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Human Cost of Amazon Operations

Recently, it was witnessed in the major news that CEO of Amazon is now the richest man in the world. The Black Friday’s and the sales deals that are announced by the organizations has played a major part in making sure that the brand is consolidated, but all these things are coming at a great human cost. There are numerous accounts of the workers talking about the fact that how they had to go through grueling schedule in the warehouses. It is a well-known fact that the working conditions in Amazon are far from ideal at the moment and the wages that are on offer just about touch the minimum wage threshold at the moment. There are fulfillment centers that are specifically created to make sure that the peak season demands are being taken care off, but despite this fact, it can be seen that at the larger level, the job is quite hard and extensive to say the least. There are associates that are supposed to have mandated breaks in order to ensure that they are able to clock in and clock out in a timely manner. There is no concept of breaks and lunches and at times, for 12 hours employees are not given any sort of break. Not only that, the safety standards and protocols that are placed in the warehouses are far from ideal and the employees are supposed to work in a very tiring environment that tends to drain their energy most of the times. The other major challenge that one gets to see when they are working in Amazon is that how there is no legal protection and the concept of the employee union and association is also something that is not known to these people. In the hindsight, it is just “one” of the many issues that are faced by Amazon and there is human cost of the successful working of the entity.

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