

SUM NEGATIVE

SHIMLA, INDIA / NU-METAL • GROOVE METAL

OFFICIAL ELECTRONIC PRESS KIT

THE BAND

From the hills of Shimla, Sum Negative is a four-piece metal band blending nu-metal aggression, groove-heavy riffs and a dark theatrical live presence.

Drawing from Slipknot, Korn, Limp Bizkit, Marilyn Manson and heavier progressive influences, the band brings together driving guitar compositions, bass-led grooves, forceful vocals and precision drumming.

ORIGINAL MATERIAL

Bait (debut single, 31 October 2026) • Whisper That Haunts • Genocide

LIVE FORMATS

30 MIN / ORIGINAL SET

120 MIN / ORIGINALS + COVERS

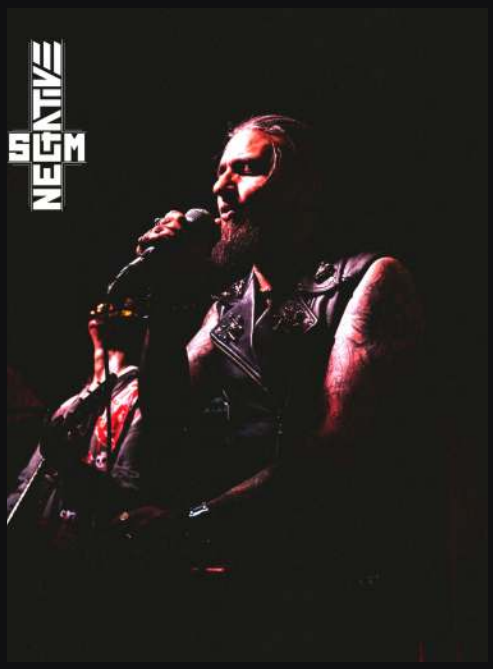
THE LINEUP



VARUN VALENTINE

GUITAR / PRIMARY COMPOSITION

The driving force behind Sum Negative’s sound, Varun is a self-taught guitarist, primary composer and dedicated analogue gear enthusiast. His journey began with Nurotia and the three-track EP BLINK. Inspired by Dave Mustaine, Zakk Wylde, Slipknot, Meshuggah and Tool, he combines thrash precision, crushing grooves and progressive complexity. His gear includes an ESP LTD EC-256 and Peavey 6505.



AMAN MANSON

LEAD VOCALS

A natural-born performer with a commanding voice and unmistakable stage presence, Aman is a self-taught vocalist and acoustic guitarist. Drawing inspiration from Marilyn Manson, Rob Zombie, Hatebreed and Slipknot, he brings raw aggression and theatrical intensity to Sum Negative. Beyond the stage, Aman is also a tattoo artist.

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MANISH BEHEMOTH

DRUMS

The rhythmic backbone of Sum Negative, Manish is a dedicated drummer whose discipline and passion drive the band’s live sound. Also a member of Shimla thrash metal band Deathknell, which has two full-length albums, he draws inspiration from Igor Cavalera, Mario Duplantier and Mike Portnoy. His versatility and commitment power the band’s crushing grooves.



ISHAN MAYHEM

BASS / PRIMARY LYRICS

Bassist and primary lyricist Ishan shares a musical history with his elder brother Varun, dating back to Nurotia. Together they shape the band’s creative core. Inspired by Geezer Butler, Justin Chancellor, Ryan Martinie and Paul Gray, he plays a Warwick RockBass through an Ampeg Portaflex PF-500. He also releases socially conscious solo music as Inukun, including Mere Haaq Ki Ladaai (24 July 2026).

BAIT / DEBUT SINGLE



BAIT

31 OCT 2026

Debut single and official music video.

LISTEN / WATCH

OFFICIAL MUSIC VIDEO >

SPOTIFY >

APPLE MUSIC >

BANDCAMP >

ALL PLATFORMS >

LIVE / PERFORMANCE





SELECTED LIVE APPEARANCES

09 MAR 2024 / MARS / SHIMLA

25 OCT 2024 / FREAKS ON STAGE / DEPOT 48

09 NOV 2025 / RETURN OF THE FREAKS / DEPOT 48

LIVE PERFORMANCE VIDEOS

SUM NEGATIVE SURFACING (SLIPKNOT COVER)

SUM NEGATIVE SIC (SLIPKNOT COVER)

SUM NEGATIVE CONVICTED IN LIFE (SEPULTURA COVER)

SUM NEGATIVE MARS AFTERMOVIE

BOOKING / PRESS

AVAILABLE FOR

Festivals, club shows, support slots and headline performances.



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