

# **Shree Tavdi Gramy Sudharak Mandal, NZ**

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Secretary: Javerbhai Naran      Wellington, New Zealand

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## ***Report on Sudharak Mandal Meeting held on 2 November 2003***

1. Apologies recieved: Parbhu Chhagan, Raman Chhagan, Navnit Morar.
2. Attendees: Naranbhai Budhia, Naranbhai Makan, Mohanbhai Naran, Bhikubhai Jeram, plus over 25 Tavidiya from Wellington
3. Naranbhai Makan Chairperson of the Shri Ram Mandir and Samaj Mandir Navsarjan Committee gave a report on the Pranpratishta Puja and on recent news from Tavdi. Naranbhai gave an account from the demolition of the old Ram Mandir, the bhumi puja, through to the Pranpratishta Puja wedi. He spoke of how expenses had gone over budget due to deeper foundations, using higher quality sand, bricks, metal, marble, doors, hardware, plumbing and electrical fittings than specified in the quotation. Changes in the aakar appearance of the main gumat and the increase in size of the Samaj Mandir hall also increased the cost. Even with these extras the cost is still less than the original estimate of Rs 65 lakh (6.5 million rupees). Income from interest on short term investment of the donations had helped. The project is almost complete with only the painting, donors board, landscaping, fencing, gate and water tank still remaining to be done. Naranbhai explained why The Pranpratishta Puja wedi was held early because of an impending inauspicious Goudawary period. This would have meant the mandir and idols could not be used and would lie idle in storage until 2005