

National College for Policing and Law Enforcement (NCPLE) of Maldives

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In news—In the presence of Maldivian President, India's External Affairs Minister inaugurated the NCPLE in the Maldives' Addu city.

About National College for Policing and Law Enforcement (NCPLE)-

- On the domestic level in the Maldives, the training academy would help strengthen law enforcement abilities and counter drug trafficking, a major concern in the country.
- Some of the objectives of this training academy in Addu City are preventing and countering violent extremism as well as de-radicalisation and enhancing cooperation between the two countries in tackling these issues.
- The establishment of this police training academy had been in the works for a long time, with the first announcement having been made in 2015 during the presidency of Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom.
- But as with almost all projects that involved India, this too faced delays till the government changed in 2018 and President Solih took office.
- The establishment of the police academy had, till recently, been India's largest grant-funded project prior to the Greater Male Connectivity Project for which India extended a \$400 million line of credit in 2020.
- In addition to the inauguration of this academy, a MoU was also signed between the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA) and the Maldives Police Force to support the up-gradation of police

infrastructure across the archipelago.

- **According to a 2020 report by the European Foundation for South Asian Studies, the Maldives has become the country with the highest rate of foreign fighters per capita in the world.**