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01 — TODAY IN 2 MINUTES

The 2 stories you can't skip**1 US Senator Marco Rubio visits India to discuss strategic partnership**

Why it matters: India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership: a key GS2 topic for bilateral relations and trade diplomacy.

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2 Army to use FF Bot robots by January 2026 to enhance ammunition depot safety

Why it matters: Indigenous defence technology and safety protocols: a GS3 Internal Security and Defence infrastructure case study.

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What to know, in 60 seconds each

2 of 2 notes · picked for exam value

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US Senator Marco Rubio visits India to discuss strategic partnership

Why in news: US Senator Marco Rubio began a three-day visit to India to meet External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar to discuss the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership and trade deals.

REMEMBER

- Marco Rubio — US Senator visiting India for strategic discussions
- India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership — Primary framework for bilateral cooperation
- Jamnagar — Location of planned visit to honor victims of the 26/11 terror attack

MAINS ANGLE *Analyze the evolving dynamics of the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership in the context of shifting geopolitical alignments in West Asia.*

USE : Strategic Partnership Geopolitical Alignment

Bilateral Cooperation Maritime Security

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/138864

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Army to use FF Bot robots by January 2026 to enhance ammunition depot safety

Why in news: The Ministry of Defence and iDEX are supporting the development of FF Bot robots to be certified by the DGQA for Army use by January 2026 to enhance safety at ammunition depots following the 2016 Pulgaon fire.

REMEMBER

- iDEX (Innovations for Defence Excellence) — supports the development of FF Bot robots.
- DGQA (Directorate General of Quality Assurance) — certifies that equipment conforms to armed services requirements.
- FF Bot robots — designed to enhance safety at ammunition depots following the 2016 Pulgaon fire.

MAINS ANGLE *Discuss the role of indigenous technological interventions in enhancing safety protocols and operational efficiency within India's military infrastructure.*

USE : Defence Technology Ammunition Safety iDEX DGQA

Full note → satyadheesh.in/upsc/note/138883

2 questions, 2 minutes

Answers at the bottom, upside down

1 With reference to the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership, consider the following statements:

1. The partnership focuses exclusively on maritime security and excludes trade deals.
2. It serves as the primary framework for bilateral cooperation between India and the US.
3. Marco Rubio is a member of the Indian Parliament.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- ☐ a 1 only ☐ b 2 only
☐ c 3 only ☐ d 2 and 3 only

2 Which body is responsible for certifying that produced equipment conforms to the specific requirements of the armed services?

- ☐ a CAG ☐ b DGQA
☐ c NITI Aayog ☐ d SEBI

MAINS PRACTICE

Write one answer today

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USE:

ANSWERS · 1 (b) 2 (b)



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