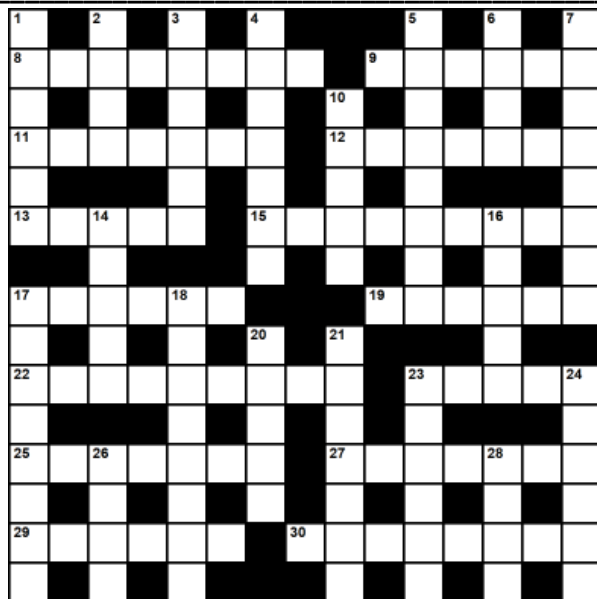


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Bonus Questions:

1. What's Saral's message to the solvers (6,3,5,3,4,2,3,1,6)?
2. List all the theme words as you can spot in the grid (1 point for each right answer)



Across

- 8 Tunesmith in Muscat is missing small tanpura's cover sadly (8)
- 9 Who handles money, almost restricts couple of royals (6)
- 11 Expert Rai nervously shows coach (7)
- 12 Nair perhaps a pro, vying fiercely (2,1,4)
- 13 To weep holding a last letter is weird (5)
- 15 Yale academician's work essentially behind claim (9)
- 17 One who advises woman involved in row (6)
- 19 New tomb with old bar is behind (6)
- 22 Eager, excited and fit ? Nice! (9)
- 23 Hugh Grant, say skipping the first part (5)
- 25 A torque turning one that goes all around the earth (7)
- 27 Pedagogue taking drink with French, dear! (7)
- 29 Person who adapts to follow old recipe (6)

30 Yes, losing head, blames another group (8)

Down

- 1 Nauseant revolting name by setter (6)
- 2 Extremely large landmass comprises capitals of Afghanistan, Singapore including Armenia (4)
- 3 Where pig lives, eating vessel is thin (6)
- 4 Youth leader left, say gin, some soda for Governors (7)
- 5 Engineer Jack, one with a pal getting hot pepper (8)
- 6 All right, removing ends, fry a vegetable (4)
- 7 Regional Manager for fee restructuring without any burden (4,4)
- 10 Test, look inside cavity (5)
- 14 Openly hostile letters from Natwarlal (2,3)
- 16 Arrange a time for attack (3,2)
- 17 Lost a deed, not quite wrongly gave property in rent (6,2)
- 18 Laborious effort in replacing politician using royal privilege (8)
- 20 Ian's heart throbs endlessly (not hard) collapsing to stop (5)
- 21 Canine doctor's date with specialist! It's silly (7)
- 23 "Ragav Estate" is full of tropical plants (6)
- 24 Over and over, the French returned to wind paper again (6)
- 26 Section of a note, ring dropped from auction by mistake (4)
- 28 Some burner/oven hot at the top, returned to shelves in fire place (4)