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## *What went Behind...*

Back to reality with a thud....? The reverberation of the school bell is enough to shake us out of the reverie we were immersed in during the summer vacation. Before we know, all good things always come to an end! So Aura wishes you a happy comeback from the retreat that you were cosily couched in for the past month.

The information that was fed by Mr. Jayshankar in the last meeting, when he spoke about the Right to Information Act was a trifle mind boggling. From his talk, we realized how information could empower and embolden us.

He started with a brief history of the Information Act and traced its history to its present 'avathaar'. It was an insight into the kind of research work that has to be done before taking a problem that rakes the public to the concerned officer in a particular department and the methods that should be diplomatically used while presenting it.

His power point presentation was rife with information about sheets to be used, questions to be asked, questionnaires to be prepared and samples of documents. What we thought was a cakewalk, proved not to be so! The Right to Information Act 2005 definitely provides the setting and gives us the accessibility to public authorities, promotes transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority and helps contain corruption. It is up to the public to make use of this important facility and work towards a corruption-free and progressive society.

## *Birthdays in June*


P. Mallika	03 - June	Usha Gouthaman	18 - June
L. Muthukala	04 - June	Radhika Vijay	19 - June
Najmunnisa Nazimuddin	10 - June	Ejula Mathew	19 - June
B. Sabari Suganya	13 - June	Shilpa Choudhari	20 - June
Padma Ramakrishnan	15 - June	Usha Kumar	22 - June
S. Geetha	16 - June	K. Geetha	25 - June
Subha Rengarajan	17 - June	A. Chitra	28 - June

*Date: Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2011*  
*Time : 10.30 Am*  
*Venue : Nanjai Hall, Hotel Sangam*

*Topic : Scrabble Mania*  
*Speaker : Mr. Christobher Amis*  
*Mr. Sathish Srinivas*

### *What lies ahead....*



Words have evolved through the ages alongside with the growth of humankind.  The placement of words created a language that helped man communicate in various ways—through literary creations like the epic poems of Ulysses and Odyssey that touched the soul, intellectual scientific presentations of Hawkins and Dr. Ramamoorthy and forceful speeches of Abraham Lincoln, Swami Vivekananda or even the infamous dictator Hitler that caused ripples in the history of our world.

Words have been the foundation on which our ancestors built great civilizations that remain the only source of reference. Most times we waste them in mindless drivel too. But there are many of us who wake up only to the Hindu or the Indian Express Crossword, indulge in any kind of word game while working on our PCs to get relief from the monotony of our professions and simply revel in a card game of Lexicon with our children.

This month we will introduce the board game of scrabble to the Auraites, an enjoyable experience with words that was invented by an architect Alfred Mosher Butts in 1948. Discover the joy of playing with words through the most popular word game that people around the world engage themselves in.

#### **THE RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT, 2005**

No. 22 of 2005

[15th June, 2005]

**An Act to provide for setting out the practical regime of right to information for citizens, to secure access to information under the control of public authorities, in order to promote transparency and accountability in the working of every public authority, the constitution of a Central Information Commission and State Information Commissions and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.**