

**Ethno-ecological Introspection into *Bhagawatgeetaa*:
5. *Guna* (Quality): The Metaphysical Factor of Nature,
Responsible for Diversity**

Sachidananda Padhy

*“Anandamaya”, Bhaba Nagar, 1st Lane, Berhampur 760 004, Odisha, India
E-mail: sachi_padhy@rediffmail.com*

KEYWORDS Bhagawatgeetaa. *Prakruti* (Nature). *Guna* (Quality). Impact on Life Forms

ABSTRACT The *Prakruti* (Nature) consists of three essential constituents called *Gunas* (Quality) named *Sattva*, *Raajas* and *Taamas*. The existence of *Prakruti* can not be realized in the absence of *Gunas*. The diversity of the *Prakruti* is a resultant product of interaction of *Gunas*. Lord *Srikrishna* says: “There is no being on earth or anywhere else, which is free from these three *Gunas* born of *Prakruti*”.