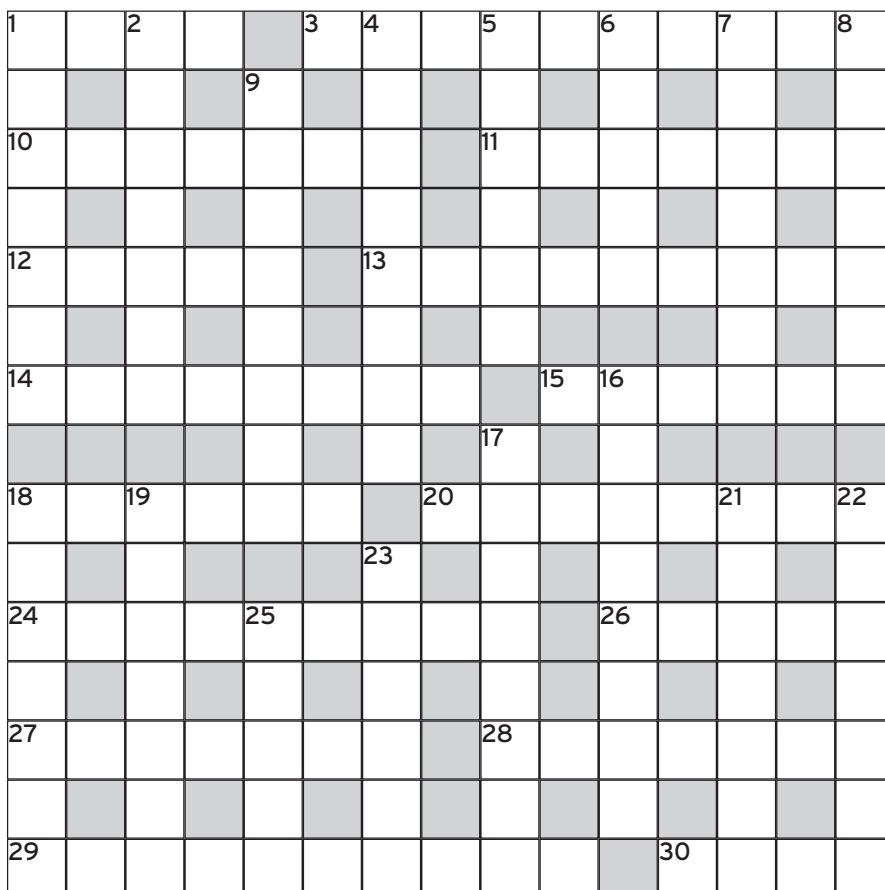


# THE HINDU CROSSWORD 8969

## Across

- 1 Ready to be gathered and consumed (4)  
 3 Calling for a military take-over (10)  
 10 Professional car firm takes the measure of a difficult question (7)  
 11 Kind of knitted lace made by hand with small needle (7)  
 12 Eighth Greek letter (5)  
 13 Flashy pointer? (9)  
 14 Sudden calamity (8)  
 15 Central cavity of external ear (6)  
 18 Be present to help (6)  
 20 Pieces of embroidery works on display (8)  
 24 Upgradation in favour of formal proposal (9)  
 26 On the top of something (5)  
 27 Backward tendency (7)  
 28 General pardon for little woman brandishing sten (7)  
 29 Watching what one says? (3,7)  
 30 Once powerful Russian monarch (4)



## Down

- 1 Generally well thought of (7)  
 2 Fighting capacity (7)  
 4 Caused to coalesce in one substance (8)  
 5 Higgledy-piggledy jumble (6)  
 6 It takes a cat to store things in the garret (5)  
 7 As an utter fool, I do it badly (7)  
 8 NW African region whose capital is Abuja (7)  
 9 Scours lists in civil engineer's contracts (8)  
 16 Find work modelling that's certainly not agreeable (8)  
 17 Hold a man in it, quite wrongly (8)  
 18 Clothing one uses to dress (7)  
 19 Makeshift substitute (7)  
 21 Shows up former assumed attitude (7)  
 22 Apparatus to sprinkle small drops of liquid (7)  
 23 Said to be prejudiced by favouritism (6)  
 25 See corpulent old boy (5)

## Solution to Puzzle 8968

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