

## NVK Parties

### Diwali Party 2007

8<sup>th</sup> November 2007.

A special Diwali party was held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2007. Table was decorated for the occasion. Harshad Patel, Mayor of Brent, was invited as special guest, who gave a speech eulogising the achievements of the Kendra. After a delicious lunch, members participated in a game of bingo where prizes were given to winners. Over 130 members took part in the party.

### New Year & Anniversary Party

3rd January 2008

The Kendra held its New Year and First Anniversary party on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2008 when 110 members and guests attended the party. The stage was decorated for the occasion. After early yoga session, and a delicious lunch, the party started with a version of *Kaun Banega Krorapati*. Rashmi Desai came especially at our invitation to present the show. Mahendra Kothary was in the chair. Questions were hilarious and the audience enjoyed the show. This was followed by a group game called “*Pass the Garland.*”

### Farewell Party :

25<sup>th</sup> September 2008

A party was held on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2008, our last day at Sayer Centre. With increased membership, the committee decided to move to Sangam Centre. Appreciation and gratitude were expressed for the great contribution made by Manick Choraria for letting us the use of Sayer Centre and how that had helped in the formation of the Kendra. Manick Choraria was made an honorary patron of the Kendra, and was presented with a plaque and a letter of appreciation.

### Gandhi Jayanti – at Sangam :

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2008.

Our first day at the new venue was the Gandhi birthday. A small celebration was arranged. Vinod Kapashi recited some Gandhi stories, and favourite bhajans. A short trailer of a real Gandhi incident was shown on screen. The publicity for our move to Sangam, the expectations raised by the new venue, attracted almost 275 members and guests to this party. While the Gandhi Jayanti programme was good, rest of the function became chaotic.

### Diwali Party – 2008.

30<sup>th</sup> October 2008.

This years Diwali Party followed the practice set during the previous year. After yoga, and a delicious lunch, a game of bingo was arranged. Magan and Adarsh Patel and Hansaben Mistry gave lots of prizes for the game. Over 150 members attended this first Diwali party in the new venue.