

Dear Friends,

A recognition we must share with you...

If you recollect in June 2006 the Pratham/Bilt Project at Khavda in the remote Rann of Kutch area of Gujarat won the prestigious **TERI** award at the hands of the then President of India, Dr. Abdul Kalam.

The award was conferred for *“bringing the girl child of this remote and backward area having a predominant Muslim population, in the education net and thereby restoring gender parity”*.

You'll be happy to note that this year Mr. Ismail Sama - the young leader of the project who himself hails from Khavda and is also the first undergraduate from this backward area - has won the top honours at the **Global Youth Participation Award Ceremony**. This award which carries a gold medal and cash prizes is instituted by ECPAT Taiwan which has a presence in 80 plus countries. Mr. Ismail was invited to Taiwan from the 3rd to 7th December to receive the award, present his work and participate in panel discussions. His presentation and participation in panel discussions was very highly appreciated.

Kishore Mehra

Mr. Ismail Sama receiving the award from the Deputy Home Minister of Taiwan

