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Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao inaugurated the Apple Development Centre in Hyderabad, Telangana along with the technology major's CEO Mr. Tim Cook and IT Minister Sri KT Rama Rao.

The inaugural event began with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp at WaveRock campus in the IT Corridor of capital city of Telangana. With this, Hyderabad became home to the largest tech development center of Apple Inc outside of US. The event also marks the fact that Hyderabad is now home to four of the top five most valued tech companies' largest offices outside USA. The other being Google, Microsoft and Amazon.

Speaking on the occasion Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrashekar Rao said, "We are honoured Apple chose Hyderabad as a home for its Maps development office" adding, "This will create thousands of jobs here and is a testament to our proactive approach, quality infrastructure and the excellent talent base we have in the region."

"Apple is focused on making the best products and services in the world and we are thrilled to open this new office in Hyderabad which will focus on Maps development," said Tim Cook, Apple's CEO. "The talent here in the local area is incredible and we are looking forward to expanding our relationships and introducing more universities and partners to our platforms as we scale our operations. This investment will accelerate Maps development and create up to 4,000 jobs." The new facility at the Waverock campus will provide a world-class, LEED-certified home for the expanding Maps team.

Sri KT Rama Rao, Minister for IT said, "Hyderabad is one of the best cities in India in terms of cost of living, quality of living, human resources, infrastructure, proactive policies and ease of doing business. We have studied and imbibed best practices from across the world while preparing Industrial, ICT and other Policies."

Elaborating on the Industrial Policy, Sri KT Rama Rao requested Mr. Tim Cook to consider building Apple's own campus in Hyderabad and make Telangana the destination for the manufacturing of Apple products in the future.

The Minister also sought Apple's partnership with Telangana Government in Innovation and strengthening T-Hub for mutual growth.

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