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SHRIMAD RAJCHANDRA “In my moments of spiritual crisis, Shrimadji was my refuge,” wrote Gandhi in “My Experiments With Truth” PM to Pay Tribute to the Mahatma’s Mahatma on June 29

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New Delhi: This June 29, PM Narendra Modi will pay a tribute to the Mahatma’s Mahatma.

Known as Shrimad Rajchandra, a Gujarat-born saint philosopher who interacted with Mahatma Gandhi before he went to South Africa is believed to have left a deep impression in his life and had influenced his thoughts on truth, non-violence and austere living.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi who talked about Rajchandra in his Independence Day speech last year will launch a commemorative coin and stamp in his honour in Ahmedabad on June 29.

Alpa Gandhi of Shrimad Rajchandra Mission— an ashram located in Dharampur, 40 kms from Vapi, said Gandhi first met Rajchandra on his return from England as a barrister. “He was two years younger than Rajchandra then. He took an instant liking to

Rajchandra and would keep asking him meeting him in his office in Bombay. Gandhiji admired Rajchandra deeply for carrying out his duties – he was a father to four children and a dealer of precious stones, so ably with complete detachment.” In two years of meeting Rajchandra however Gandhi had to leave for South Africa but he kept writing letters to Rajchandra.

Gandhi’s proclamation of Rajchandra as he wrote in “My Experiments with Truth” said, “In

my moments of spiritual crisis, Shrimadji was my refuge.” In the Modern Review, June 1990, he said, “Such was the man who captivated my heart in religious matters as no other man ever has till now.

Alpa said one of the famous letters written by Gandhi to Rajchandra was his set of 27 questions. “In South Africa, Gandhiji was faced with constant pressure from his Christian and Muslim friends to adopt their faith. In this moment of spiritual crisis, he resorted to

Shrimadji for help, conveying his doubts through 27 questions by post. Shrimadji’s judicious, direct, and pertinent answers resolved his doubts and restored his faith in Hinduism. He told him the truth was the same, and every religion had it.”

Born to Jain mother Rajchandra did not limit himself to any one religion, Alpa said, “Shrimad Rajchandraji died young at the age of 33 but Gandhiji continued writing about him.



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