

As you read this, Geospatial World Forum 2012 will be well underway in Amsterdam. After three editions in India, this is the first time that the event has crossed Indian shores. Centred on the theme 'Geospatial Industry and World Economy', it will cover the dimensions of the industry in the fast changing world. Our two top stories are perhaps indicative of the importance of the topic. Geospatial technology is now crucial enough to spawn [technical espionage](#).

The second story also shows that regimes of denial are in the end [counter-productive](#)

as far as the industry is concerned. In a way, these are the symptoms of an industry that is grappling with the real world which it has entered.

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