## Rock bands to raise AIDS awareness

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Kolkata: Sukriti Foundation, an NGO working with HIV positive patients and combating AIDS, has roped in rock bands to raise awareness against the killer disease.

It is a unique way to combat AIDS as patients, struck by the disease, have been dying uncared for almost every other day. Even those diagnosed as HIV negative are shunned by friends, family and society. No amount of poster campaigning has been able to educate people against the misconceptions surrounding the disease. Fossils and 4WD will perform in an AIDS awareness programme at Nazrul Mancha on Saturday evening from 5 pm. The event is being organised in association with The Times of India.

Fossils will sing specially composed songs where Usha Uthup has also lent her voice. A special music video of a song composed on AIDS awareness featuring Fossils, Uthup and several HIV positive patients will be released. This is the first time that patients suffering from the dreaded disease are featuring in a

music video.

Some HIV positive patients will also appear on the stage and talk about the trauma caused due to rejection by society. Passes for the concert will be dis-tributed free of cost. Those interested can contact 9830907749.