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**News: Indian House Crows**

- Recently the **Kenyan** government has announced an action plan to eliminate a **million Indian House Crows (Corvus splendens)** by the end of 2024.
- **Invasive Species Issue:** The **Indian House Crow** is described as an invasive alien species from India and parts of Asia, introduced to East Africa via shipping activities.
- **Ecological Impact:** The **crows prey on endangered local bird species, destroy nests, and eat eggs and chicks, leading to a decline in indigenous bird populations.**

## **Indian House Crow**

- Indian House Crow is also known as **house crow, Indian crow, grey-necked crow, Ceylon crow and Colombo crow.**
- The nominate race of *Corvus splendens* (*C. splendens*) **exists in India, Nepal and Bangladesh and has a grey neck collar.**
- IUCN Status: **Least Concerned (LC).**
- Wildlife Protection Act: **Schedule II.**