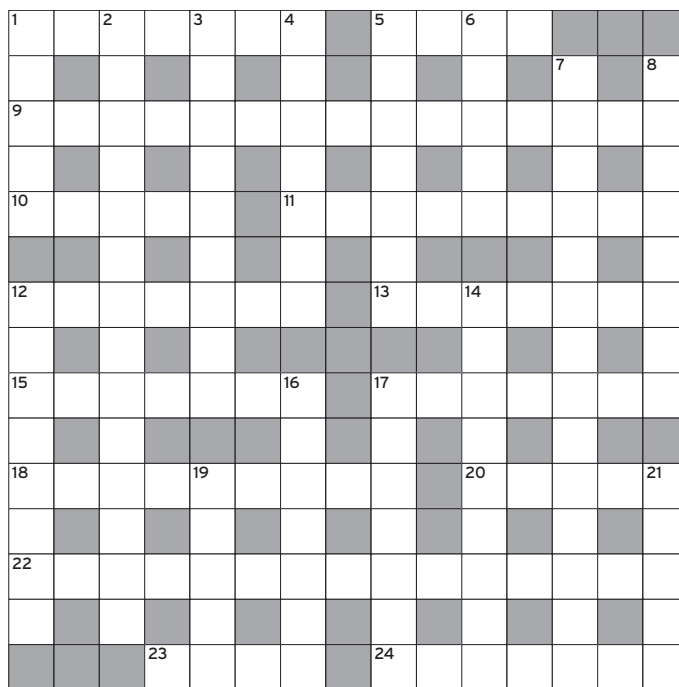


The Hindu Crossword No. 2495

Across

- 1 Rings round the lines in play (7)
- 5 Voice coming from chemical toilet (4)
- 9 Former policeman upset owner, stern brute (3,6,6)
- 10 Herb's prison sentence announced (5)
- 11 A duke on important assignment gains access (9)
- 12 B-big clumsy person is fat (7)
- 13 Hide and seek? Not half, on Greek island (7)
- 15 Illegal act of dealer in stolen goods (7)
- 17 Caretaker's to start to repaint after start of new year? (7)
- 18 Cheat girl, unusually languid (9)
- 20 At home, a gym is unsuitable (5)
- 22 One may take one before the rest (8,7)
- 23 Article on Tyneside girl (4)
- 24 Stormy weather and wind (7)



Down

- 1 Ball put over it in field of activity (5)
- 2 Enquiry after the governor uncovers sexual activity (4,4,6)
- 3 Brittle rocks in trash can (6,3)
- 4 Outdoor work drop of early rain affected (4,3)
- 5 This Greek goddess merits a bust (7)
- 6 Trips in French town (5)
- 7 Popular point of view over neat poker hand? (6,8)
- 8 Splendour of Greek amphitheatre, initially under ground (8)
- 12 Of little use in Merseyside town close to both Widnes and St Helens? (8)
- 14 Voltaire character scoffing at one seeking election (9)
- 16 Princess, English with upper-class spirit (7)
- 17 Bird sailor associated with break of day, mostly (7)
- 19 Tree in Anglo-Saxon enclosure (5)
- 21 Name of bird, extremely large (5)

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