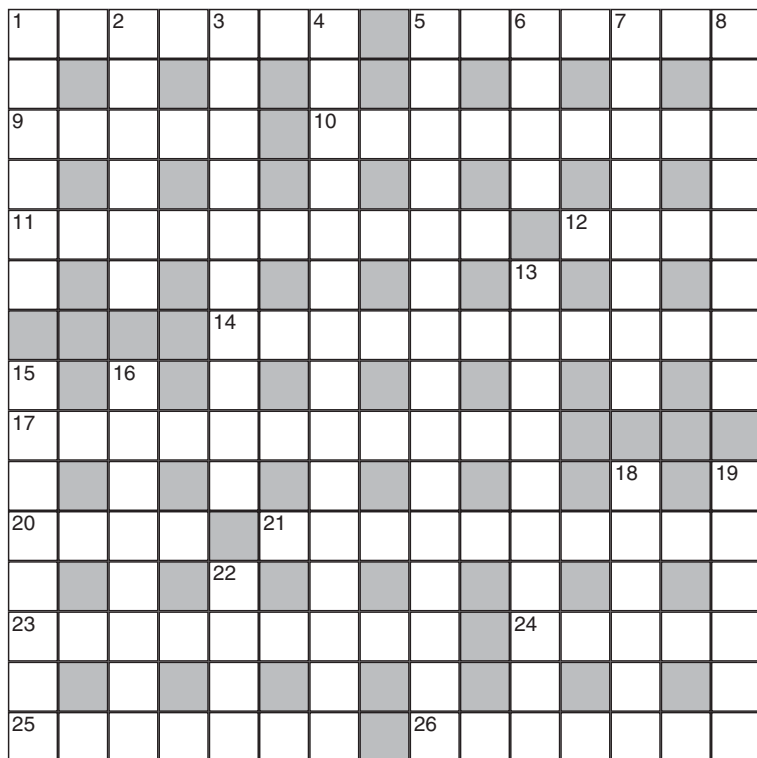


# The Hindu Crossword No. 2561



## Across

- 1 A month in lodge, a sure-fire winner (4,3)
- 5 Metal grille in neat pub (4,3)
- 9 Change the last word, last in ballad (5)
- 10 Novelist in forest, following one (9)
- 11 Some in labour dispute choose bar round the centre of Exeter (6,4)
- 12 Net used in game show (4)
- 14 Besottedness shown by a fan out in it, excited (11)
- 17 Get in touch with the French about new visual aid (7,4)
- 20 Short informal letter college rejected (4)
- 21 Clarinet playing in extremely memorable commercial (10)
- 23 On first of pages, a migrant dicky bird (9)
- 24 Trunk and spreading roots (5)
- 25 Elegant pen is held in left hand (7)
- 26 Narrow lake shown in poster (7)

## Down

- 1 Scallywag, one getting large prawns (6)
- 2 Charge exorbitantly for wool (6)
- 3 Bird coming from shift on Rhode Island paper's upset (10)
- 4 Unexpectedly alters fortnight for tug of war (5,2,8)
- 5 Responsible for the emotional outbursts out of public view (6,3,6)
- 6 Left out on vessel for a carefree adventure (4)
- 7 Made tame remark, initially, getting permission to enter African country (6-2)
- 8 Hen's dark — unusual bird (8)
- 13 Chaotic times at one dwelling place (10)
- 15 A strong drink bites, as one who's had too much might say? (8)
- 16 Unstable dyes aunt mixed (8)
- 18 Hunter quick-thinking? Not half with gun (6)
- 19 French artist in US city, one on river (6)
- 22 One politician, one with group of warriors (4)

## Solution No. 2560

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