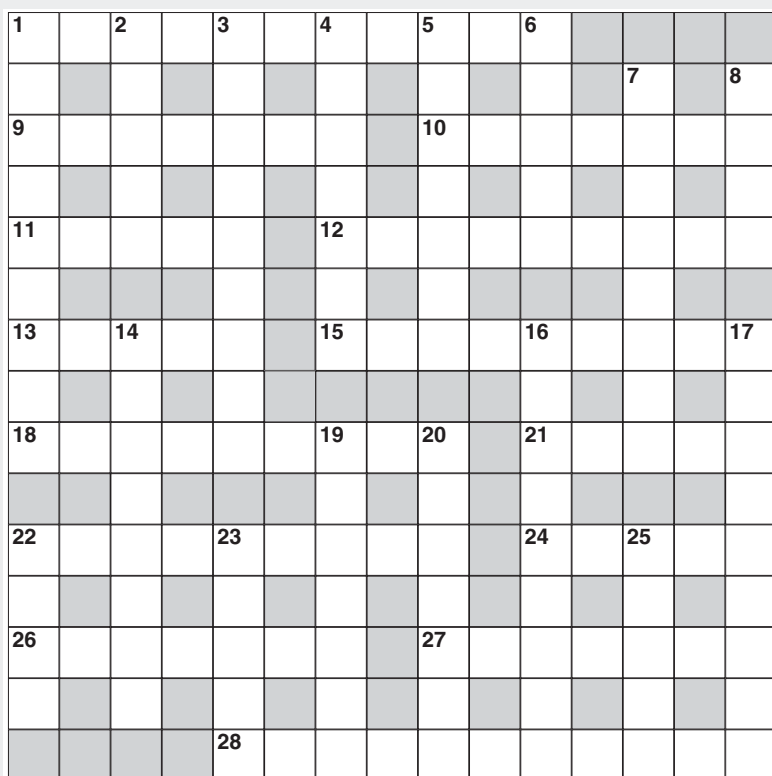


# The Hindu Crossword 7698



*in-charge aboard wagon (7)*

**28** *Heroes' treat in celebration of the venue where Shakespeare learnt his art (4,7)*

*— more or less (8)*

**8** *Prepare for publication some sacred items (4)*

**14** *You may hire a taxi from there (3-5)*

**16** *Make clear delicate patterns around centre court (9)*

**17** *Alarmed, Ma gets into a jam (9)*

**19** *Vague about kinds (2,5)*

**20** *Can such a player play a proper part? (7)*

**22** *If so handed, one is said to be clumsy (4)*

**23** *Olfactory perception of some Bodo urbanites (5)*

**25** *River in which nothing comes up in a measure (5)*

## Down

**1** *Unenviable existence in the kennel? (1,4,4)*

**2** *Wheel-bound king (5)*

**3** *Ugly line of houses (6,3)*

**4** *In ill-health you consult them (7)*

**5** *Indian queen somehow not encountered (3,4)*

**6** *Pointed tools for writing (5)*

**7** *Therefore the Frenchman sifts wheat*

## Across

**1** *Bitter comments by a detective about stains (4,7)*

**9** *Left out (7)*

**10** *Shakespeare's catch-phrase (7)*

**11** *From that time on, frank without being hesitant (5)*

**12** *Contend I'm varying the seasoning (9)*

**13** *Suffer from rain currently seeping inside (5)*

**15** *He'd ask Mom to cook a meat dish (6,3)*

**18** *Moor below granted lot of freedom and scope (5,4)*

**21** *Complete beheading of goat, for example (5)*

**22** *Brothels where kittens may be found (9)*

**24** *Main frailties admitted below (5)*

**26** *Fanny stubborn but exhibits frankness (7)*

**27** *Coffee brought by the*

## Solution to puzzle 7697

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