

THE HINDU CROSSWORD 9393

Sankalak

Across

- 1 The kind of figure that, after some time, good girl gets (9)
- 5 Bone of a flightless bird found in France (5)
- 8 Characterised by firmness, like our steel product (8)
- 9 Dingy room, part of which a beggar retained (6)
- 11 Track down the first in the competition (5)
- 12 Fortright transactions captivate one (9)
- 13 Versification by an unknown toper? (6)
- 14 Stale joke from a reported board game enthusiast (8)
- 16 Increase in heartless drug dependence, say (8)
- 18 To make a solemn promise is a fine business (6)
- 22 'Teacher' having a setback in exchange gets a lawyer (9)
- 23 The way everyone may cause delay (5)
- 24 Take what does not belong to you (6)
- 25 Vino, more evolved – he eats anything (8)
- 26 Message received and understood, says the radioman (5)
- 27 Tissue found in liger, a cat variety (9)

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Down

- 1 The kind of car for a toughened spinner (4-3)
- 2 Behave arrogantly to one in state theatre (7)
- 3 Hunter's companion, but what he brings back may not be precious (6,9)
- 4 Shrewd, upper-class taste perhaps (6)
- 5 Italian saint canonized in 1228 – poor little man! (7,2,6)
- 6 Cattle disease that is most important around an old place? Right (7)
- 7 Sound of someone knocking, an echo of 'good-bye sailor' (3-1-3)

- 10 City that Hilde built (5)
- 15 October was the eighth once (5)
- 16 One who settles disputes between upset artist and one who stings (7)
- 17 Beloved one shows courage, sheltering a liberal (7)
- 19 Mother of modern dance, eponymous heroine of 'sixties film (7)
- 20 French author who oftener accepted untruth (7)
- 21 An introductory textbook (6)

Solution to puzzle 9392

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