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Introduction

Women empowerment refers to increasing and improving the economic, social, political and legal strength of the women, to ensure equal right to women and to make them confident to claim their right such as freely live their life with a sense of self-worth, respect and dignity; have complete control of their life, both outside and workplace; to make their own choice and decision; have equal right to participate in social, religious and public activities; have equal social status, right for social and economic justice, equal opportunity for education; get equal employment opportunity without any gender bias; and safe and comfortable working environment. Development of the women glitter men's world as well as any regional progress. Women empowerment and independence will only come through proper education and employment of women. Education has become one of the clearest indicators of life outcomes such as employment, income and social status, and is a strong predictor of attitudes and wellbeing. Education is one of the most critical areas of empowerment for women and also an area that offers some of the clearest examples of discrimination women suffer. Among children not attending school there are twice as many girls as boys, and among illiterate adults there are twice as many women as men. The offering of basic education to girls' is one convinced way of giving them a large amount of advanced power of enabling