

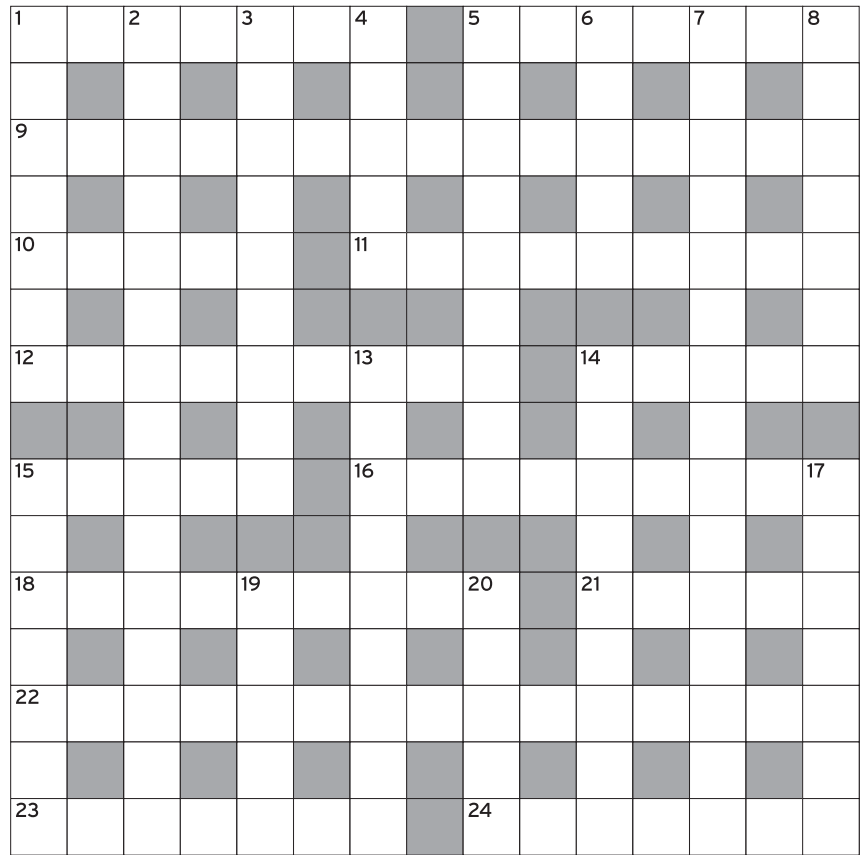
# The Hindu Crossword No. 2720

## Across

- 1 Tearing off, one offers no thanks (7)  
 5 Trade – fine one in craft at sea (7)  
 9 Instruction to the trainee bell-ringer, 22? (4,3,5,3)  
 10 A food flavouring chopped for a jelly (5)  
 11 Two phases involved in piecework factory, perhaps (9)  
 12 Girl after harp, mostly, or mouth organ (9)  
 14 Crooked? It can get one by! (5)  
 15 Bond actor getting extra round in (5)  
 16 Greet nice comic, full of beans (9)  
 18 Old English beverage the sheep farmer helps to produce? (9)  
 21 Time for work happened upon after retirement? (5)  
 22 Come off it! It's what the straight man may have said (4,4,2,5)  
 23 A NY cell disposed of without difficulty (7)  
 24 Drive in river? Harrington's first round ending in torment (3,4)

## Down

- 1 One stunner captivating male in charge (7)  
 2 A delay over staging opening night? (4,11)  
 3 Vegetable's heart, OK chopped up, served about one, cold (9)  
 4 Odds still short (5)  
 5 Where she will appear, given the right case? (5,4)  
 6 A well-bred fellow envoy (5)  
 7 The way a baby eats in poverty? (4,4,2,5)  
 8 Dilapidated car left in outskirts of city, at little cost (7)  
 13 Awkward choice associated with major sport (3,6)  
 14 A gun held by beautiful woman pointing at game (9)  
 15 Pleasant to listen to, MC introduces eastern pop hero to the north (7)  
 17 Decrepit person failing to finish fancy needlework (7)  
 19 Simple chap's offence – gets short time inside (5)  
 20 I'm entering illuminated border (5)



## Solution No. 2719

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