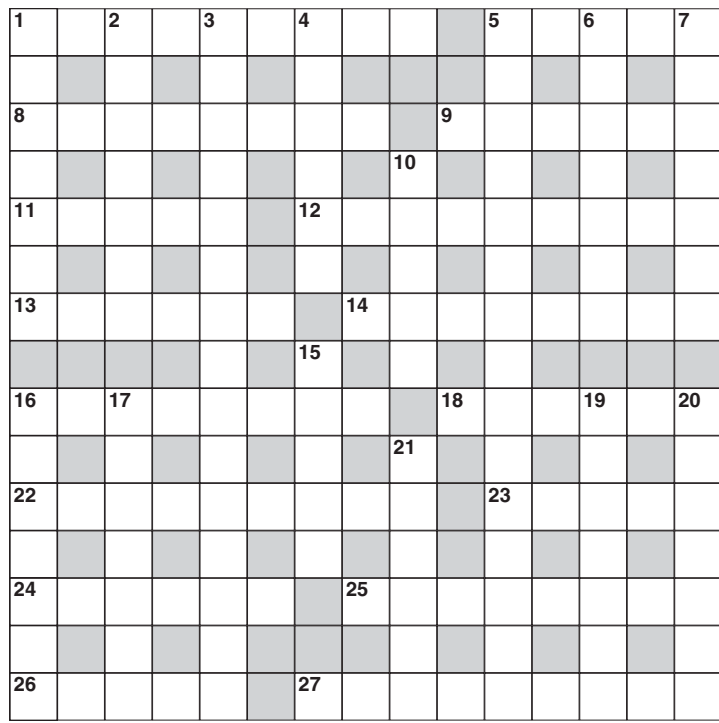


# The Hindu Crossword 7961



## Across

- 1 Trainer, straddling cracked rock, finds insect (9)
- 5 Excited ambassador, for instance, laid back (3,2)
- 8 A diet not designed as a cure for poison (8)

- 9 Approach to a tree-lined street (6)
- 11 Elevation (one by hundred) in a kind of lens (5)
- 12 Revolution cut short: a friend finds an artificial sweetener (9)
- 13 Uncommonness — right, it is in a beam (6)

14 Girl with awful secret is diplomatic (8)

16 Handrail for old runner, say (8)

18 Disintegrating sphere causes skin disease (6)

22 Rescue vehicle that may be chased by brief-hunting lawyer (9)

23 Immature creature, something of a dissimilar variant (5)

24 Labour groups in marriages (6)

25 To see dog in trouble is to lose vigour (2,2,4)

26 Part of foot exposed in a swank leotard (5)

27 Nonconformist is dispatched in the custody of the German (9)

5 Keep a prison guard free? Be mad! (4,1,5,5)

6 A ship's capacity to irritate in the north-east (7)

7 Stop before opening (7)

10 Certificate, originally school certificate, with last words (5)

15 Girl's upset by laxative (5)

16 Display of daring by brother with distinctive air accepting victory (7)

17 Club puts bishop, 51, in stir (7)

19 Tense but faultless (7)

20 Scattered points left and right, that is defamation (7)

21 Earnest but heartless, watery (6)

## Down

- 1 A document like the Magna Carta (7)
- 2 Food supplier rebuilds terrace (7)
- 3 See licensed tour diverted and render speechless (6,2,7)
- 4 Assault with a n-nail (6)

## Solution to puzzle 7960

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