AFR Cryptic (Saturday 18/5/2024) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 RECAP	Top performer in public relations returned review	(ACE inside PR)
	(5)	reversed
4 DEPOSITOR	Editor mistaken about pressure applied to overseas	Anagram of EDITOR
	investment banker (9)	outside (P + OS)
9 TALLIED	Opportunist finally joined as agreed (7)	opportunis(T) +
		ALLIED
10 TASTERS	People who sample spuds cut with spades (7)	TATERS outside S
11 AT THE SAME	Still distributed steam heat with discharge flowing	Anagram of STEAM
TIME	back (2,3,4,4)	HEAT + (EMIT
		reversed)
14 LOOP	Ring fund in recession (4)	POOL reversed
15 INSISTENT	One of the family, bound by plan, is persevering (9)	SIS inside INTENT
18 STAYING ON	Guy with leave, accommodated by inn, is going	STAY + (GO inside
	nowhere (7,2)	INN)
19 JUJU	Charm - it's not needed in Japanese martial art (4)	JUJITSU minus ITS
21 PRESSURE	Control of bleeding upset prisoner undergoing	Anagram of UPSET
POINT	treatment (8,5)	PRISONER
24 PARTIAL	Unfinished creative work, one pocketed by friend	(ART + I) inside PAL
	(7)	
26 PLIABLE	Piano, open, is easily moved around (7)	P + LIABLE
27 REGISTRAR	Doctor's substance, right, ingested by parent? (9)	(GIST + R) inside
		REAR
28 SPENT	Weary stock holder sat in middle of street (5)	PEN inside ST

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 RITE	Foremost part of religious item to a great extent? (4)	(R)eligious + (ITE)m
2 COLLABORATE	Company and political group, entering at the last minute, work together (11)	CO + (LABOR inside LATE)
3 PLINTH	Phone about soft material in architectural support (6)	PH outside LINT
4 DODDERING	Feeble stranger involved in minor accident (9)	ODDER inside DING
5 PATNA	Occupants of camp at natural place in northern India (5)	camP AT NAtural
6 SUSPENSE	Writers, in short, primarily use a feature of all good thrillers (8)	PENS inside [(S)hort + USE]
7 TEE	A golfer hits from here and there alternately (3)	(T)h(E)r(E)
8 RESPECTFUL	Papa, trapped by curse, felt strangely humble (10)	P inside anagram of CURSE FELT
12 INEQUITABLE	Trendy and quite disturbed expert is prejudiced (11)	IN + anagram of QUITE + ABLE
13 GLASS	Doctor, holding female parrot, right, could be smoother?	GP outside LASS +
PAPER 16 SANDPIPER	(5,5) Bird and related disease featured in series (9)	APE + R (AND + PIP) inside SER
17 TINSNIPS	Tool that cuts metal isn't adapted to turn around (8)	Anagram of ISNT + (SPIN reversed)
20 DIXIES	Stamps found on the outside of nine big pots (6)	DIES outside IX
22 RULER	One responsible for stock losses - no saint or leader (5)	RUSTLER minus ST
23 PELT	Coat with batter (4)	Double Definition
25 RUG	Hair replacement medicines with no restrictions? (3)	d)RUG(s