

## Daily Current Affairs Oneliners – August 23, 2019

- **23 August - International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition**
- The government calls for applications for its latest initiative under the Swachh Bharat Mission, called the 'San-Sadhan' Hackathon, an initiative to ease lives of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) by making toilets smarter, more accessible, and easier to use.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to launch "Fit India Movement", This nation-wide campaign aims to encourage people to inculcate physical activity and sports in their everyday lives.
- Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment inaugurated the 'Renovated ALIMCO Orthotics and Prosthetic Centre (AOPC) and Residential complex building of ALIMCO Headquarters at Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed the Assam government to declare the area around Deepor Beel a major wetland on the western edge of Guwahati an eco-sensitive zone.
- Iran displayed a domestically-built long-range, mobile surface-to-air missile system Bavar-373, Iran developed a large domestic arms industry in the face of international sanctions and embargoes barring it from importing many weapons.
- Amid increased India-Pakistan tension, the United States will host an intersessional meeting of the US-India 2+2 Dialogue in California to discuss ways to advance cooperation on critical diplomatic and security priorities.
- Nepal will make the Everest region a plastic-free zone by 2020 by banning single-use plastics, a move that will curb excessive pollution on the highest point of the Earth's surface.
- Russia launched an unmanned rocket carrying a life-size humanoid robot that will spend 10 days learning to assist astronauts on the International Space Station.

- A historic milestone was reached with the signing of an MoU between Indian Army's Army Welfare Housing Organization (AWHO) and Tata Realty & Housing on 22 Aug 2019.
- Former opener Vikram Rathour will replace Sanjay Bangar as India's new batting coach while Bharath Arun and R. Sridhar were retained as bowling and fielding coaches.
- The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has suspended the accreditation of India's National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL) for six months in what could be a massive blow to anti-doping movement in the country with less than a year left for Tokyo Olympics.

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