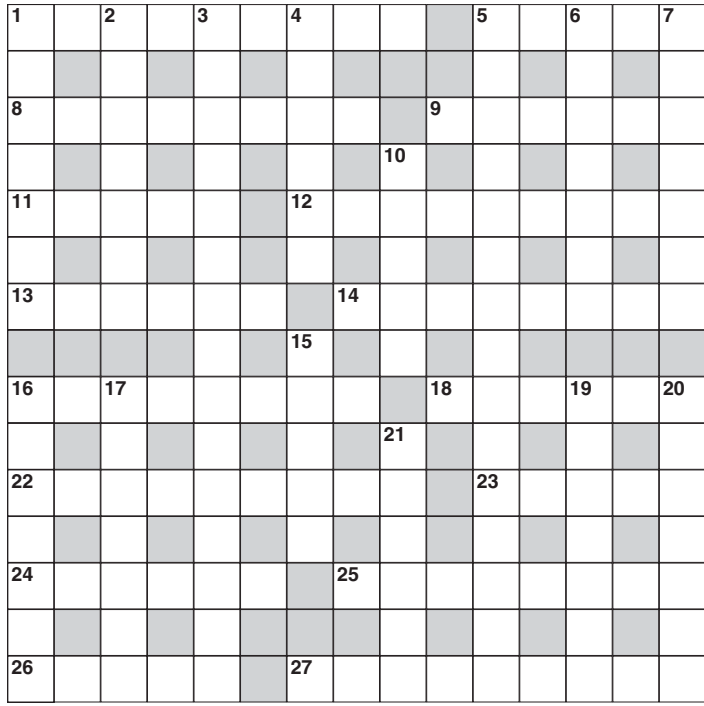


The Hindu Crossword 8123



Across

- 1 Vital ingredient of 'filter coffee' (9)
- 5 The advent of the mobile has made it a near discard (5)
- 8 Socialist reportedly on drugs, losing weight (8)

- 9 Hard metal, brittle as bone: mother holds one (6)
- 11 Drum with good French pep (5)
- 12 Most valuable assistant, even for a southpaw (5-4)
- 13 Shutter of note: yield varies (6)

- 14 Oxford sportsman and ringer get flower (8)
- 16 It gives the footballer a chance to rest a while (4-4)
- 18 Preserve a way with a false report (6)
- 22 He serves drinks with skill in a drinking bout (9)
- 23 Schumacher's car (5)
- 24 Wobble like an alien in a funny tree (6)
- 25 Ritual washing for remission of sin, releasing Sol (8)
- 26 Attempt, good man, a secret meeting (5)
- 27 Deterioration seen in the heart of a wench in ten years (9)

- 5 Haunted stars hope endlessly to dance and collect money for a cause (4,3,3,5)
- 6 Ugly expression on the face of a girl who has swallowed one drop of Madeira (7)
- 7 Give new shape to sitter following religious education (7)
- 10 A soldier the French found to be nimble (5)
- 15 Organic compound made one tipsy (5)
- 16 Routine practice upset volunteers in the natural abode (7)
- 17 Theft, a real NYC variety (7)
- 19 At which the buyer pays the highest possible price (7)
- 20 Confound by a gender problem (7)
- 21 Means of communication in a Demerara bicentenary (6)

Down

- 1 Bad rule: however, long-lasting (7)
- 2 Fall in pitch of the voice of 27 losing starters (7)
- 3 Stout chicken, one gone crazy, is an unwelcome intruder (6,2,3,4)
- 4 Disregard any hidden sign or emblem here (6)

Solution to puzzle 8122

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