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Dear Devotees of the Hindu Temple of Siouxland (HTOS),

Namaste!

We are honored to share some exciting news!

As you know, we conducted the Bhoomi pooja for our temple on August 7th, 2016. On 22nd February 2017, we discussed finalizing a date for starting our temple construction. Initially, June 4th was announced as the start date during the Holi celebration event on March 11th. Per the HTOS bylaws, an ad hoc Construction Committee consisting of members from the Executive Committee and Board of Trustees was formed. Although we faced some delays, our 9-year dream is about to come true soon.

The construction budget for Phase-I of the Temple is \$359,000/- for a 3219 sq.ft. building located at 46656, 270th St, Tea, SD – 57064. Lowell's Inc. has been contracted to build the temple for us with a \$249,000 loan from First Bank & Trust along with \$117,000 cash in hand. Lowell's has estimated the delivery in Spring 2018, although this timeline may change based on the weather. We will be holding a "groundbreaking" ceremony at the site on **Saturday, November 18th at 1 PM** with brief prayers and distribution of sweets. We hope as many of you as can join us will do so on this auspicious occasion.

While the construction is in progress, weather permitting, we plan to have several scheduled site meet-ups so that you may see the progress in action, get clarifications on any queries, and provide your valuable input. We will keep you posted on the schedule in the coming months. Meanwhile, we plan to update construction progress and significant milestones through our website <http://htos.online> and through periodic email. If you have any queries or clarifications, please reach us through hindutemple.sd@gmail.com. Our temple needs your contributions through donations, creative ideas and volunteer time, especially at this critical juncture. For those who have been toiling tirelessly for years to realize our dream, we thank you on behalf of the community. For those who have not had the opportunity yet, we invite you to join us in this effort. If you would like to volunteer, donate to the cause and/or witness Executive Committee or Board of Trustees meetings, please let us know.

As we move forward with the construction of the first Hindu Temple in the Dakotas, we request that you kindly consider donating generously towards the construction and maintenance of our temple. Please contact the Fundraising Committee to discuss how to contribute or donate through the temple website. Please keep in mind that all donations to the temple are tax deductible.

God Bless!

Sincerely,

Archana Chatterjee

Chair – Board of Trustees

Saravanan Vedhachalam

President – Executive Committee