

Infosys Technologies' business process outsourcing arm said on Thursday it had signed a deal to acquire US-based McCamish Systems for an upfront payment of \$38 million, and an additional \$20 million based on targets.

In a bid to make gold jewellery affordable, branded jewellery makers may now opt for making standard gems studded jewellery using lesser amount of gold with the prices of the yellow metal constantly on a bull run. Gold prices have appreciated by 20% since March this fiscal and are currently rallying at Rs 17,000 per 10 gram. Many branded jewellery makers have already started making diamond studded standard jewellery using 14 carat gold instead of 18 carat. This has made a price reduction by 16%, whose benefit jewellery makers have been able to pass on to the consumers.

# NEWS ALERT

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## Big Bazaar, Food Bazaar Boycott

## Kellogg's Over Margin Row



After boycotting Cadbury in 2008 over margin differences, Kishore Biyani is at it again: this time it's Kellogg's at the receiving end. The country's largest retailer has decided to boycott the breakfast cereal brand across various retail formats after the US firm turned down its demand for higher business margins. Future Group will sell the existing inventory of Kellogg's in its stores such as Food Bazaar and Big Bazaar, but will not take new stocks from next week, a company official familiar with the development said. When contacted, Kishore Biyani, CEO of Future Group, said, "We believe in collaborative relationships to build demand and consumption. Both sides have to understand each other's needs and work together to drive growth." The conflict has been brewing for some months now and discussions between the two have hit rocky terrain in recent weeks. The retailer was demanding 15-16% margin from Kellogg's, up from around 12% now, said a Future Group official requesting anonymity. With the cereal maker refusing to budge, Future Group is now looking at pushing its own labels Tasty Treat range of cereals in place of Kellogg's, he said.

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

### Govt To Continue Fiscal Stimulus: FM

Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee said the government will continue to provide fiscal stimulus to boost domestic demand until robust recovery is seen in the developed economies. "There is need of generating strong domestic demand till robust recovery takes place all over the world, particularly the developed economies", he said at the India Economic Summit. The minister was also hopeful that economic growth would touch 9-10 per cent towards close of the 11th Five-Year Plan ending 2012.

### PM Says Will Exit Stimulus Next Year

After unveiling a bold PSU sell off plan, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said his Government is better placed now to unleash financial sector reforms, but the fiscal stimulus will be phased out next year. "We are also better placed than any time in the recent past to push the reform process forward... We need to ensure that financial system can provide the finance needed for our development... This opens up a broad agenda for reforms," he said inaugurating the India Economic Summit.