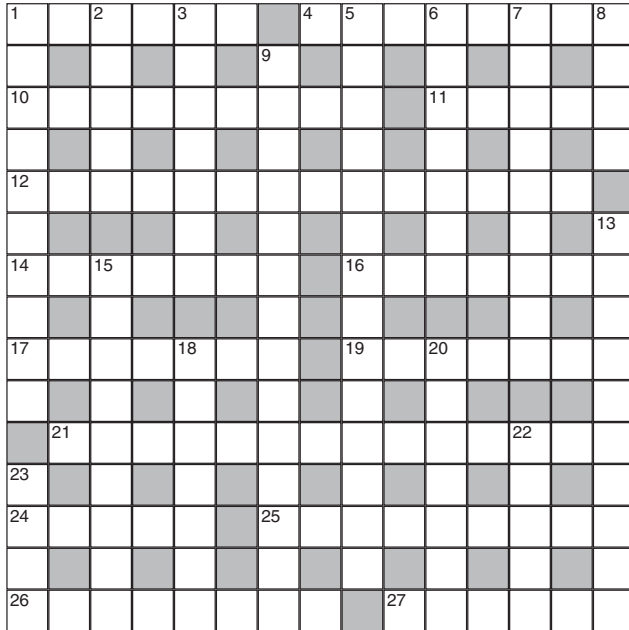


# The Hindu Crossword No. 2549



## Across

- 1 Fit to eat from deli? Be prepared! (6)
- 4 Get along somehow in motorcycle trial (8)
- 10 No longer needed to go on and on about backing exposed duke (9)
- 11 Excuse used by criminal I birched (5)
- 12 Beginning to treat crank (8,6)
- 14 Policeman, fellow I wanted in newly-formed-force (7)
- 16 A scandal right at the heart of unfashionable period (7)
- 17 Animal, one in *Brewer* and dictionary, always (3,4)
- 19 Type of sandwich to eat is 'spread' (7)
- 21 There are pictures to be seen behind closed doors in one (6,8)
- 24 Council's last to reduce rent (5)
- 25 Plastered notices round front of orphanage, first in Milton Keynes? (9)
- 26 I, a setter, edited paper (8)
- 27 Key, for example, secreted in advance (6)

## Down

- 1 Peers go out together in part of London (5,5)
- 2 At home, financial assistance is raised for an Asian country (5)
- 3 Harebrained, messing about in a cult (7)
- 5 Might Sweeney Todd have been caught red-handed wielding one? (3-6, 5)
- 6 Opposed commander in street (7)
- 7 Excellent flatfish — a number spotted in it (9)
- 8 Extremely unpleasant in the village (4)
- 9 Warren is worried, shows concern about head of really famous film studio (6,8)
- 13 Famous bracelet mislaid by editor (10)
- 15 Bird — cuckoo flies mostly by day to Far East (9)
- 18 Mount always best without blinkers? (7)
- 20 Woodland plant — one bearing exotic name (7)
- 22 Run sleazy bar bordering river (5)
- 23 Fool about on set (4)

## Solution No. 2548

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