4 arrested for stone pelting

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Srinagar, Apr 22: Police tonight arrested four youth for stone pelting on Polling Stations in Anantnag district ahead of vote where polling will be held in three phases and eighteen candidates are in fray.

Groups of youth targeted Polling Stations at Magraypora Acchabal, Wanihama Dailgam and Sando area of Anantnag district. Police swung into action and arrested four youth on charges on stone pleting.

Security has been put on high alert in the district ahead of vote and security forces have reached the Polling Stations along with the Poll staff amid tight security.

Among 18 contestants, the main contest are PDP Chief Mehbooba Mufti, State Congress Chief Ghulam Ahmed Mir and Justice (retd) Hasnain Masoodi of National Conference.

A 57-year-old lawyer Shams Khwaja, hailing from Gautam Budh Nagar of Uttar Pradesh is in contest from the Anantnag Lok Sabha seat which would go to polls in three phases on April 23, 29 and May 6 due to security concerns.

The other candidates in the fray are Sofi Yousuf of Bhartiya Janta Party, Nisar Ahmad Wani of Jammu & Kashmir National Panthers Party, Zaffar Ali of Jammu Kashmir People's Conference, Sanjay Kumar Dhar of Manav Adhikar Party, Surinder Singh of Pragatisheel Samajwadi Party (Lohia) and Imtiyaz Ahmad Rather, Ridwana Sanam, Riyaz Ahmad Bhat, Zubair Masoodi, Ali Mohammad Wani, Gh Mohammad Wani, Kayser Ahmed Sheikh, Manzoor Ahmad Khan and Mirza Sajad Hussain Beigh, all Independents.

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