

THE HINDU CROSSWORD 8729

Across

- 1 Shocks with surprise as a good man beheads dogs (8)
- 5 Experts on southern musical instruments (6)
- 9 Former wife making a reference is thrilling (8)
- 10 Presents with a bias bracelets with top worn off (6)
- 12 Food and drink for the legislative body? (4)
- 13 Writes quickly: "Senate's nod dissipates" (5,1,4)
- 15 It may go into a box containing 5 (6)
- 17 The woman is with *The Economic Times*, the paper (5)
- 20 Rare display around one frame for drying clothes (5)
- 21 First of sacred rites modified for relative (6)
- 24 The French chaps' list is sad (10)
- 27 I am recalling Mother to the Muslim priest (4)
- 29 Surrenders produces (6)
- 30 Somehow save business in petroleum jelly (8)
- 31 Wave list with hesitation (6)
- 32 Beat like mad for electrical insulator, maybe (8)

Down

- 1 It takes time and organisation for a meeting to go through this (6)
- 2 This ensures admission to an event (6)
- 3 How Ruskin's novel title begins? (4)
- 4 Closely crowded together in studies, we hear (5)
- 6 The man has the girl coming up in colour (5)
- 7 Turn to reinvest in a similar fund (4,4)
- 8 They are thought to have committed crimes (8)
- 11 They sum up dangers in the garden (6)
- 14 It is the key in an Alistair Maclean novel (4)

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- 16 Sad, maids fall for the unknown (6)
- 17 One who perceives visually (4)
- 18 One who accosts you on the street – a hen, perhaps (8)
- 19 Credit mantra to a spring in Connecticut (8)
- 22 Cleverly trims one group of Hindu writings (6)
- 23 Mother comes up with French father and physicist (6)
- 25 Approach dug-out in the North-East (5)
- 26 Lash out at a capital (5)
- 28 Nothing more than a boundary marker (4)

Solution to Puzzle 8728

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