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**Achievement:** Employing quantum sensors based on nitrogen-vacancy (NV) center in diamond, we studied the two-dimensional (2D) magnets  $\text{Fe}_5\text{GeTe}_2$  (FGT) and co-substituted FGT (CFGT). Our studies reveal that magnetism persists in thin flakes of these materials, down to 16 nm thick, at room temperature and above.

**Importance of the achievement:** 2D magnetic materials present a promising platform for novel spintronics and hybrid quantum materials. However, the vast majority of 2D magnets have Curie temperature  $T_c$  much below room temperature. Hence, this result paves the way towards practical application of 2D magnets.

**Relation to IRG2:** Our result identifies 2D magnets as a promising platform for THz devices and magnon-based hybrid quantum systems.

#### Publications:

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