Repairing ties with the Maldives

Why in news?

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The Maldivian government has decided to lift the state of emergency.

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What happened in Maldives?

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- Recently the Supreme Court of Maldives ordered to release many jailed opposition leaders, Maldives government has openly refused to comply the judgement.
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- Contrarily Maldives administration has declared a state of emergency for and government forces have also taken over the Supreme Court complex.
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- Maldivian administration has ordered the arrest of two judges, as well as hundreds of activists and politicians including former President Abdul Gayoom, and imposed a state of emergency.
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- During emergency certain rights had been restricted and general movements, services and businesses has not been much affected.Click here to know more
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What was the recent decision on emergency?

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- The ruling Maldives administration under President Abdulla Yameen has lifted the emergency declared 45days earlier.
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- The opposition parties believe that the emergency was lifted only because present administration has established total control over the judiciary and

parliament.
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- Therefore, it is supposed that lifting the emergency does not automatically amount to status quo ante.
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What is the status of Indo-Maldivian ties?

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- After the announcement of emergency India made a public statements of disapproval on the emergency for which Male has reacted India's statements of disapproval were "not helpful at all".
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- Recently India made a statement that the withdrawal of the emergency is "one step", and much more must be done to restore democracy in the Maldives.
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- Even this statement of India has been unwelcomed by Maldives claiming that the events of the past couple of months were "internal political matters".
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- With military exchanges, a free trade agreement with China and a slew of Chinese infrastructure investments in place, the ruling government clearly considers itself sufficiently insulated from any counter-moves by India.
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- In this regard India has been wise to keep its counsel and not over-react to the recent events.
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