

## **LoC trade conference in IoK from Tuesday**

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ISLAMABAD: The New Delhi-based Centre for Dialogue and Reconciliation (CDR) is organising a three-day LoC trade conference in Indian occupied Srinagar (IoS) from Tuesday.

A statement of CDR issued in IoS said that the delegates from Azad Jammu and Kashmir would also participate in the three-day conference "Cross LoC Trade, Regional Development: Opportunities and Challenges," Kashmir Media Service reported.

The conference would explore the future possibilities, opportunities and challenges of the trade by bringing together the stakeholders from both sides of the Line of Control (LoC).

The statement said that the conference would assess the socio-economic impact of the cross-LoC trade over the years with a view to bring about greater synergy between the traders and the concerned government departments. It said that the conference would look at general as well as specific issues related to the cross-LoC trade.

The statement said that the conference would look at the changing dynamics in Indo-Pak trade relations and the liberalization of trade that would come into effect shortly and its possible impact on the LoC trade.

It said that the conference would also come up with concrete recommendations for meaningful changes to the trade. "The recommendations would be compiled and submitted to the authorities of IoK, Azad Jammu and Kashmir, India and Pakistan," the statement said.