

THE HINDU CROSSWORD 9518

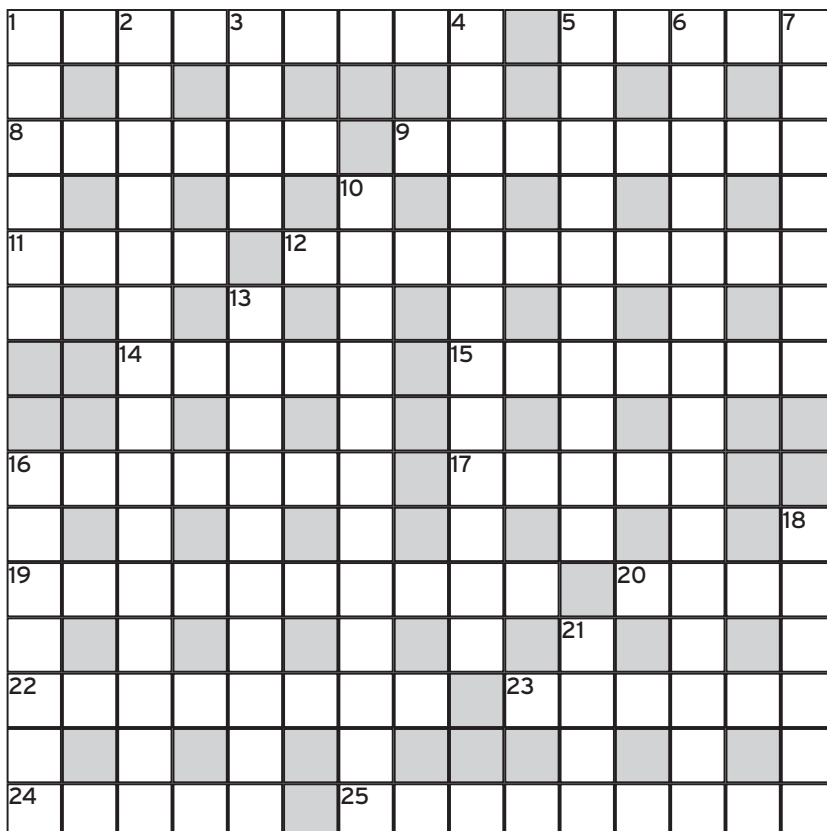
Sankalak

Across

- 1 Canine racer for a reported elegist to pursue (9)
- 5 Fundamental computer programme (5)
- 8 Hammer's partner in communist symbolism (6)
- 9 Kiss an outsize copper tardily (8)
- 11 Slippery swimmers caught in a creel somehow (4)
- 12 Indian greeting a new red-back amphibian (10)
- 14 Kind of optical lens, a bit of a historical development (5)
- 15 A heavy smoker maybe, needing a sweep from time to time (7)
- 16 What the temple visitor gets – an audience (7)
- 17 Sailors heard in a Cheshire town (5)
- 19 Give up devious inquiries involving left hand (10)
- 20 The same but different flat-topped hill (4)
- 22 They travel for pleasure, agents escorting teacher in retreat (8)
- 23 Weaver's aid, in extremes of gravity, is depressing (6)
- 24 Thing that strains is back with girl (5)
- 25 One who shells out local taxes, a rare type however (9)

Down

- 1 Good theatre attendant but an overeffusive person (6)
- 2 In a contract it takes care of variations in cost (9,6)
- 3 A golfer's objective, one of many on course (4)
- 4 Box for papers to which, oddly, pet had access (8,4)
- 5 Treated savagely, reserve force student is wounded externally (10)



- 6 Do not sit over ritual, insist on formality (5,2,8)
- 7 Leaders of class before time, without doubt (7)
- 10 One that is not conducive to current flow? (3,9)
- 13 Awful oriental peril surrounding egg producers is catching (10)
- 16 Downgrades engagements involving emergency room (7)
- 18 What one my hear in Budapest (6)
- 21 Black sauce causes a spot on the radar screen (4)

Solution to puzzle 9518

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