

Over 23,000 youths register for Army recruitment rally

More than 23,000 youths from 14 southern districts of Tamil Nadu and Karaikal district of Union Territory of Puducherry have registered online to take part in the Indian Army recruitment rally to be held here from Tuesday.

Talking to reporters here on Monday after inspecting the arrangements for the rally being held at Seethakathi Sethupathi stadium to recruit about 600 soldiers of various categories, Brigadier Sangram Dalvi said this was the highest number of people registered in south Tamil Nadu in recent times and this showed youth were taking a lot of interest in joining army.

In all, 23,711 men have registered through online and 18,000 to 20,000 people are expected to turn up for physical test, he said, adding the rally would be held till August 10 to recruit Soldier General, Soldier Technical, Soldier Clerk and Soldier Tradesmen.

About 350 to 400 people would be recruited for Soldier General, who would be deployed in Line of Control, Siachen, and for relief and rescue operations in flash floods and other natural disasters, he said.

The recruitment process would begin on Monday night with certificate verification and segregation of applicants in groups.

The first four days have been set apart for recruiting Soldier General followed by one day each for Soldier Technical and Soldier Clerk and one and a half days for Soldier Tradesmen, he said.

Transparent process

Brig Dalvi said the recruitment would be held in a transparent manner and advised the applicants not to approach any agent or tout after paying money.

The whole process had been automated after biometric registration and every step of the selection process would be done after verification of biometric registration, he said.

“The entire selection process is open and no one can influence the process,” Brig Dalvi said and thanked the district administration for the wonderful arrangements for the rally.

Assistant Superintendent of Police S. Sarvesh Raj has been deputed to coordinate with army officials during the rally.

As part of the screening process, the eligible candidates would be tested in Physical Fitness Tests (PFTs) such as 1.6-km-long run for endurance, pull ups on beam for strength, crossing ditch for courage and zig-zag balance for agility.