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Srinagar to host first cross-LoC traders' meet on July 10

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Srinagar, July 8: The Centre for Dialogue and Reconciliation (CDR), New Delhi, is organising a three-day conference on “Cross LoC Trade, Regional Development: Opportunities and Challenges”.

The conference starting from July 10 at SK International Convention Centre, here, shall have participants from both sides of the LoC.

A delegation from PaK in this connection will arrive here on July 9, KNS, a local news agency, quoting CDR handout said.

“The conference was conceived in view of the importance of the Cross-LoC trade and its socio-economic impact on Kashmir,” it said.

Pertinently, the CDR has kept a constant focus on the cross LoC trade since its inception in 2008.

“The conference will explore future possibilities, opportunities and challenges of the trade by bringing together the stakeholders from both sides of the LoC”, it added.

60 participants representing various Trade & Business organizations of J&K & PaK are participating in the conference. These include representatives of Jammu & Kashmir Joint Chambers of Commerce (JKJCCI), Kashmir and Jammu Chambers of Commerce and Industries, Federation of Industries of Kashmir and Jammu, Cross-LoC Traders Associations from Salamabad and Poonch.

The delegation from PaK includes representatives of JKJCCI, Chambers of Commerce of Muzaffarabad, Mirpur, Bhimber, Kotli and LoC Traders Associations of Rawalakot, Hajira and Muzaffarabad.

Representatives of FICCI are also among the participants.

Since the opening of LoC for trade, this is the first time that the Traders from both sides of LoC would be meeting together in Jammu-Kashmir State.

The conference envisages a series of outcomes: The conference will 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.