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- Karvy Stock Broking has a buy on Exide Industries with a target price of ₹255. The brokerage said Exide has been holding its market share strongly in automotive replacement segment since past one-and-half year and plans to invest major capex in technology upgrade and new products with better quality and efficiency. It said new products would help outperformance. Exide Industries rose 6.29% to ₹236.40 on Thursday.
- Phillip Capital has a neutral on Biocon with a target price of ₹1,100. Although it believes the visible progress in biosimilars is a big positive for the company, the real earnings implications are back-ended, i.e. FY19 onwards. It said the adverse financial consequences of capitalisation of its Malaysian facility from Q1FY18 would have pressure in the near term. Biocon rose 2.15% to ₹1,054.70 on Thursday.
- HDFC Securities has a buy rating on ICICI Bank with a target price of ₹345. The brokerage said it tweaked its estimates to factor in better-than-estimated net interest margin, an improved loan trajectory, healthy CASA and a sharp drop in the watchlist. ICICI Bank rose 9.24% to ₹297.95 on Thursday.
- Reliance Securities has a buy on Federal Bank with a target price of ₹125. It said with moderation in fresh slippages and improvement in loan book, the bank is coming out of the scenario marked with higher provisioning and continued stress on assets quality. It expects healthy traction in earnings to continue. Stock rose 0.27% to ₹112.40 on Thursday.