The Story of May Day – A Fight for Fairness

Once upon a time, workers around the world faced harsh conditions. Factories were crowded, the air was thick with smoke, and people worked long, exhausting hours, sometimes 12 to 16 hours a day with little pay. There were no proper breaks, and safety was often ignored.

Workers felt powerless, but they knew one thing: this had to change. They began speaking up, demanding fairness, and forming labour unions groups that protected workers' rights. They called for a revolution in the workplace: a simple demand 8 hours for work, 8 hours for rest, 8 hours for leisure.

On May 1st, 1886, thousands of workers in Chicago, USA, marched through the streets in a historic protest, holding signs, chanting slogans, and standing together. The fight was not easy some protests turned violent, and some workers lost their jobs for speaking up. But their determination changed history. Over time, governments listened and created laws to protect workers from exploitation.

Today, May Day (International Workers' Day) is a symbol of justice, equality, and resilience. It reminds us that fair work and fair pay are rights not privileges. Workers across the world celebrate this victory, honoring those who fought for better lives.