

P R E F A C E

It was years before that Professor Umashenkar Joshi proposed that I should write a thesis on Srimad Rajchandra. But I could not manage to reside in Ahmedabad and the idea was dropped. After some years Professor D.M.Patel happened to accept me as a Ph.D. student. But before I could finish up my work he happened to leave Baroda for Nagpur, and I lost his guidance when I needed it most. However, incidentally, when he made his temporary stay at Baroda during some vacations, he took interest in my task and gave me some possible guidance. I am highly obliged to him for his kindness and sincerity ever so fresh and hearty.

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