



# GoldRush

The Neharawalas

**Duration: 13mins 26sec**

## About the Film

You may wonder about these people who meticulously sweep the drains in front of gold smith's and shops that sell the precious metal/ornaments. They are the gold hunters, at their work day in and day out trying to distill gold from the dirt in front of the shops. Looking at them, you will see that they have not hit it big, but it is a profession and not all are permitted to do it. This film tries to document these people at work.

But the hunt for gold has become an addiction to them. While filming, we felt as if we do not exist.

## The Makers

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Mr. & Mrs.  
**GOSWAMI**  
The Bahurupies

**Duration: 13mins 59 sec**

### The Film

There are hundreds of people in this profession, we found this humble couple who does the act together oblivious of the modern world, live together happily in their profession.

Bohurupi is an art form used by some people as their profession. They use costumes and colour to look like God and Goddesses and act like them. Mostly seen during the winter months when there are melas like 'Gajanmela' and festivals in West Bengal, especially in Burdwan district and its surrounding areas, they ask for alms both in cash and in kind. Both children and adults dress up like Shiva, Parvathi and other Hindu Gods. They are seldom seen in cities like in Kolkata.

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# The Band Party

Bajate Raho



**Duration: 12mins 30sec**

## **The Film**

'Band Party' as they are known in Kolkata, dress up in bright uniforms and use mainly wind instruments, drums and percussions. They are available on hire as accompaniment to any festive occasion, be it a wedding procession or a religious festival. We caught up with a few of them.

These Band Parties brighten up the ceremonies. The trade is gradually disappearing as less and less people opt for such accompaniments..

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