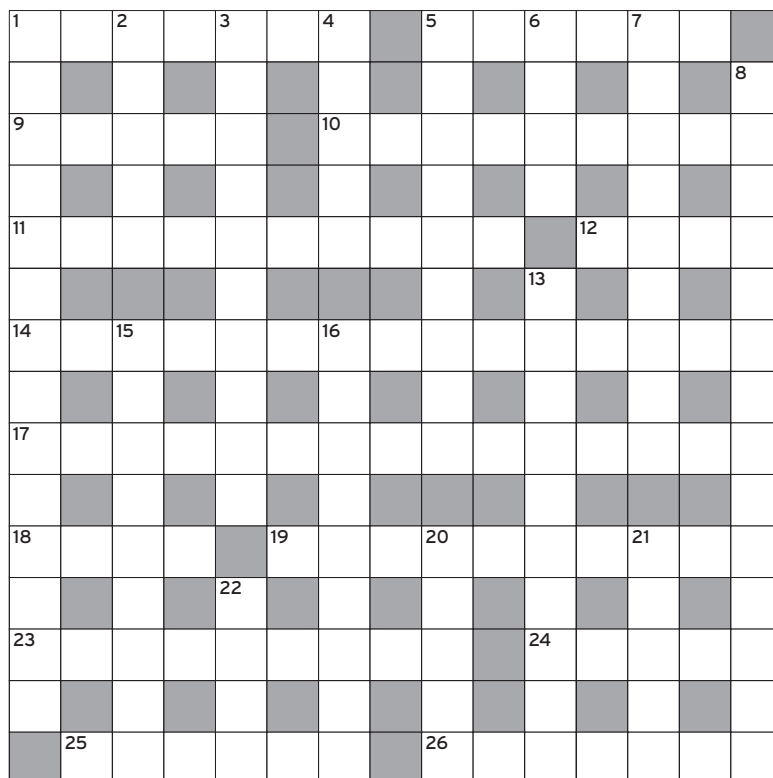


# The Hindu Crossword No. 2499



## Across

- 1 Slander Irishman visiting New York (7)  
 5 Property close to Nice, say (6)  
 9 Trap about to be laid by the Spanish boy (5)  
 10 Bound to put an end to children's game (9)  
 11 Rectories I mixed up delivering desk (10)  
 12 Cat, black, in vault (4)  
 14 Strategy to avoid unpleasant realities employed by one in a trap? (6,9)  
 17 To play this, must one have a round using an iron? (7,8)  
 18 Carry last of wine into pub (4)  
 19 In night club, hold forth about duo, initially off-key (10)  
 23 Member hasn't arrived on time to do what members do? (9)  
 24 Friend, male one, filling in the past (5)  
 25 The French deserter carrying one rope (6)  
 26 Pilot goes about a mile in vessel (7)

## Down

- 1 Type of flower produced from a bulb recently out round river (10,4)  
 2 Reason one joins record clubs? (5)  
 3 Way of presenting data from MUD? Email it, possibly (10)  
 4 Coarse person in hostelry, a hooker (5)  
 5 Ten operas rewritten in international language (9)  
 6 Instant credit (4)  
 7 One who's got designs on some of you? (9)  
 8 Red-hot on box, yet comic is just an ordinary young chap? (3,3,3,5)  
 13 Adroit male rolled a cigarette (6-4)  
 15 Lots again suffering homesickness (9)  
 16 Beggar declaring inability to rehabilitate? (9)  
 20 This game teaches strategy, in part (5)  
 21 Short cut - over 10 minutes, in truth (5)  
 22 Up endlessly making wine (4)

## Solution No. 2498

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