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How AI Tools Are Being Misused in Schools

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Key Points

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The Maharashtra board exam case: students who used AI to generate answers scored marks but retained no understanding — the skill gap appeared immediately after.

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There are two types of AI use in education: AI as a shortcut (harmful) and AI as an accelerator (beneficial).

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Harmful use: submitting AI output as your own work, using AI to avoid learning foundational concepts, and bypassing the struggle that builds real skill.

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Beneficial use: using AI to explain concepts you do not understand, to check your own work, and to explore topics beyond the curriculum.

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Employers are already testing for AI dependency — they give candidates tasks that require genuine understanding, not just AI access.

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The graduate who used AI to learn will always outperform the one who used AI to avoid learning.

Key Takeaway

AI can give you the answer. It cannot give you the understanding. Only the process of struggling with a problem builds that.

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