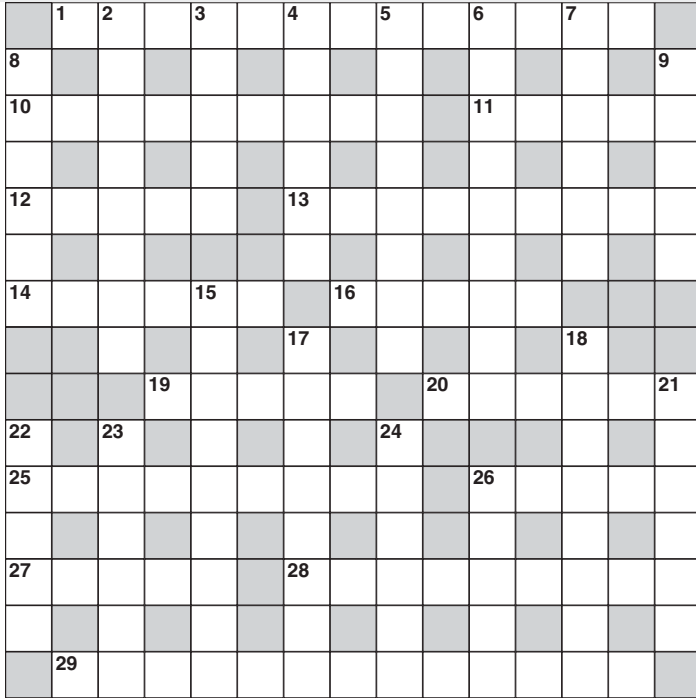


The Hindu Crossword 8097



Across

- 1** An aid in the democratic process, but it cannot by itself determine the option (6,7)
10 Detective exerting influence (9)

- 11** "Message received and understood", says the wireless operator (5)
12 Instrument in a Cuban joint (5)
13 Fighter in old Rome, happy in the beginning? (9)

- 14** It makes the tailor's point (6)
16 Stupid chap in ship gets bullets (5)
19 Extract metals from one — initially silver, mercury, einsteinium, lithium and titanium (5)
20 Hulled and crushed grain that ovines take right in (6)
25 Annual events that the elderly may prefer to forget (9)
26 Intrepid Indian (5)
27 Prospective soldier acted funny (5)
28 He dares pa to provide the lead (9)
29 Ships engaged in commerce make the trader fast (8,5)

Down

- 2** Love a tennis star shows for a flowering plant (8)
3 What a larva may become eventually (5)
4 Chap from, say, England in South America may smile broadly and quit (6)
5 Likely to listen to the last word, the French accept sailor (8)
6 Herald hearing British ranting (9)
7 Invalidate information thrown up at earl (6)

- 8** A spool for little Robert, born at home (6)
9 Ten million for chromium source mineral (5)
15 Sluggish sort of tissue that produces a kind of white blood cells (9)
17 Confusion, entirely on the main (3,2,3)
18 Kannada that was (8)
21 Command to racers to get set (6)
22 A taxi capsizes on a plant-source of hemp (5)
23 Curb the wife to be accepting a pound (6)
24 Agreement on a reported upward movement (6)
26 Mineral that went to the coronet in Conan Doyle's work (5)

Solution to puzzle 8096

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