

Aceclofenac

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About Aceclofenac:

- Aceclofenac is the prodrug of the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID) diclofenac.
- Aceclofenac in water buffaloes poses the same threat to vultures as it is a pro-drug of diclofenac.
- Aceclofenac turns into diclofenac soon after it enters the livestock.
- Vulture Action Plan 2020-2025 also mentions the aceclofenac as 'toxic', along with other drugs like nimesulide and ketoprofen.

Diclofenac:

- Diclofenac is an anti-inflammatory drug.
- It was banned for veterinary use by the Government of India in 2006.
- It was found to be the main cause of a dramatic decline (99 per cent) of the vulture population across Asia.
- The drug caused accidental poisoning in raptors after they fed on carcasses of cattle injected with it.

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