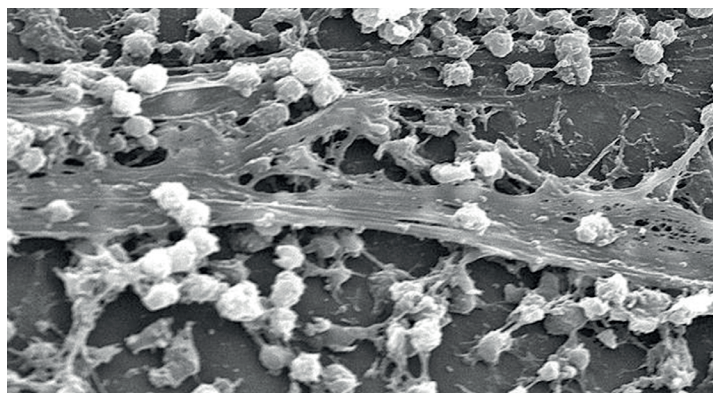




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When gazing up at the sky, we rarely realize how much debris is in Earth orbit.



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Bacteria that form biofilms are difficult to eradicate and pose a significant hazard.



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