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2,000 youths run for 774 fireman posts

MUMBAI: Nearly 2,000 youngsters turned up on Friday for the recruitment drive held by the Mumbai fire brigade, after two years, to fill 774 posts of fireman.

At the Borivli Command centre, the candidates were tested for skills such as running 800 metres within three minutes and rope climbing. "The drive will continue for 10 days before candidates are selected," said chief fire officer P Rahangdale.

One of the reasons for the drive is that BMC would soon be starting mini fire stations. Officials said the enquiry report of the 2015 Kalbadevi fire, which claimed the lives of four senior fire officers, had again stated an urgent need for mini fire stations especially in congested areas. Besides, the force needs additional firemen as promotion of several officers is also pending for a while.