

Ban on SIMI Extended

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A <u>judicial tribunal</u> has confirmed the five-year extension of the **ban** imposed on <u>Students Islamic</u> <u>Movement of India (SIMI).</u>

- It said the outfit has **not abandoned** its objective of **'Jehaad**' for the cause of Islam and that it continues to work for the establishment of **Islamic rule in India.**
- The tribunal was constituted under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (UAPA).
 - UAPA aims to prevent and combat unlawful activities that threaten the sovereignty, integrity and security of India.
- As many as **10 state governments** have recommended the declaration of SIMI as an 'unlawful association' under the provisions of the UAPA.
- The SIMI was first declared outlawed in 2001 and since then the ban has been extended periodically.
- SIMI was founded on 25th April 1977, at Aligarh Muslim University as a youth group linked to Jamaat-e-Islami-Hind (JEIH). It became independent in 1993.

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