

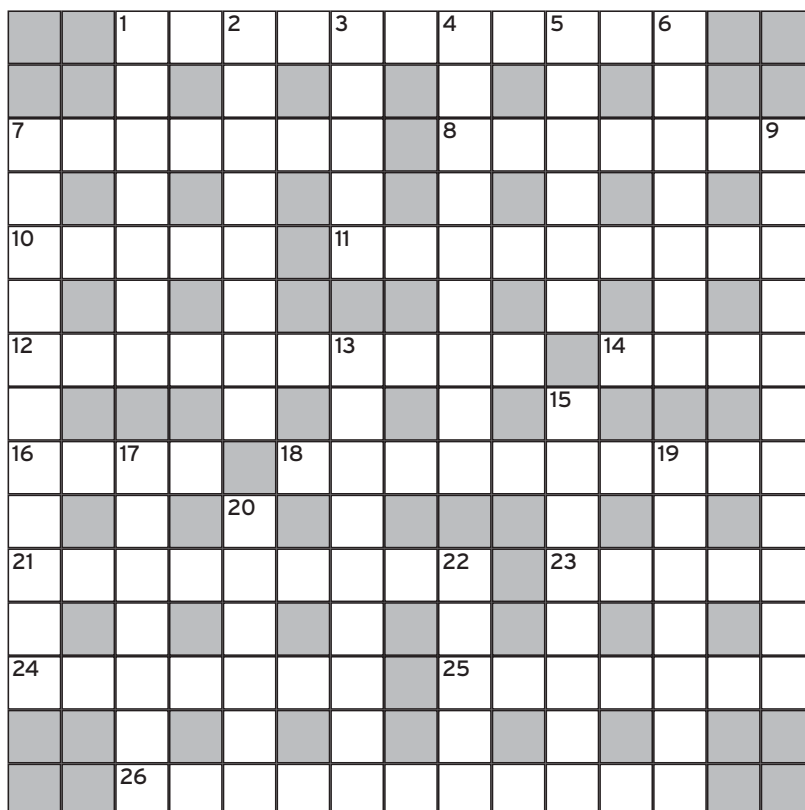
# The Hindu Crossword No. 2690

## Across

- 1 Gothic pile, mansion in US city (11)
- 7 Disastrous failure from second team ahead (5-2)
- 8 Face cloth and soft soap (7)
- 10 Very large chap, founder of the Ottoman Empire (5)
- 11 Fails to include part of roof covered by yobbo (6,3)
- 12 They blow steadily as craft zigzags (5,5)
- 14 Cow's complaint (4)
- 16 Fish in loch, a kelt (4)
- 18 Selfishly disparaging attitude shown by odd grouses about strike (4,6)
- 21 Knock it back in Iceland, brewed just the same (9)
- 23 Staff surrounding old boat (5)
- 24 Hybrid fruit tasted initially by Italian boy (7)
- 25 Religious ceremony bishop is at, and PM, surprisingly (7)
- 26 Headgear, ridiculous hat on master (3,8)

## Down

- 1 Snake seen round bazaar ultimately linked to one instrument (7)
- 2 As things are, working with the German, it isn't surprising (2,6)
- 3 Throw out fish, including indefinite number purchased originally (5)
- 4 Snake a theologian discovered in steam engine (4,5)
- 5 Packed tight (6)
- 6 Tatty jeans worn by Ordinary Seaman in US city (3,4)
- 7 Neat move capturing rook gets summary treatment (5,6)
- 9 After lucky escapes, the players give vent to anger (3,3,5)
- 13 Peevish after golf club medal (4,5)
- 15 Expert on cannabis, crazy type (8)
- 17 Number having sly look over angler's item (7)
- 19 Girl in PR points to dossier (7)
- 20 Fly, move fast crossing river (6)
- 22 Beginning to lose – one supporter makes a sign (5)



## Solution No. 2689

