

NASA'S SPITZER SPACE TELESCOPE ENDS ITS MISSION

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NASA has [decommissioned the Spitzer Space Telescope](#), one of its greatest observatories which has studied the universe by detecting cosmic infrared radiation for more than 16 years.

Launched in 2003, [Spitzer Space Telescope](#) was one of NASA's four Great Observatories. [Spitzer](#) along with the Hubble Space Telescope, the Chandra X-ray Observatory and the Compton Gamma Ray Observatory constituted NASA's Great Observatory programme.

In 2016, NASA made a decision to close the Spitzer mission in 2018 in anticipation of the launch of the [James Webb Space Telescope](#) (JWST). As the launch of the JWST got postponed, the Spitzer mission was granted its fifth and final extension, which ended on January 30th 2020.

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