

## ABSTRACT

Leadership has become the most dominant and significant phenomenon of the world politics. It is important for every activity of human beings. It is a necessary element in social fabric of human society. It becomes significant feature of Russian politics. After the end of Cold War Era, Post-Soviet Russia was confronting with several socio-political and economic challenges.

Russian Federation was the successor state of the former Union Of Soviet Socialist Republics. Post-Soviet Russia inherited instable political system, fragile leadership, collapsed economy, demoralized Russian nation due to the lack of competent leadership. It is interesting to note that the Soviet leadership was the product of Communist ideology but they were failed to implement the principles of communism and to preserve the unity of the Russian empire under the flagship communism. The unchecked political activities, undemocratic practices, negatively curved development, leaders have become a victim of the process and have emerged a class without values, ethos and principles. They lied on little things, showed non serious on crucial issues. For the ruling Communist Party, politics was a maid to serve their personal interests. Leadership on these bases has failed to play a decisive role in the development of Soviet society in general and Russia in particular.

The study of leadership in Russia is of descriptive nature. The main objective of this thesis is therefore, to provide the better vision of leadership which has emerged in 21<sup>st</sup> century in Russia. President Vladimir Putin has been ruling Russia since 2000. This research focuses on the internal and external factors that are helping President Vladimir Putin in doing politics in Russia till today. The research not only highlights the qualities of leadership in Russia but also produces some suggestions on how to groom them and train this leadership in such a way where they can be able to produce effective leadership.