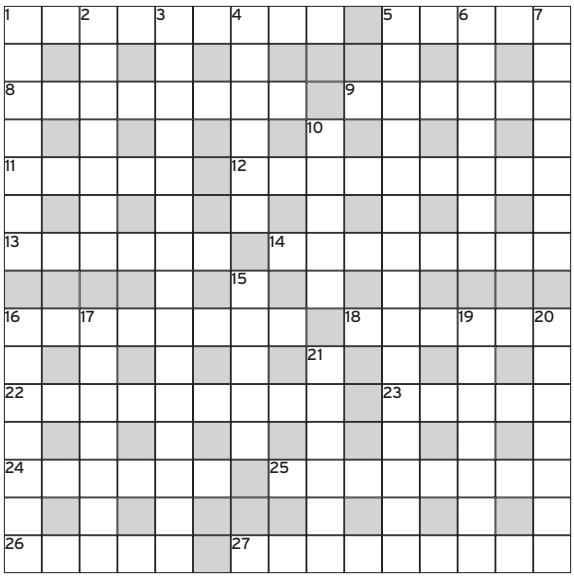
# THE HINDU CROSSWORD 9290



**Across**

1 Missile base, a plant (9)
5 First public appearance by leader of umpires steeped in arrears (5)
8 Credit, palatable and can be believed (8)
9 A doubly fine fish makes for a brawl (6)
11 Go and get some Mintoff etchings (5)
12 Having a picnic perhaps (6,3)
13 Such a knight would search for deeds of courage (6)
14 Penny, craftsperson, is biased (8)
16 Underestimate small rodents, say (8)
18 Potash wasted — pity! (6)
22 Form of government, a comedy CR exposed (9)
23 Shrill sound made by rupee in cash box (5)
24 Where to find a Central bank in a lot of water (6)
25 Nose-gripping spectacles! (5-3)
26 Announcer with a Military Cross, say (5)
27 Yeoman of the Guard, no vegetarian he! (9)

**Down**

1 The most feared enemy may ache for reform (4-3)
2 What a space traveller has to do when spent (2-5)
3 A scale to watch for the health conscious (8,7)
4 A portent about 49 people working on rigs (6)
5 In grammar. It is the sure thing (8,7)
6 Carts used in pub brawls (7)
7 Attempt a deception, as one would do with a new suit (3,2,2)
10 Ownerless, unknown crafts return (5)
15 Award for a big automobile (5)
16 Creatures of the sea made us dance with ecstasy (7)
17 In U.N., crime controlled using numbers (7)
19 It keeps top dressing in order (7)
20 Old Portuguese leader (7)
21 What the journalist likes to see — shopping advice, say? (2-4)

**Solution to puzzle 9289**

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