Rescuers free all 41 workers from collapsed tunnel in India

Nov. 28 (UPI) - All 41 workers who had been trapped in a highway tunnel under a collapsed construction in the Himalayan mountains were freed on Tuesday, authorities said.

The intense 17-day effort in the Uttarakhand state to free the crew started when rescue teams broke through the collapsed debris and brought out the workers one by one through a three-foot escape pipe.

The first man was brought out of the tunnel at about 8 p.m. local time on Tuesday. Ambulances and helicopters were stationed at the entrance to take workers away to local hospitals for treatment.

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