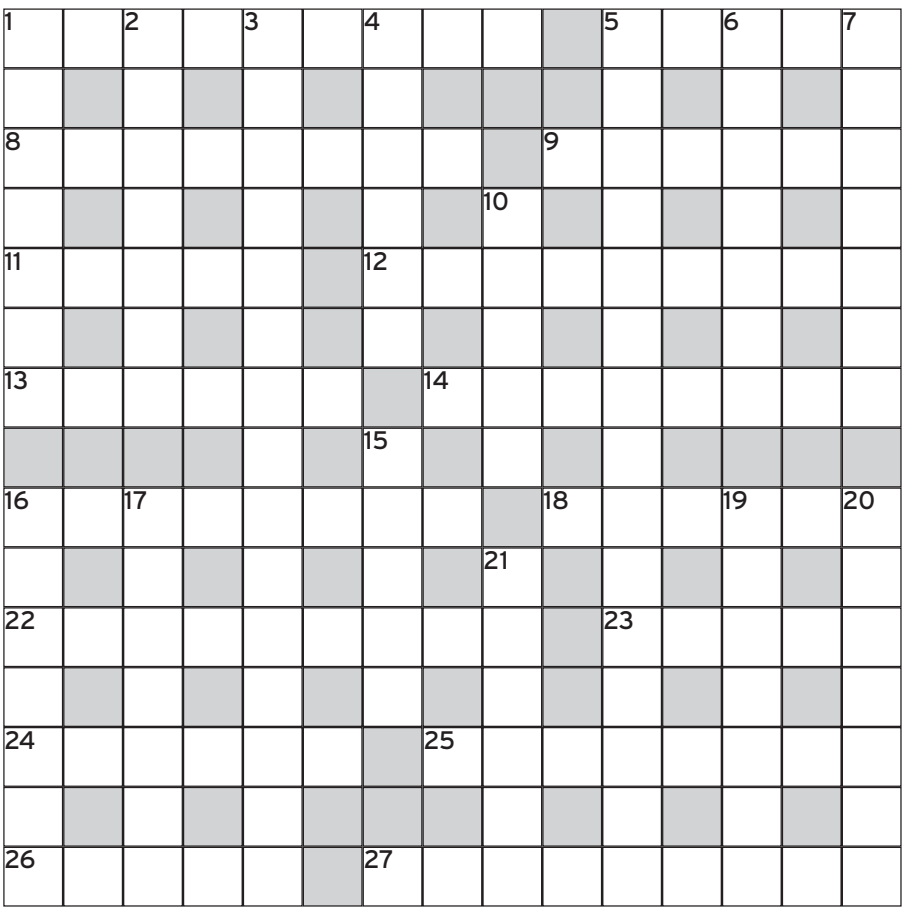
THE HINDU CROSSWORD 8959



Across

1 Beautiful girl carries a rejected tag for board game (9)
5 Member of Jewish sect obtains identification (5)
8 Worthless ornaments for crazy knitters (8)
9 Holiday island in Europe, home of famous American university (6)
11 Notes about some problem around capital of Montana (5)
12 Rustic dwelling popular with many rich people (9)
13 Mr. Indian redcap gets seafood (6)
14 Petition to the leaders of netizens to reverse agreement (8)
16 Opposed to corporeal form, it fights disease (8)
18 Self-interest, for example, is restricted by order (6)
22 Mad artist retrained as a playwright (9)
23 South Indian drum gets victory in the end (5)
24 Kind of camera used on TV to catch people unawares (6)
25 Halogen changes our new life (8)
26 Gesture by some stylish rugby players (5)
27 Culmination of a trial — it is what the arbiter reportedly intended (9)

Down

1 Soon, I'm beset and troubled (7)
2 Faint gleam as might be seen at the end of the tunnel (7)
3 Accept a bit of thrashing? That is hard to improve upon! (4,4,7)
4 The French gent is exonerated (3,3)
5 What the budding pianist tries to do — behave appropriately (3,3,5,4)
6 Utensil that Atul's pa broke (7)
7 Curtains for a copier in arid surroundings (7)
10 Second-grade place for skating at the edge of a precipice? (5)
15 Improvisation seen in a Hyderabad library (2,3)
16 Slaves of habit (7)
17 Teacher can retain right to change (7)
19 What is given by seller to buyer — orally? (7)
20 Most gentle leader of troops smiled mischievously (7)
21 I am, in a way, aged but showing no emotion (6)

Solution to puzzle 8958

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