# ORGANIZATIONAL BEHAVIOUR POWER AND LEADERSHIP

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### **OVERVIEW**

- Defining Power
- Sources of power
- Empowerment
- Organizational Politics
- Leadership
- Leader Vs Manager
- Approaches to Leadership
- Managerial Grid
- Leadership Theories
- Contemporary Issues





### **POWER**

Ability to influence others.

 The capacity to change the behaviour or attitudes of others in a desired manner.

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### SOURCES OF POWER

- Legitimate: based on formal position.
- Coercive: capacity to administer punishment to others.
- Reward: capacity to administer reward to others.
- Expert: based on skills and abilities.
- Referent: the degree to which one is liked and admired by others.



# **EMPOWERMENT**

- Power as a cooperative concept
- Benefits of empowerment





### ORGANIZATIONAL POLITICS

- Unauthorized usage of power to enhance or protect selfinterest.
- Forms of political behaviour;
  - Manipulating information flow
  - Impression management
  - Building coalitions
  - Blaming
  - Creating and using reciprocity



# LEADERSHIP





### **DEFINITION**

- The ability to persuade others to seek defined objectives enthusiastically.
- The process of influencing a group toward the achievement of goals.



### MANAGERS AND LEADERS

### **Managers**

- Administer and copy
- Maintain
- Focus on systems & structure
- Rely on control
- Short-range view bottom line
- Ask how and when
- Accept the status quo
- Classic good soldier
- Do things right

### Leaders

- Innovation and originality
- Develop
- Focus on people
- PT-Inspire trust
  - Long-range view the horizon
  - Ask what and why
  - Challenge the status quo
  - Own person
  - Do the right things



### THE NATURE OF LEADERSHIP

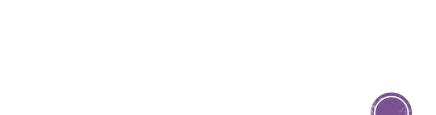
- Leadership involves non-coercive influence.
- Leadership influence is goal oriented.
- Leadership requires followers.





### THE TRAIT APPROACH TO LEADERSHIP

- The great person theory
- Characteristics of a great leader
  - Leadership motivation
  - Flexibility
  - Focus on morality
  - High energy level
  - Self-confidence
  - Role specific knowledge
  - Multiple domains of intelligence



# BEHAVIOURAL APPROACHES

- Explaining what leaders do
- Leadership styles
  - Autocratic
  - Democratic
  - laissez-faire





### Democratic:

- Encourages decision making from different perspectives.
- Consultative: process of consultation before decisions are taken
- Persuasive: Leader takes decision and seeks to persuade others that the decision is correct



- Democratic:
  - May help motivation and involvement
  - Workers feel ownership of the firm and its ideas
  - Improves the sharing of ideas and experiences within the business
  - Can delay decision making





### Laissez-Faire:

- 'Let it be' the leadership responsibilities are shared by all
- Can be very useful in businesses where creative ideas are important
- Can be highly motivational, as people have control over their working life
- Can make coordination and decision making timeconsuming and lacking in overall direction
- Relies on good team work and interpersonal relations



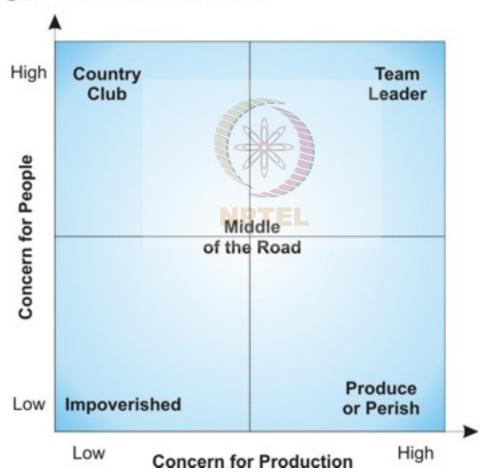
- Paternalistic:
  - Leader acts as a 'father figure'
  - Paternalistic leader makes decision but may consult
  - Believes in the need to support staff

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# MANAGERIAL GRID

Figure 1: The Blake Mouton Grid





### **CONTINGENCY THEORIES**

- Fiedler's Model
  - Task structure, leader member relations, positional power
- Hersey and Blanchard's situational leadership theory
  - Telling, selling, participating and delegating
- Path-goal theory: subordinates will be motivated by a leader only to the extent they perceive him/her as helping them to attain their goals.



# HERSEY AND BLANCHARD'S SITUATIONAL LEADERSHIP THEORY





# LEADERSHIP THEORIES

- Other theories
  - Charismatic leadership
  - Servant leadership





### CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

- Can leadership be taught?
- Do we need leaders or leadership?



