General importance

The thesis entitled “A comparative study of the themes and techniques of the poetry of Arun Kolatkar and Nissim Ezekiel. Comparison is the main intension of the study. Both Arun Kolatkar and Nissim Ezekiel are modern poets in Indian writing in English; they covered whole maharashrian landscape, society and religious places. They created main stream of writing in English language. Though they are Indian, they selected foreign language to write poetry, they made civilization in Indian English literature.

There is a tremendous scope of the further study, because there are many unsolved problems of society. The Indian poets only highlighted the scenes of the society and landscape of the country. So, we have an opportunity to find out the solution to know the reality of the Indian society. Arun Kolatkar and Nissim Ezekiel wrote suggestive and imaginative poems. A collection of Indian English poems can not help to solve the problem of society. The significance of the study of Indian English poetry is that to direct the society to solve the problems which are visible everywhere.

So, I have chosen Arun Kolatkar and Nissim Ezekiel to study Indian English poetry, Nissim Ezekiel occupies a very high rank as a writer of Indo-English poetry is very substantial, weighty and valuable. In fact, we can regard him as one of the towering figures among the Indo-English poets though we find if difficult to accept him as an Indian poet, because he is essentially and basically a foreigner who was born in India and who has lived in India whole his life. His poetry has many facts, and it has certainly enriched Indo-English poetry and given a new dimension to it by extending its scope and its range. He has made a tangible contribution to the philosophical poetry. He has shown a certain profundity in his nature and his profundity has found an expression in several poems written by him. He has expressed philosophy of life, so it is chance to know the philosophy of human life. He is a poet of mind. He shows a marked tendency to probe the human mind, and his poems reveal not only the conscious but also the subconscious thought of human beings. Ezekiel has made an equally substantial to Indo-English poetry by having written poems depicting Indian life more particularly city life, vividly and realistically. We can understand the situation of Indian society and daily life of Indian through poems. Ezekiel has drawn his readers attention to the problems of poverty, the ill-treatment meted out to women, and the life in this country, and has shown that in the cities of this country poor people are living in terrible misery as many of them are without jobs and have to earn their bread by begging. The poor do not have any proper housing facilities so that they have to sleep on the pavements or to live in hutments and slums. So, Ezekiel’s poetry helps us to know worst condition of Indian society. He also has arisen major causes of particular situation.
Another poet, Arun Kolatkar is a bilingual poet. He has written poetry in his native language as well as in English. Arun Kolatkar has written a collection of poem, entitled ‘Jejuri’. Jejuri is the best work of Arun Kolatkar. It is most figurative poem written by Arun Kolatkar. jejuri is the best pilgrimage which many maharashtra, and even people from other parts of the country, make to a small town called Jejuri. In that town there is a temple dedicated to god Khandoba and ensuring several images of the god, some carved in stone and other cost in bronze. The Maharashtrians, and the other who go to Jejuri as pilgrims, strongly and firmly believe that Khandoba did exist and that he was an incarnation of god Shiva. They also believe by worshipping the images of this god and by making offerings of money, ornaments and eatables to him, they can win his favors and achieve the fulfillment of their desires. The poem ‘Jejuri’ helps to scholar to understand the social and religious situation of pilgrim places in not only Maharashtra but also whole India.

A comparative study of the poetry of Arun Kolatkar and Nissim Ezekiel helps to understand the styles and techniques of Indian poetry. The Indian English poetry consist Imagery, metaphor, symbol, irony, diction, lucidity, Brevity and colloquial etc. The Indian English poets purposefully used figures of speech to write poetry to arise beautiful meaning and rhythm of the poetry.

So, the present study highlights the investigation the work of Arun Kolatkar and Nissim Ezekiel, which plays a significant role in suffering the hidden agenda of the interlocutors and values suggested by the poets. The study focuses mainly on the subject matter of Arun Kolatkar and Nissim Ezekiel. the major themes of the poetry of Arun Kolatkar and Nissim Ezekiel are religious, mythical or legendary, socio- graphical, cultural, traditional, superstitious, Indianness, philosophical, and psychological, etc. The study will be beneficial for readers and scholars at the time of investigation of the work of Arun Kolatkar and Nissim Ezekiel.