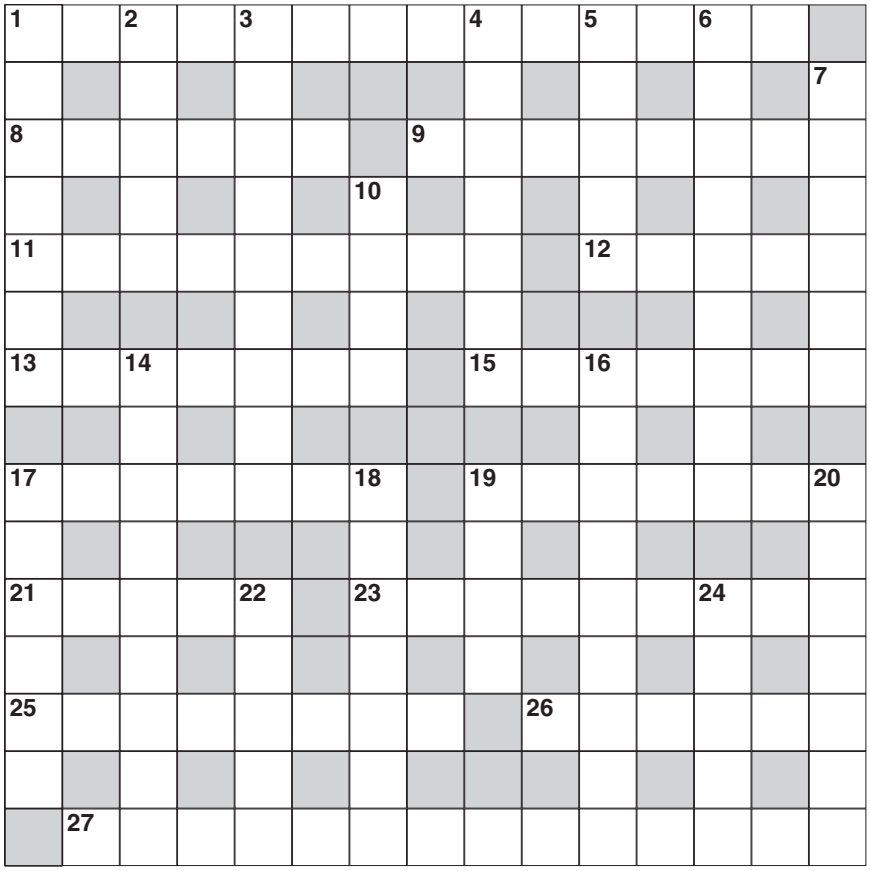
THE HINDU CROSSWORD 8850



Across

1 There is nothing complicated about this return on investment (6,8)
8 Allowance for a speech failing to start (6)
9 Remarkable kind of number (8)
11 Honeyed words used in flattery (5,4)
12 Look! Teacher backs a primate (5)
13 Vessel with a crazy English master (7)
15 Plead for directions to play host (7)
17 Simenon's crime-buster (7)
19 Suppressed Pole was the first to contain endless quarrel (7)
21 A small growth in the body may mean depression (5)
23 What may be found on the front door — funny metal pane (9)
25 Tiny tree developed for timeless existence (8)
26 Effeminate American in college grounds (6)
27 Adjustable light for moles with appealing design (10,4)

Down

1 ISRO's so excited about a fleshy fruit (7)
2 Permit required for carrying a headdress (5)
3 In the circus, would he reduce a roar to a mew? (4,5)
4 A thin, irregular flow could deceive the French (7)
5 Lager brewed befitting a king (5)
6 A big star's reported deception is a device to harness natural energy (5,4)
7 In these days, dropping name is already programmed (6)
10 Two with a soft, distinctive appearance (4)
14 The recipe Anu prepared for a gourmet (9)
16 Part of the aircraft getting entangled in a tall pine (9)
17 Way to cook potatoes, for example, that mother gave up (6)
18 Item of clothing — to put over an armoured vehicle? (4,3)
19 A certain unspecified part in a transom exposed to view (4)
20 Improve the looks, put on very smart clothes (5,2)
22 Discussion group on penal reform (5)
24 Highest mark, first in Greek (5)

Solution to Puzzle 8849

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