

- Major Radhika Sen, an Indian military peacekeeper serving with the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO), has been awarded the prestigious 2023 United Nations Military Gender Advocate of the Year Award.
- This award recognizes her dedication and efforts in promoting the principles of UN Security Council resolution 1325 on women, peace, and security.

## **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT**

## Oedocladium sahyadricum

 A group of phycologists from the Department of Botany at Catholicate College in Pathanamthitta has discovered a new algal species in the Western Ghats.



- ✓ Oedocladium sahyadricum is a new algal species.
- ✓ The name 'sahyadricum' refers to the Western Ghats, also known as Sahyadri, which is rich in plant diversity and provides ideal conditions for the growth of terrestrial microalgae.
- ✓ The alga was found as a thin mat of elongated strands on damp soil.

## **IMPORTANT DAYS**

- International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers: May 29
- On the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, celebrated annually on May 29th, we honour the extraordinary contributions of peacekeepers towards international peace and security.



- Since the establishment of the first UN peacekeeping mission in 1948, more than two million peacekeepers have served in 71 missions, helping countries navigate from war to peace.
- ✓ This year, the theme is "Fit for the Future: Building Better Together."
- International Everest Day: May 29



- On May 29, the world will observe International Everest Day in memory of Nepalese Tenzing Norgay and New Zealand's Edmund Hillary, the first individuals to conquer the formidable Mt. Everest in 1953.
- This remarkable achievement etched their names in the annals of history, inspiring generations of adventurers and mountaineers.
- Standing tall at an altitude of 8,849 meters (29,032 feet) above sea level, Mt.
  Everest is the highest mountain on Earth.



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