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## EDITORIAL DOPE SHEET

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Date 25th February, 1952.Cut Length 400 feet.Location Bathing Ghats of the Jumna,  
Delhi.

Type of Film

Description of cut subject: " SOLAR ECLIPSE FESTIVAL "

Nearly a million Hindus went for Jumna Bathing in Delhi to save the Sun God from the cruel hands of Rahu who catches hold of Sun every year for punishment of Sun's sins. Hindus on this day bathe in holy waters, give alms and make sacrifices to relieve the Sun God of its Eclipse. The Brahmans tell their followers that if they do not offer prayers and give alms generously, the Sun will not be relieved by Rahu quickly. In case prayers are not offered the Sun may never come out of the eclipse. Many devotees go on a fast on this day upto the finish of the eclipse.

ROLLS ONE & TWO Beggars sitting on the footpath of road to the bathing ghats are seen receiving alms. A snake charmer brought his baby python to receive tips from the bathers. Shots taken on Bela Road Ghats, thousands of Hindus bathing in the holy waters of the Jumna. Various RIVER shots of bathers. They found very few boats to cross the River and bathe on the opposite bank, so they walked through the neck deep water. One bather did not want to miss his hubble bubble pipe. A devotee bathing and chanting recitations from the Vedas. The authorities suspected an outbreak of cholera because there was no protection from germs and flies on stalls where the eats were displayed without any protection or cover. A cook on a food-stall frying puris. Holy cows wandered around everywhere. There were merry go rounds and wheels for children's entertainment. Apart from offering food to the Gods the bathers chanted hymns in groups and parties, here a leader of the party and his followers are singing hymns with great devotion. Shots of Hindu deities with a priest beating the gong. More shots of beggars and crowds.

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