

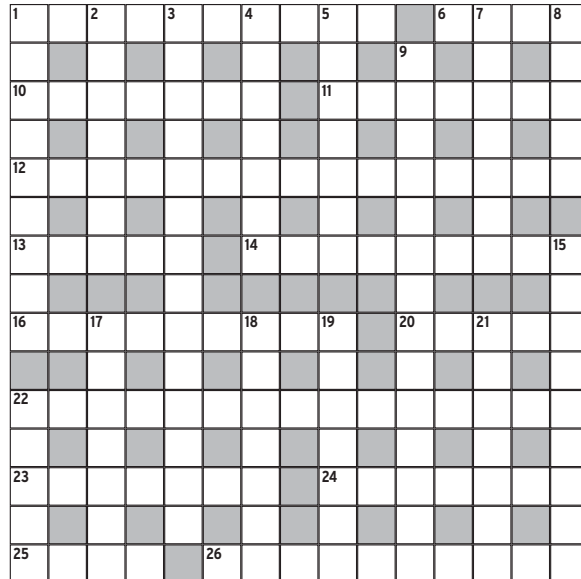
# The Hindu Crossword No. 2656

## Across

- 1 Blame Sean, a bad sailor (4,6)  
 6 Junk mail – plans for circulation (4)  
 10 Fury about National Trust exercising power (7)  
 11 Small child has unusual dread of cheese (7)  
 12 Start from scratch and cook – banquets are difficult! (4,2,6,3)  
 13 What's used by parrot? A long claw (5)  
 14 Fool, one who chooses to become a pedantic fault-finder (9)  
 16 Flying to a place inhabited by king and queen (9)  
 20 Despicable person, close to forty, grovelling (5)  
 22 Major here in Georgia (7,8)  
 23 Girl and boy have to become calm (3,4)  
 24 Bizarre, as ruler? Awfully (7)  
 25 Leader of expedition on free trip (4)  
 26 Caravans may follow it, a winding detour during endlessly long hard journey (5,5)

## Down

- 1 A reptile seizing bait at sea, like a dolphin? (9)  
 2 Soldier in pub is rational (7)  
 3 One providing reports on sports day? (8,6)  
 4 Handy worker, painter, hasn't finished on article (7)  
 5 Description of a nobleman, we hear (7)  
 7 Tramp cut off in enclosed field (7)  
 8 Start to signal in additional code (5)  
 9 This should be used when driving off at first (4-4,6)  
 15 Colour of your label originally (5,4)  
 17 Boffin using short gadget he developed (7)  
 18 See some of orchestra (in error) getting coach (7)  
 19 A large amount journalist collected (7)  
 21 Our dean translated poem (7)  
 22 Tree has less on top, having been pollarded (5)



## Solution No. 2655

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