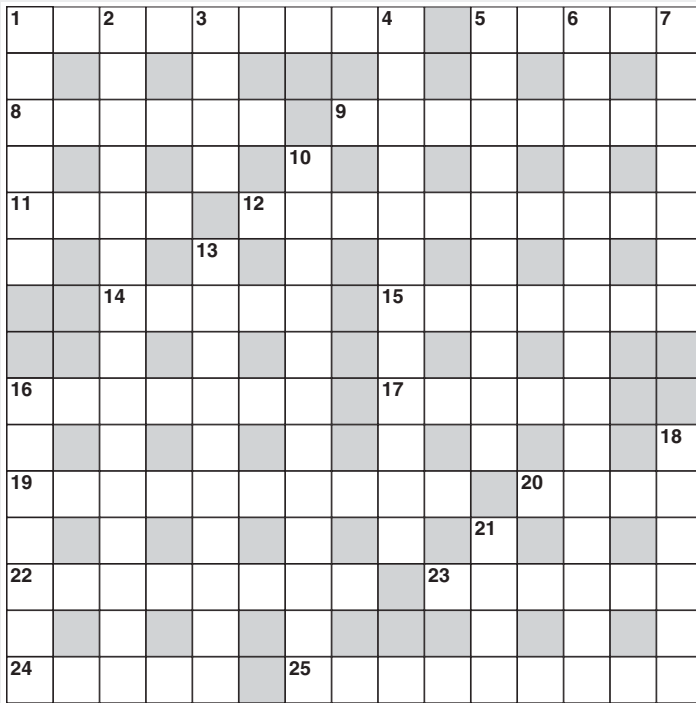


# The Hindu Crossword 8149



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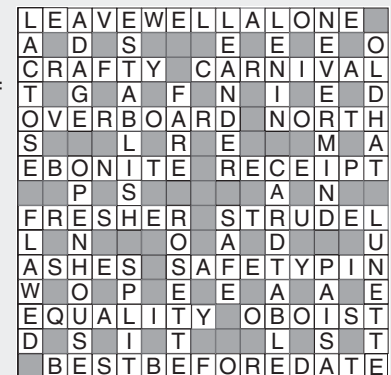
- 1 Such payment is upfront (2,7)  
 5 French friend leaves friendly message (5)  
 8 Book of sacred songs (6)

- 9 Having the same molecular formula, rice is scattered around center of Rome (8)  
 11 Sway back and ogle (4)  
 12 Strong and healthy, like a seaman (4-6)

- 14 English dunked in great lake: frightening (5)  
 15 Soldier with maturity, right chap to control things (7)  
 16 Player without company? (7)  
 17 State of Arun going round the bend (5)  
 19 Not dealing with the art of government in oil capital is odd (10)  
 20 Man who suggests that something is not important (4)  
 22 Stupid people broadcast plug about male (8)  
 23 Bachelor leaves Roman administrative building to find quartz (6)  
 24 Request, in a backward way, for things to do (5)  
 25 Ceiling collapse on the outskirts of Davanagere: attention and care needed (9)

- 5 Ordinary word referring to each member of a class not proper, but nothing improper in it (6,4)  
 6 Critical matter relating to fire? (7,8)  
 7 He puts messages in cipher (7)  
 10 Sailor dispatched, disliked being forgetful (6,6)  
 13 Intelligence shown by young Elizabeth going over command to troops to take their position (10)  
 16 Something with which to fasten securely an aquatic creature on worker (7)  
 18 Wipe out notes on dial (6)  
 21 Mark of engagement not resulting when the phone is busy (4)

## Solution to puzzle 8148



## Down

- 1 Devil, in the manner of an antelope (6)  
 2 Book bidding goodbye to members? (1,8,2,4)  
 3 Exploit American state legislator (4)  
 4 Festive time in a monastery: editor briefly excited (6,6)

