

Solution to Puzzle #171 – August, 2015 "Autodidact"

S	R	I	N	I	V	A	S	A	O	C
E	A	N	A	D	I	R	A	L	K	I
N	D	G	L	E	E	D	M	S	E	L
I	M	P	L	O	D	E	B	A	R	E
M	O	R	A	M	I	N	E	R	S	P
E	C	I	A	E	S	I	R	E	H	A
N	K	E	R	G	O	N	G	F	A	L
T	R	S	T	A	L	E	R	A	P	A
C	E	P	U	J	A	L	A	R	E	D
O	S	U	R	I	S	E	D	E	F	I
N	T	R	A	M	A	N	U	J	A	N

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
MATHEMATICIAN

Across

1. **SRINIVASA**
2. OCEAN
3. AD(M)IRAL
4. KIND
5. GLEE
6. D(A)MSEL
7. IMplode
8. BARE
9. MORA
10. MINER
11. SPECIA(T)E
12. S(H)IRE
13. HANKER
14. GONG
15. FALT(E)R
16. STALER
17. APACE
18. PUJA
19. LAREDO
20. SUR(M)ISE
21. DEFI(A)NT
22. **RAMANUJAN**

Down

1. SEN(T)IMENT
2. CONRAD
3. MOCK
4. RESTING
5. P(I)RIE
6. SPURN
7. (C)ALLA
8. ARTUR
9. AIDE
10. OMEGA
11. JIM
12. (I)VIED
13. ISOLA
14. SAAR
15. (A)DENINE
16. LENS
17. AMBER
18. GRADUAL
19. S(N)ARE
20. FARE
21. JOKER
22. SHAPE
23. FACILE
24. PALADIN

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 35 minutes.