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Progressive Muslim Groups Oppose AIMPLB's 'Save India, Save Shariat' Campaign

Progressive Muslim activists and women's rights advocates opposed the AIMPLB's nationwide 'Save India, Save Shariat' campaign on September 22, 2026.

A debate surrounding the reform of Muslim personal laws to ensure gender justice and constitutional equality versus preserving traditional personal laws.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- On **September 22, 2026**, progressive Muslim activists, women's rights advocates, and intellectuals opposed the All India Muslim Personal Law Board's (**AIMPLB**) campaign.
- The campaign opposed by the progressive groups is titled '**Save India, Save Shariat**'.
- Signatories argued that defending patriarchal personal laws sidelines **gender equality** and risks deepening political polarization.
- Opponents stated the campaign could allow political groups to portray themselves as defenders of **constitutional principles**.
- The progressive groups called for **gender-just reforms** within personal laws to align with constitutional guarantees.

DID YOU KNOW..!?

Article 44 of the Indian Constitution directs the State to secure a **Uniform Civil Code** (UCC) for citizens throughout India.

The All India Muslim Personal Law Board (**AIMPLB**) was established in **April 1973** to protect and advocate for Muslim personal laws.

The Muslim Personal Law (**Shariat**) Application Act was enacted in the year **1937** during British rule.

In the landmark **Shah Bano case** of **1985**, the Supreme Court upheld the right of a divorced Muslim woman to maintenance under Section 125 of CrPC.

The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act was enacted in **1986** to nullify the impact of the Shah Bano judgment.

In the **Shayara Bano case** of **2017**, the Supreme Court declared the practice of triple talaq (talaq-e-biddat) unconstitutional.

The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, which criminalized instant triple talaq, was passed by Parliament in **2019**.

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