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## **BLOCK INTRODUCTION**

This block consists of three Units. The title of the block is Concept of Leadership. The fifth Unit of the block starts with defining Leadership. After giving definition, it covers Meaning of leadership and Its Importance; Context of Gender in Leadership and the theories of leadership. The following theories are covered in this Unit: Great Man Theory/Trait Theory of Leadership, Contingency/Situational Theories, Transactional Theory of Leadership, and Transformational Theory of Leadership. Finally the Unit analyzes the Leadership Theories in the Context of Gender. The sixth Unit in this block is Types and Styles of Leadership: Gender Dimensions. The sixth Unit describes Leadership Styles, Leadership Qualities and Characteristics, Leadership Types , Styles of Leadership and Gender and Leadership Styles. The seventh and final Unit in this block is Leadership in Combating Global Challenges. In this Unit, the Unit writer elaborately discusses the challenges faced by the leaders in this globalized era and well as characteristics and capability needed to encounter challenges with women leaders' examples