Why India Needs Five Day Week?

India is a country of youth now and we are proud of it. It provides us a great opportunity. The youth not only need employment but also want life balance. Joint families are gone. One child norm has come. Both husband and wife need work. So they need a break. Scientific studies on health have proved that 2 day weekend improves health as well as productivity. So to increase productivity we need five day week.

When workers were forced to work from dawn to dusk, Robert Owen, an employer as well as labour leader raised the slogan for 8 hour work in 1817. His slogan was eight hours for labour, eight hours for recreation and eight hours for rest. The demand for 8 hour work came from India in 1862 from the railway workers of Bengal. 1200 workers in Howrah railway station took part in a strike in May 1862 demanding 8 hour work.

Fiscal Deficit and Divestment Chorus

The growing fiscal deficit is yet another reason market pundits are pushing for government divestment from Public Sector Units (PSUs). That would be akin to the story of the goose and the golden egg. In the last few months between April to June this year, the fiscal deficit for the current financial year has touched 83.2% of the budgeted fiscal deficit for the current financial year.


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Video:- Webinar: Cooperatives, Cooperative Banks and their relevance for future of India

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