. Functions, Festivals and Events:

January 12, 2026	Swami Vivekananda Janmotsava (National Youth Day)
January 20 (6 Magh), 2026	Maharshi Smarana
January 23, 2026	Netaji's Birthday January
January 25 (11 Magh), 2026	Maghotsava
January 26, 2026	Praja Tantra Diwas (Republic Day)
February 06 to 08, 2026	Sriniketan Anniversary Celebration & Magh-mela
March 10, 2026	Gandhi Punnyaha
April 14, 2026	Barsho-Sesh
April 15, (1 Baishak), 2026	Bengali Naba-Barsho
May 09 (25 Baishak), 2026	Rabindra Jayanti
June 21, 2026	International Yoga Day
August 08 (22 Shraban), 2026	Rabindranath's death anniversary & Briksha Ropana
August 09, 2026	Halakarshana Utsava
August 14, 2026	Barsha Mangala
August 15, 2026	Independence Day
August 29, 2026	National Sports Day
September 05, 2026	Teachers' Day
September 18, 2026	Shilpotsava
October 02, 2026	Gandhi Jayanti
October 10, 2026	Ananda Bazar
October 31, 2026	Rashtriya Ekata Divasa (Birth Anniversary of Sardar-Vallabhbhai Patel)
November 08, 2026	Aloke-Sajja (Dipawali)
November 14, 2026	Childrens' Day
November 26, 2026	Constitution Day
November 27 to 28, 2026	Rathindra Birth Day & Rathindra Mela
December 1-2, 2026	Nandan Mela
December 18 (2 Pous), 2026	Dinendra Janmotsava
December 23 (7 Pous), 2026	Maharshi's Initiation Day & Pousa-Utsava
December 24 (8 Pous), 2026	Visva-Bharati Foundation Day
December 25 (9 Pous), 2026	Christotsava

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LIST OF RESTRICTED HOLIDAYS FOR THE YEAR 2026 IN RESPECT OF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT LOCATED AT DELHI / NEW DELHI

S.No	Holiday	Date	Saka Date	Day
<u>SAKA ERA 1947</u>				
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.	Magha 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	Phalguna 12	Tuesday
11.	Dolyatra	March 03	Phalguna 12	Tuesday
12.	Chaitra Sukladi /Gudi Padava/Ugadi/ Cheti Chand	March 19	Phalguna 28	Thursday
13.	Jamat-UI-Vida	March 20	Phalguna 29	Friday
<u>SAKA ERA 1948</u>				
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


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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 / Vinayak 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.	Maharishi Valmiki's Birthday	October	26	Kartika	04	Monday
27.	Karaka Chaturthi (Karwa Chouth)	October	29	Kartika	07	Thursday
28.	Naraka Chaturdasi	November	08	Kartika	17	Sunday
29.	Govardhan Puja	November	09	Kartika	18	Monday
30.	Bhai Duj	November	11	Kartika	20	Wednesday
31.	Pratihara Shashthi or Surya Shashthi (Chhat Puja)	November	15	Kartika	24	Sunday
32.	Guru Teg Bahadur's Martyrdom Day	November	24	Agrahayana	03	Tuesday
33.	Hazarat Ali's Birthday	December	23	Pausha	02	Wednesday
34.	Christmas Eve	December	24	Pausha	03	Thursday


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Teaching, Examination and Vacation Schedule 2026

Annexure

EVENTS SCHEDULE	Actual no. of working days	Sunday & Saturday	Public holidays other than Sun/Sat	Total no. of days	Vacation (Including Sat/Sun, Public holidays)	Days of Exam (excluding holidays)	Non-teaching days including holidays and vacation	Actual no. of teaching days
Odd Sem (I, III, V, VII & IX) Classes(2025): 01.01.2026 to 07.01.2026 (in 2026) (Class started on 14.07.2025)	05	02	00	07	02	00	04	03 (97 in 2025) Total - 100
Odd Sem Exam (I, III, V, VII & IX) (2025): 08.01.2026 to 10.02.2026	23	10	01	34	00	23	11	23
Even Sem Class (II, IV, VI, VIII & X) (2026): 11.02.2026 to 18.05.2026	65	28	04	97	00	00	32	65
Even Sem Exam (II, IV, VI, VIII & X) (2026): 19.05.2026 to 14.06.2026	18	08	01	27	00	18	09	18
SUMMER VACATION 15.06.2026 to 10.07.2026	19	06	01	26	26	00	26	00
ADMISSION to UG/ PG/ Ph.D. and Other Courses (2026)	As per the CUET/ NCTE schedule/ As per announcement by the Admission Coordination Cell, VB							
Odd Sem Class (I, III, V, VII & IX) (2026): 11.07.2026 to 16.10.2026	66	28	04	98	00	00	32	66
AUTUMN RECESS FOR ALL 17.10.2026 to 26.10.2026	05	04	01	10	00	00	10	00
AUTUMN VACATION FOR TEACHERS 27.10.2026 TO 06.11.2026	09	02	00	11	11	00	11	00
Continuation of Odd Sem Class (2026): 07.11.2026 to 19.11.2026	09	04	00	13	00	00	04	09
Odd Sem Exam (I, III, V, VII & IX) (2026): 20.11.2026 to 18.12.2026	20	08	01	29	00	20	09	20
Even Sem Class (II, IV, VI, VIII & X) (2027): 19.12.2026 to 28.12.2026	05	04	01	10	00	00	05	05
WINTER VACATION FOR TEACHERS 29.12.2026 to 05.01.2027	03	00	00	03	03 (in 2026)	00	03	00
Continuation of Even Sem Class (2027)*: 06.01.2027 to 15.04.2027	70*	30*	05*	105*	00*	00*	35*	70*
Even Sem Exam (II, IV, VI, VIII & X) (2027)*: 16.04.2027 to 16.05.2027	19*	10*	02*	31*	00*	19*	12*	19*
TOTAL	247	104	14	365	42 days (for teachers)	61	156	209

* Not counted in 2026 calendar

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