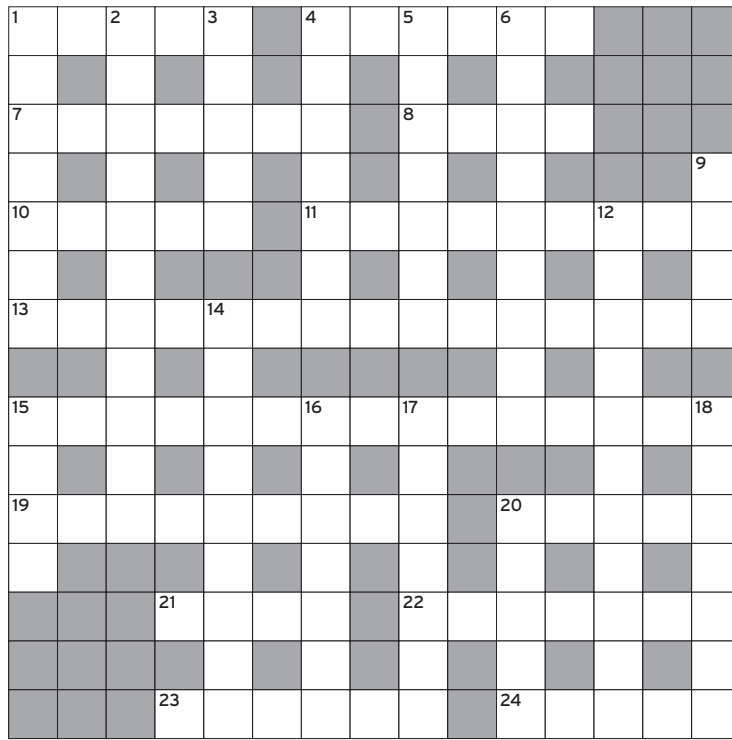


The Hindu Crossword No. 2504



Across

- 1 Design that sounds like a set of rustic steps (5)
 4 *Golden Hind*, empty, sank unexpectedly in a Baltic port (6)
 7 Count on pub profit (7)
 8 reliable social worker missing in Santa Fe (4)
 10 Send terms of reference (5)
 11 Withdrew, injured (9)
 13 I'm one to make writer's point (6,9)
 15 Still lacking rank? (15)
 19 Most important soldier on scale (9)
 20 A new member returned with a backer (5)
 21 Energy worker back on high peak (4)
 22 Odious negative is first to overwhelm me (7)
 23 Admission made by expert striding around ship (6)
 24 Irish novelist, reportedly, is demanding (5)

Down

- 1 Terrible bores at university become serious (5,2)
 2 Cathedral is to dismiss clergyman when one's gone (4,7)
 3 Former statute, correct in every detail (5)
 4 Book band (7)
 5 Capone leaving one country for another (7)
 6 Tennis star carrying new type of fastener (6,3)
 9 Round the German river (4)
 12 On intimate terms in passing romance (4,2,5)
 14 Certain phrases may be meaningless, mother admitted (9)
 15 Tots toss up (4)
 16 Male in possession of gold and silver crossing centre of Delhi to get transport (7)
 17 Ate nuts, nuts causing an illness (7)
 18 Vessel taking quantity of fuel round the east (7)
 20 A young lady, out of order (5)

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