

Cyrus Mistryvous

An excerpt from author Ashwin Sanghi's new book gives a glimpse into a lesser known facet to Tata Chairman Cyrus Mistry's personality

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Cyrus Mistry occupies the chairman's throne at Tata Group. But as a student at Cathedral school, he was an expert at pulling chairs away.

Mistry's mischievous side is revealed by his classmate, the

author Ashwin Sanghi, in his new book *13 Steps To Bloody Good Luck*.

Sanghi, of *Chanakya's Chant* fame, has dabbled in fiction and thriller genres but his latest is an analysis and compilation of real life stories that show how successful people attract, cultivate and sometimes even create their own good luck.

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Corporate protocol may force Mistry to maintain a low profile these days, but in his student days he could be a naughty boy.

This is what Sanghi writes about the Tata boss.

"Cyrus Mistry, the current chairman of the Tata Group, was my classmate at Cathedral School. Cyrus was one of the naughtiest chaps in school, but everyone — teachers and students included — loved him.

He could pull the chair away just as you were about to sit down and still offer you a genuinely friendly smile and hand to help you up. We celebrated our twenty-fifth year class reunion some years ago and there was a last-minute hitch with the venue. Cyrus, as usual, was quick to offer his own home as an alternative. It was his way of reaching out to all his school friends and teachers. That simple gesture is an excellent example of strengthening an existing network."•

