

Meet lauds move to nullify triple talaq

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THE Muslims For Secular Democracy (MSD), a body of progressive-thinking Muslim personalities in the city, has declared its support for the All India Board of Muslim Personal Law's (AIBMPL) move to nullify the practice of triple talaq.

The AIBMPL is meeting on July 4 to discuss the subject even as various Muslim groups have opposed the move, which gives equal divorce rights to Muslim women.

"The announcement came as a pleasant surprise to us," said poet Javed Akhtar, president of the MSD. "We have always opposed the anti-women atti-



Javed Akhtar hails the move for equal divorce laws

tude of the board. This is a welcome step."

The MSD also strongly condemned the "regressive and reactionary" opposition by Muslims who have threatened to carry out a nationwide agitation if the board does not reverse its decision. The decision would go against the fundamental principles of Islam as defined by the Quran, they insist.