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**1 Toxic Medications**  
In addition to diclofenac, other veterinary NSAIDs like ketoprofen and aceclofenac are legally used in India, posing a toxic threat to vultures, harming their survival.



**3 Infectious Decline**  
Vulture population declines are linked to a likely infectious cause with post-mortem studies revealing visceral-gout, enteritis, vasculitis, and potential influence of rabies.



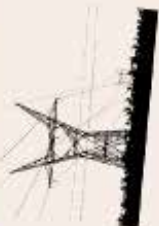
**5 Electro Fatal Lines**  
Vultures often perch on power lines leading to fatal electric shocks, causing a decline in their population.



**2 Habitat Loss & Degradation**  
Vulture populations are plummeting due to habitat loss, deforestation, forest fires, quarrying, and disturbances to rocky cliffs. These threats disrupt vulture nesting sites and endanger their breeding grounds.



**4 Roadside Risks**  
Vultures, particularly White-rumped Vulture, often breed near roads, where human activity and traffic pose risks as they may feed on carcasses and become vulnerable to accidents.



**7 Climate Change**  
Climate change, driven by increased greenhouse gas emissions threatens temperature and precipitation patterns, potentially shifting vulture habitats due to changes in carbon concentrations from anthropogenic activities.



**9 Body Parts in Use**  
Vulture parts, used in various forms such as powders, mixtures, or smeared, are consumed or applied in traditional practices for protection, healing, and spiritual purposes, including warding off-witches.

**6 Concrete Collisions**  
Collisions with skyscrapers are a significant factor in the population decline of vultures as individuals frequently collide with these structures during foraging or migration activities.



**8 Food Scarcity**  
Lack of availability of carrion is the major threat and this shortage can have significant ecological, environmental, and biological implications.



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