AFR Cryptic (Saturday 19/10/2024) Solution

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Across	Clue	Explanation
1 APRICOT	A pot filled with large quantity of rice, pickle and	(A + POT) outside
JAM	preserve (7,3)	(RIC)e + JAM
6 ICED	Slices of nice dessert kept cool (4)	nICE Dessert
9 TAPER	Give a point to recording artist (5)	Double Definition
10	Company failed to secure strange milky secretion	CO + LOST + RUM
COLOSTRUM	containing antibodies (9)	
12 SPACED	Excellent detective in jet on a trip (6,3)	(ACE + D) inside
OUT		SPOUT
13 MATES	Defeats king and companions (5)	Double Definition
14 TOPS	Excellent location for retirement (4)	SPOT reversed
15 SENTENCE	Life for one sent off, away from crime (8)	SENT + (OFFENCE
		minus OFF)
18 ALLEN KEY	Small wrench made from aluminium, keenly crafted	AL + anagram of
	(5,3)	KEENLY
20 HARP	Musical instrument's unlimited notes? (4)	s)HARP(s
24 SPARE	Inclusions offered by ISP aren't free (5)	iSP AREnt
25	A term contrived in M*A*S*H unit for "medical care"?	Anagram of A TERM
TREATMENT	(9)	inside TENT
26 TRIATHLON	Race trial involving most of the batting side (9)	TRIAL outside (TH)e +
		ON
27 GRIPE	Purchase side of Kobe beef (5)	GRIP + kob(E)
28 EGGS	Laid items, say, globulous at the ends (4)	EG + (G)lobulou(S)
29	Close attention paid by men ahead of team leader's	END + EAR + MEN +
ENDEARMENT	sweet talk (10)	(T)eam

Down	Clue	Explanation
1 ATTEST	Manifest damaged state government ultimately (6)	Anagram of STATE + governmen(T)
2 REPLANT	Part of future plan to establish new growth (7)	futuRE PLAN To
3 CORRESPONDENT	Journalist's research in corporation on depression (13)	RES inside CORP + ON + DENT
4 TUCSON	Part of Arizona's division offered up by prince to a king? (6)	CUT reversed + SON
5 ALL AT SEA	A compound of salt appearing in meadow is lost (3,2,3)	A + (anagram of SALT inside LEA)
7 CARLTON	Football club's package providing accommodation for Liverpool's winger? (7)	(L)iverpool inside CARTON
8 DEMISTER	Mechanic's lead is connected in to turn off vehicle's heater (8)	[(M)echanic + IS] inside DETER
11 SUMATRAN TIGER	Great tsunami damaged River Cat (8,5)	Anagram of GREAT TSUNAMI + R
16 CASSETTE	Strong point made in court using detective's final recording (8)	ASSET inside CT + detectiv(E)
17 VENTOLIN	Preparation of salbutamol not strangely left in blood vessel (8)	(Anagram of NOT + L) inside VEIN
19 LEADING	A great deal of noise in section for chief (7)	(A + DIN) inside LEG
21 PREMISE	Lay down misere worked out after player's lead (7)	Anagram of MISERE after (P)layer
22 SEANCE	Spiritual meeting, one called initially in bishop's office (6)	[AN + (C)alled] inside SEE
23 AT BEST	"B" should be scored in a quiz ideally (2,4)	B inside (A + TEST)