

THE HINDU CROSSWORD 8970

Across

- 1 What a hero gets to play in a drama, perhaps (3,4,4)
- 9 Am back to point roughly at platform on a mast (7)
- 10 Riles somewhat about politician being more without guile (7)
- 11 Best sacked by the party (5)
- 12 Not what a slow earner makes (1,4,4)
- 13 Give up one caught by a surge (5)
- 15 Condemns word groups (9)
- 18 Does one who performs it never get into a knotty situation? (4,5)
- 21 Country not out to back help (5)
- 22 From where you cannot see properly in an auditorium (5,4)
- 24 The excuse that the absent-minded asks for? (5)
- 26 Choose alternative to back facsimile (7)
- 27 Two different vehicles make a taxi service (4-3)
- 28 Plied the spoon too much, perhaps (11)

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Down

- 1 Period when there is little peace (4,2,3)
- 2 Part of Benedictine order (5)
- 3 Outgoing person, nearly special and open (9)
- 4 They cover the heads too obviously (3,4)
- 5 Keep away from the sailor with blemish (7)
- 6 Persuade casual worker to be on time (5)
- 7 Walked emphatically with trimming touching the edge of

- debris (8)
- 8 Great journey in South Africa (4)
- 14 Admission by first person of having mated is weakened (8)
- 16 Itch Paine suffers in eye folds (9)
- 17 What an early riser would not want to overdo (4,2,3)
- 19 Plead for one politician with knowledge (7)
- 20 Unusually big task? What soldiers might shoulder (7)
- 22 Produced food, we're told (4)
- 23 Said in Paris to be the same (5)
- 25 Risk at home with a lowly fellow (5)

Solution to puzzle 8969

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