

- d. **Facial cleft surgeries:** Persistent Foundation in association with Rotary Club, Nagpur conducted several camps for facial cleft surgeries in Nagpur. At other locations such as Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Goa and Pune, the Foundation is conducting such camps in association with a few plastic surgeons. Around 178 children underwent surgeries in these camps this year.
- e. **Breast Cancer Screening:** Persistent Foundation has been conducting breast cancer screening programs for women in the slum areas of Pune and Bengaluru for last few years. During the year, around 1,000 women were screened.
- f. **Bal Shalyakriya:** Persistent Foundation, in association with Gaud Saraswat Brahmin Sabha, Nagpur and Lata Mangeshkar Hospital, Nagpur conducts camps in Nagpur, where a team of surgeons perform surgeries on children suffering from congenital deformities. During the financial year 2016-17, around 120 children successfully underwent surgeries in this camp, out of which 29 children have undergone major surgeries.

Community Development

- a. **Zero Garbage Project:** Persistent Foundation, in its endeavor to support clean environment and waste management adopted Prabhag No. 11 and 36 of Pune Municipal Corporation. The project is being implemented in association with Janwani, Pune. Persistent Foundation has managed to reach out to more than 6,000 households to collect segregated waste due to which the percentage of segregated waste has been improved considerably. Due to the continued efforts, Prabhag No. 36 won the prize for “**Green Prabhag**” by Pune Municipal Corporation in the financial year 2015-16.

- b. **Water Conservation:**

The Water conservation projects were initiated as ambitious project of the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Devendra Fadanvis, the ‘**Jalyukt Shivar Yojana**’. The Foundation collaborated with the Government of Maharashtra in executing the watershed projects at various places across Maharashtra.

The snapshot of the watershed projects executed during the financial year 2016-17 is as follows:

District	Project Location	Number of beneficiaries (Approx.)	Land to be benefitted in Ha (Approx.)
Pune	Harni	2,000	1,025
	Rakh	650	500
	Nasrapur	1,500	600
Total		4,150	2,125

- c. **Installation of Solar Power Plants on roof top of railway stations at Pune and Hyderabad:** In response to the Government of India’s Solar Power Mission, the Indian Railways has set a target of installing 1,000 MW of solar power by 2020.

Therefore, as a part of Go Green initiative, the Foundation has installed a solar power plant of 163 kwp capacity at Pune Railway Station which is expected to generate around 2.40 Lakhs units of electricity per year. Since commissioning of this plant in June 2016, the plant has generated 1,68,886 units of electricity till March 2017. This solar system caters about 60% of daytime requirement of Pune Railway Station.

After successful implementation of solar plant at Pune Railway Station, the Foundation continued its Green Initiative and installed Solar Power Plant of 227.52 kwp capacity at Nampally, Hyderabad Railway Station. This Plant was inaugurated at the august hands of Hon’ble Minister for Railways - Mr. Suresh Prabhu on March 25, 2017, which has generated around 4,807 units of electricity in a week till March 31, 2017 after its installation.

- d. **Vocational Training Centre for Women:** Since last financial year, the Foundation has been conducting programs for women to impart training to them pertaining to various vocations. During the financial year, around 300 women were trained in different vocations. Out of them, around 50 women are working as trainers, around 100 women are engaged in seasonal businesses which are festival specific and many women are engaged in regular business activities like tailoring, soft toy making, bag making, stitching, etc.