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US PREZ POLLS

In Nevada, Trump bundled off stage by Secret Service agents after someone in the crowd shouted "gun", leading to a commotion. No weapon found

House of Representatives speaker Paul Ryan endorses Trump at the last minute after distancing himself in October when tapes of the Republican candidate's lewd conversations emerged

Boost for Hillary as Hispanic voters in Colorado, Florida, North Carolina surge to cast ballots in final early voting over the week

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Schools shut, construction stops in smoke house Delhi

Kejriwal Govt May Bring Back Odd-Even

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: As the capital continued to suffer one of its worst spells of air pollution in living memory and air quality further dipped to the season's lowest on Sunday, the Delhi government finally announced a slew of emergency measures to deal with the public health crisis.

With Delhi covered in thick smog for the seventh day, all schools have been shut for three days and construction

GENSETS BANNED FOR 5 DAYS

- ▶ City schools closed for 3 days till Wednesday
- ▶ Construction banned for 5 days beginning Monday
- ▶ Badarpur power plant shut for 10 days
- ▶ Water to be sprinkled on 100-foot roads once a week. Vacuum cleaning of roads to start from Nov 10
- ▶ Officers accountable for waste-burning. Civic



Delhiites, wearing masks, joined a march to demand cleaner air on Sunday

▶ Two Ranji Trophy matches cancelled in Delhi, P 22

and demolition activities across the city banned for 10 days, starting Monday. The government has also imposed a 10-day ban on operation of die-

sel generator sets, except for 'emergency' services such as hospitals, mobile towers etc. The government was also looking at fanciful options like

Six die in pile-ups due to poor visibility

Poor visibility due to smog over northern India killed at least six people in road pile-ups, while a 70-year-old woman was burnt to death in a paddy field fire in Punjab on Sunday. Three were killed in an accident on the Rohtak-Gohana road, a 70-vehicle collision in Karnal killed a woman and eight vehicles were involved in an accident that left one dead. One man died in Panipat. P 11

the possibility of artificial rain while preparing for another round of odd-even curbs.

▶ Crop burning, P 11

2 soldiers killed in Poonch, AIBR batters Il P

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Poonch (Jammu): Two soldiers, one of them from Kolhapur, and a civilian woman were killed and two personnel injured after Pakistani forces fired along the Line of Control (LoC) on Sunday, forcing retaliatory shelling by India in which 11 Pakistani posts were

▶ A working Diwali on the border for BSF men, P 8

damaged in the Poonch sector on Sunday.

The three fresh casualties ended the five-day lull following eight civilian deaths in Samba and other parts of Jammu along the International Border (IB) and LoC last week.

The provocative ceasefire violations by Pakistan are widely seen as retaliation against the curfew strikes part

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