

THE HINDU CROSSWORD 9142

Across

- 1 Hobbyist who would step on a district administrator (5,9)
- 8 Important song rendered by Srikanth emotionally (6)
- 9 Deep blue colour seen in an eastern nuclear explosion (8)
- 11 Mexican dish in a large hacienda, as ordered (9)
- 12 Article in Emergency Room used in surgery (5)
- 13 Say no to a downturn (7)
- 15 Scattered but can be used if treated with a bit of finesse (7)
- 17 Small American girl immortalised in an old song (7)
- 19 Sweetener, but not quite a refined one (7)
- 21 The preacher must have lost his head to commit this crime (5)
- 23 With black magic, Rau materialises a resin (3,6)
- 25 "America is God's – ..." (Zangwill, *The Melting Pot*) (8)
- 26 A flatfish not lacking oxygen in a strait of the English Channel (6)
- 27 They make bets on changing, the reason being ditto (2,3,4,5)

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Down

- 1 Reportedly find marijuana in marine alga (7)
- 2 A Mexican Indian in La Paz Technical University (5)
- 3 Accuracy in price is no oddity (9)
- 4 Name of islands given by old general, an attraction in retrospect (7)
- 5 Husband and wife left out in a two-door vehicle (5)
- 6 No closed doors in this party? (4,5)
- 7 False peacekeepers? Honestly! (6)
- 10 Secure place for valuables (4)

- 14 A detailed account of developments in law suits over failed duty (4,5)
- 16 To understand the future, I go travelling (6,3)
- 17 A brief spell for Poles at church (6)
- 18 Prayers for spiritual beings around university (7)
- 19 Crush black, upright member, part of door (4)
- 20 Aunty, travelling around California, gets to a part of Central America (7)
- 22 Animal cry heard from a barn eight metres away (5)
- 24 A crack that gets the snooker game going (5)

Solution to Puzzle 9141

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