

THE HINDU CROSSWORD 8783

Across

- 1 Don't begin to assert spokesperson needs wine (8)
 5 Reconstruction of deli defeated (6)
 9 Force makes newspapers rue bad treatment (8)
 10 Tactless movement by ace. Ugh! (6)
 12 Othello, for one, moving back to space (4)
 13 Work hard at something till drops fall off? (5,2,3)
 15 Waiter in a drive-in restaurant refurbishes a porch (6)
 17 Burning with intent, boy goes after topless vehicle (5)
 20 A beat, if messed up, will become less intense (5)
 21 Commands against the third of agents being involved in rigging of votes (6)
 24 The way to go to a main highway (6,4)
 27 Disparaging remark made in crass, lurid style (4)
 29 Marie's distributed multitudes (6)
 30 A head of family speaking readily of becoming wealthy (8)
 31 Canopy beginning to appear? Not beginning! (6)
 32 Praise is more lacking in flavour, close to incredulity (8)

Down

- 1 Snakes hesitate to be caught by very important persons (6)
 2 Animal broke away around the eastern end of grange (6)
 3 Nothing to put into service on the English river (4)
 4 Hurl not close to the tier (5)
 6 All right to be on a good animal (5)
 7 As closer as it could be to the game (8)
 8 Singing a musical composition for two as often in Indian films (8)
 11 Find fault with alien floor-covering (6)

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- 14 Supply installation of low value? (4)
 16 Cleans with a vacuum cleaner – with ring lost, lingers (6)
 17 Sage wanders around for a long period of time (4)
 18 Royal mascot of Air India (8)
 19 Timekeeper – fellow who keeps guard (8)
 22 Overcharge for wool? (6)
 23 Very pleasing (6)
 25 Harsh novelist is heard (5)
 26 It's legal: no learner is offensive (5)
 28 Scheme soft on many (4)

Solution to Puzzle 8782

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