

Indian rescuers 'back to the drawing board' as tunnel rescue effort enters week 3

Nov. 27 (UPI) — Rescuers trying to reach a construction crew trapped in a collapsed highway tunnel in India began their third week Monday by changing tactics.

A panic ensued over the weekend after cracking noises were heard above the 41 men during vertical drilling into the disaster site in the northern state of Uttarakhand.

The operation was derailed Friday after a drilling machine brought in to penetrate debris that has imprisoned the men 110 yards inside the tunnel since it collapsed Nov. 12 broke after getting snarled on metal mixed in with the rocks and earth.

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