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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

No.M/P.694/Open Line Holiday
(E-File No.92219)

Divisional Office,
Personnel Branch,
Chennai Division,
Date. As signed.

All Concerned

Sub: Holidays list of Chennai Division for the year 2026-reg.

Ref: PCPO letter No.P(L)332/1/6/Vol. XX dt.02.12.2025.

The following are the list of holidays declared for the staff of Chennai Division covered under various categories.

A) Open Line staff :

S.NO	Name of the Festival/ Occasion	Date	Day
1	New year's day	01.01.2026	Thursday
2	Pongal	15.01.2026	Thursday
3	Republic day	26.01.2026	Monday
4	Id-UI-Fitr (Ramzan)	21.03.2026	Saturday
5	Tamil New Year's Day/Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Jayanthi	14.04.2026	Tuesday
6	May Day/ Buddha Purnima	01.05.2026	Friday
7	Independence Day	15.08.2026	Saturday
8	Vinayaga Chaturthi	14.09.2026	Monday
9	Gandhi Jayanthi	02.10.2026	Friday
10	Ayutha pooja	19.10.2026	Monday
11	Deepavali	08.11.2026	Sunday
12	Christmas	25.12.2026	Friday

B) Establishments Covered under Factories Act:

S.NO	Name of the Festival/ Occasion	Date	Day
1	New year's day	01.01.2026	Thursday
2	Pongal	15.01.2026	Thursday
3	Thiruvalluvar Day	16.01.2026	Friday
4	Republic day	26.01.2026	Monday
5	Holi	04.03.2026	Wednesday
6	Tamil New Year's Day/Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Jayanthi	14.04.2026	Tuesday
7	May Day	01.05.2026	Friday
8	Id-UI-Adha (Bakrid)	28.05.2026	Thursday
9	Independence Day	15.08.2026	Saturday
10	Thiruvonam	26.08.2026	Wednesday
11	Vinayaga Chaturthi	14.09.2026	Monday
12	Gandhi Jayanthi	02.10.2026	Friday
13	Ayutha pooja	19.10.2026	Monday
14	Vijayadasami / Mahanavami	20.10.2026	Tuesday
15	Christmas	25.12.2026	Friday

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C) (i)List of Closed Holidays for Administrative offices :

S.NO	Name of the Festival/ Occasion	Date	Day
1	New years day	01.01.2026	Thursday
2	Pongal	15.01.2026	Thursday
3	Thiruvalluvar Day	16.01.2026	Friday
4	Republic day *	26.01.2026	Monday
5	Telugu New Year's Day	19.03.2026	Thursday
6	Good Friday	03.04.2026	Friday
7	Tamil New Year's Day/Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Jayanthi	14.04.2026	Tuesday
8	May Day/ Buddha Purnima	01.05.2026	Friday
9	Id-UI-Adha # (Bakrid)	28.05.2026	Thursday
10	Independence Day *	15.08.2026	Saturday
11	Thiruvonam/ Milad-i-Sherif #	26.08.2026	Wednesday
12	Vinayaga Chaturthi	14.09.2026	Monday
13	Gandhithi Jayanthi *	02.10.2026	Friday
14	Ayutha pooja	19.10.2026	Monday
15	Vijayadasami / Mahanavami	20.10.2026	Tuesday
16	Christmas	25.12.2026	Friday

Subject to change depending on sighting of Moon.

*Open Line staffs booked for duty on National Holidays (Republic Day, Independence Day & Gandhi Jayanthi) are eligible for NHA as per extant rules.

(ii) List of Restricted Holidays for Administrative offices situated in Tamilnadu State for the year-2026 :

S.NO	Name of the Festival/ Occasion	Date	Day
1	Bhogi	14.01.2026	Wednesday
2	Holi	04.03.2026	Wednesday
3	Ram Navami	26.03.2026	Thursday
4	Mahavir jayanthi	31.03.2026	Tuesday
5	Maundy Thursday	02.04.2026	Thursday
6	Vishu	15.04.2026	Wednesday
7	Muharram #	26.06.2026	Friday
8	Avani Avittom	27.08.2026	Thursday
9	Varalakshmi Viratham	28.08.2026	Friday
10	Sree Krishna Jayanthi	04.09.2026	Friday
11	Kedra Gowri Viratham	09.11.2026	Monday
12	Karthigai Deepam / Guru Nanak's Birthday	24.11.2026	Tuesday
13	Christmas Eve	24.12.2026	Thursday

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List of Festivals/Occasions falling on Saturday/Sunday during the year-2026:

S.NO	Name of the Festival/ Occasion	Date	Day
1	Uzhavar Thirunal	17.01.2026	Saturday
2	Thai Poosam	01.02.2026	Sunday
3	Mahasivarathiri	15.02.2026	Sunday
4	Id-UI-Fitr # (Ramzan)	21.03.2026	Saturday
5	Easter	05.04.2026	Sunday
6	Deepavali	08.11.2026	Sunday

If the festival which is falling on Saturday/Sunday as per the above list falls on any other working day for religious reasons that day will be declared as "RESTRICTED HOLIDAY".

This has the approval of DRM/MAS.

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for Sr.DPO/MAS

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