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Today is the age of right of the people. Everybody has equal right. Every body has to involve on decision making process. Women are very lack behind on it. Many NGO's and GO's also working on this field but the result shows that its impact is very few. Literacy and unemployment is the major cause of the poverty. Because of the poverty people can't go to the school. All the decisions are made by mail and female are not involved. From this study we find some interesting facet.

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