



South Asia

About YPO

Young Presidents' Organization is a global network of young chief executives that connects 17,000 peers and their families in 100 countries to address the challenges leaders face today. Guided by the mission of building *Better Leaders Through Education and Idea Exchange™*, members have access to unique experiences, world-class resources, alliances with top learning institutions, and specialized Networks that help enhance their business, community and personal leadership.

YPO was founded in 1950 by manufacturer Ray Hickok, who at 27, inherited his family's company that had 300 employees. He and other young presidents began meeting regularly as a way to become better leaders by learning from each other. This founding principle still guides the organisation today.

YPO members "graduate" at the age of 50, so in 1970, 200 former members founded a graduate group, now called World Presidents' Organization, to sustain the exchange of ideas with their peers that they began in YPO.

In July 2007, YPO and WPO merged to form a single, global network, enhancing the membership experience for both organizations. In aggregate, the companies run by YPO and WPO members employ more than 19 million people and generate US\$4.3 trillion in annual revenues, equivalent to more than 6 percent of the global economy.

There are more than 550 active members in nine YPO and three WPO chapters in South Asia.



The Honorable Chief Minister of Gujarat, Mr. Narendra Modi, helps inaugurate the YPO Gujarat Chapter.

"YPO is the only global organization that focuses on your personal development and also provides opportunities for your family and business. Joining YPO is a truly holistic experience, quite different from a trade body, industry association or lobbying group." – **Bombay YPOer**

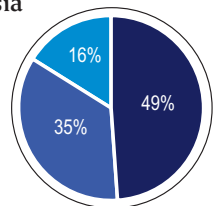


Membership Demographics

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Type of Business

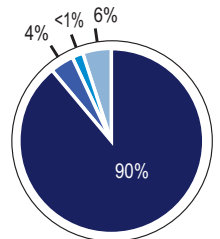
Family Business	49%
Entrepreneurs	35%
Professional	16%



Scope of Business

(includes WPO)

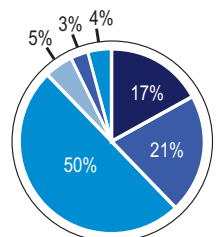
International	90%
Local	6%
National	4%
Regional	<1%



Nature of Business

(includes WPO)

Manufacturing	50%
Service	21%
Sales	17%
Financial	5%
Other	4%
Agency	3%



Membership, Leadership and Management

To qualify for YPO membership, business leaders must be under the age of 45 and must be the chief operator (CEO, managing director, president, chairman or equivalent) of a company that fulfills minimum size and complexity criteria. Members graduate to WPO at the age of 50, and can remain in WPO for the rest of their lives, continuing to enjoy all the benefits of YPO. The combined legal entity, Young Presidents' Organization, Inc., is a not-for-profit organisation managed by professional management teams located around the world and led by a chief executive officer.

Education

The YPO and WPO experience centers on education and idea exchange. Chapters bring members together to discover new insights into many topics, ranging from geopolitical and business to personal and community issues. The organisation offers seminars and industry roundtables, bringing together members from many different countries to examine specific industry trends and best practices. International conference calls allow members to learn from world-class experts in the comfort of their home or office. Events are a stimulating blend of educational and social opportunities. Alliances with leading higher-learning institutions, including Harvard Business School, Stanford Business School, London Business School, INSEAD and more, provide exclusive access to the world's top experts in business and leadership.

Forums

Forums are groups of eight to 10 members who meet as peers on a regular basis in an atmosphere of confidentiality, trust and openness to share in each other's business, family and personal experiences. Every day, members connect and exchange powerful ideas and deep experiences through Forum. For this reason, Forum has grown to include Spouse Forums, Network Forums, Young Adult Forums (ages 18 and up), Couples Forums, Family Forums and International/Regional Forums.

"My Forum helped me to structure the deal and conclude a major joint venture over several competitors." — **Delhi YPOer**



Thirty-one youth from South Asia gather in Bangalore, for a three-day retreat on "How to be a Winner."



YPO Delhi welcomes Glenn Cardwell, an accredited dietitian to learn about health and nutrition.

Networks

Networks put a new spin on YPO and WPO networking by allowing members to connect beyond their local chapters through special networks.

Business Networks focus on various business sectors, industries and regions, which allow members to instantly expand professional contacts. These include Family Business, Real Estate Industry, Doing Business With China, the Women's International Network and more.

Personal Networks allow members to connect globally around topics of personal interest including Wine, Golf, Photography, Personal Investing and Art.

Social Enterprise Networks bring like-minded YPO and WPO members together to address community, philanthropic and humanitarian endeavors, such as Economic Development, Education and the Environment.



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