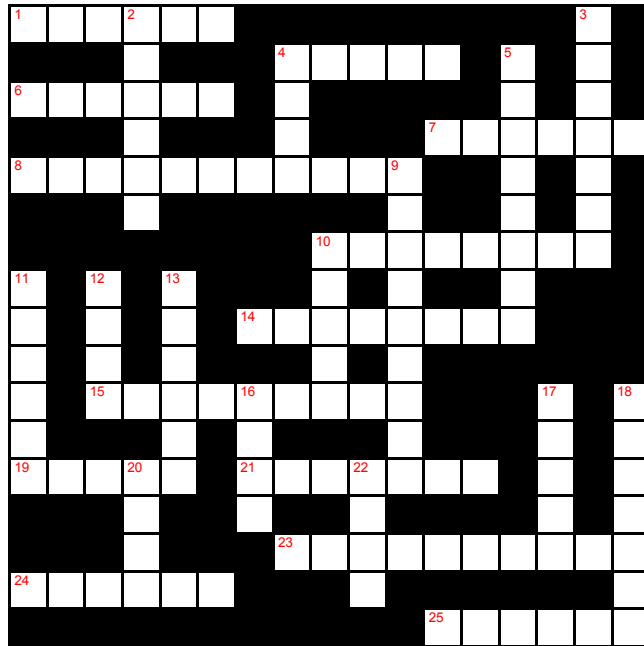


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Across

- 1 Parikrama around bonfire is followed by distribution of _____. (Pardas) (6)
- 4 Lohri marks the sun's entry in to the 'Makar _____', i.e.northern hemisphere. (Hisar) (5)
- 6 It is celebrated as _____ Sankranti in South India. (Nagpol) (6)
- 7 A big fair is held on the Sagara _____, about 64 km from the Diamond harbour where the Ganga meets the Bay of Bengal. (6)
- 8 The _____ of prasad include til, gazak, gur, rewri, moongphali, phuliya and popcorn. (11)
- 10 _____, collected from each house, are also thrown into the fire. (8)

- 14 One famous song sung by children on this day is titled " Sunder _____". (Nude Rimy) (8)
- 15 The period, beginning from 14 January lasting till 14 July, is known as _____. (Tara Aunty) (9)
- 19 It is a festival connected with _____ year. (5)
- 21 In the evening, a _____ is lit and everyone gathers around it. (7)
- 23 The festival is spread over three days in South India and also signifies the beginning of _____. (10)
- 24 The earth, farthest from the sun at this point of time, starts its journey towards the sun, thus heralding in the onset of _____. (6)
- 25 It is celebrated as _____ Sankranti in Central India. (Kamara) (6)

Down

- 2 This day is celebrated as Ganga-_____ in West Bengal. (Aas Rag) (6)
- 3 Lohri is also the symbol of the spirit of _____, despite all odds. (7)
- 4 People gather round the bonfires, throw sweets, puffed _____ and popcorn into the flames. (4)
- 5 The earth leans towards the sun along the Tropic of Capricorn (Makara rekha) from the day following Lohri, also known as Winter _____. (8)
- 9 It is celebrated as _____ in Karnataka, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. (Rain Tanks) (9)
- 10 This day begins with children collecting _____ from homes in neighbourhood. (5)
- 11 Hindus purify their sins on this day by taking bath in the _____. (6)
- 12 It is celebrated as _____ in Assam. (Bhui) (4)
- 13 It signifies the beginning of the end of _____. (6)
- 16 This festival denotes the harvesting of the _____ crops. (Biar) (4)
- 17 It is celebrated as _____ in Andhra Pradesh. (Gobhi) (5)
- 18 It is also the occasion for _____, dhol, gidda and the like. (Hang Bar) (7)
- 20 Lohri symbolizes prayer to _____ for good crops and prosperity. (Nagi) (4)
- 22 This festival is to worship _____. (4)