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- 3) India must strengthen ties with maldives without for better friendly neighborhood. Analyse.
- ↳ In the Present Situation, India must strengthen ties with the maldives without taking sides in domestic politics.

↳ India and Maldives.

↳ India and Maldives share ethnic, linguistic, cultural, religious and commercial links steeped in antiquity

↳ Security Partnership: Recently, the National college for policing and law enforcement (NCLPE) was inaugurated by India's External Affairs Minister.

↳ Economic Cooperation: Tourism is the mainstay of the Maldivian economy. The country is now a major tourist-destination for some Indians and a job destination for others.

Recently, Afcons an Indian company signed a contract for the largest civil infrastructure project in Maldives which is the Greater Male Connectivity Project (GMCP)

↳ Trading Partner: India is Maldives 2nd largest trading partner. In 2021, bilateral trade registered a growth of 31% over the previous year - overcoming the pandemic

↳ Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): The Government has approved the MOU in the

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field of Judicial Service Commission of Maldives.

↳ Male Connectivity Project: The Greater Male Connectivity Project launch a USD 500 million Project funded by New Delhi.

↳ Agreements: The countries have signed agreements to expand cooperation in a range of areas in the Maldives.

- ↳ Cybersecurity
- ↳ Capacity Building
- ↳ Housing
- ↳ Disaster Management

↳ Challenges

↳ Political Disability: Impact of Political Instability in the neighbourhood on its security and Development.

↳ Radicalization: In Past decade, Maldivians drawn towards terrorist groups. Pakistan based Terror groups using Remote Maldivian island as launch pad for terror attacks

↳ China Angle: China's strategic footprint in Indian neighbourhood has increased. Maldives Emerged as Pearl in China's 'String of Pearls' Construct in South Asia.

↳ Conclusion

The India out campaign has been effective in coordinating between different sources, intensifying the Anti-India sentiments more than ever. So India must strengthen ties with Maldives without taking sides in domestic Politics.