

THE HINDU CROSSWORD 9100

Across

- 1 With time, good girl gains a well-proportioned kind of figure (9)
- 5 Egyptian leader who had a seat around centre of Abadan (5)
- 8 With love, area is developed for plant (4,4)
- 9 Abandon backward artist in one month (6)
- 11 Architect Jones who was a trendy one, with vigour (5)
- 12 It provides steps for achieving new levels (9)
- 13 A quick look at the goose (6)
- 14 It increases the score, oddly, by around four (8)
- 16 Means of high level travel for the French, in taxi and motor (5,3)
- 18 Retreating police force acquired a tap (6)
- 22 Playful pal loses right? The devil! (9)
- 23 Argument puts the last of the men in loss of wealth (3,2)
- 24 Partner of licence in government once? (6)
- 25 Contaminate juice and get disease (8)
- 26 Co-founder of Rome portrayed in Mysore museum (5)
- 27 The foolishness of dismantling a dirty bus (9)

Down

- 1 There is sense in listening (7)
- 2 A zero input processed by an idealistic reformer (7)
- 3 A lover, seeing Saif in trouble, may behave in an affected manner (4,7,4)
- 4 The kind of clue to make the first of airmen angry (6)

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- 5 He takes the punches as the boxer's aide (8,7)
- 6 Intelligence Officer in a theatrical work, a three-dimensional scene (7)
- 7 Attempt to confine girl in leather unit (7)
- 10 Flier, performing with a stick (5)
- 15 Fruits of engagements (5)
- 16 One who applauds the striker of a bell (7)
- 17 Deer and sheep provide coarse material (7)
- 19 Source of oil for the chef in Chennai (7)
- 20 Sly teen slips in anxiety (7)
- 21 Principles of the perfectionist (6)

Solution to Puzzle 9099

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