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More women are coming out to vote and more cash schemes are being offered by political parties. But does this translate into empowerment?

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