

Spare the Pope: The AI writing panic is looking at the wrong problem

Something quietly amusing is happening in professional writing circles. Writers are contorting their syntax, inserting deliberate imperfections, performing studied casualness, all to signal that AI played no part in their work. The effort is real. So is the irony. What presents itself as a principled defence of authentic expression is, on closer reading, a very old anxiety in new clothing — the recurring conviction, each time a technology displaces a familiar skill, that something irreplaceable is being lost.

We have been here before. Multiple times.

When the printing press arrived in the fifteenth century, scribes warned that mass-produced text would cheapen knowledge and destroy the discipline of careful hand-copying. When the calculator became commonplace, educators

feared students would lose their grasp of arithmetic. When word processors replaced typewriters, writers lamented the end of deliberate composition. When GPS became standard, people mourned the death of the instinctive navigator. The concern was understandable each time. The deeper human capacity survived each time. What these transitions shared was a consistent misidentification: the anxiety attached itself to the instrument rather than the capability the instrument served.

The pen-to-keyboard transition is now complete enough to examine honestly. Handwriting, once treated as a marker of education and character, gave way to the keyboard because keyboards were faster, more legible, and more accessible to more people (Remember the doctor's notoriously illegible



handwriting?). Human expression did not suffer. People wrote more, not less. The instrument changed; the capacity for thought and communication remained and, by most measures, expanded. The scribes who mourned penmanship were defending a delivery mechanism while believing they were defending literacy itself.

Autonomous driving is delivering the same lesson in real time. For generations, driving carried associations of freedom and identity, so its automation feels like a kind of surrender. The steering wheel, however, was never constitutive of the human spirit. Transportation is a practical need, and as machines absorb the task of managing the road, human attention redirects toward purpose and destination. The

need remains; the method evolves. Nobody mourning the loss of manual driving is actually arguing that human beings should travel less.

The story does not end there.

3D printing is positioned to do to manufacturing what AI is doing to knowledge work. Custom fabrication, precision tooling, complex prosthetics, architectural modelling, and food production are increasingly designed digitally and printed physically. It's even being proposed to build and facilitate civilisational infrastructure on the Moon and Mars. Skills that took years to acquire — machining, model-making, artisan tooling — are being absorbed into a technological layer that performs the same functions with greater speed and reach. The same moral panic will follow: arguments about irreplaceable human craft, predictions of civilisational loss, calls to preserve the dignity of the skilled hand. The arc from resistance to normalisation to universality is well-worn enough to predict with confidence.

AI-assisted writing belongs in this same sequence. It automates the production of fluent prose. Judgment, conceptual originality, and the determination of what is worth saying remain human responsibilities, and they are the responsibilities that decide whether any piece of writing is worth reading. The anxiety surrounding AI writing is not really about writing at all. It is about the status economy that formed around the skill of producing grammatically fluent sentences — an economy that automation is now disrupting, exactly as it has disrupted comparable economies before.

The real divide in this debate sits between generative literacy and evaluative literacy.

Generative literacy is the ability to produce fluent text. Evaluative literacy is the ability to assess, interrogate, and refine that text. AI is changing the first, and may make it less scarce. The second grows more consequential as a result. A person who can assess ideas with precision, weigh evidence carefully, and edit with genuine discipline is made more capable by AI assistance. The tool serves the thinker. Writers performing AI-avoidance rituals are defending the old instrument of expression, not the quality of thought the instrument once served.

Conflating the two has never served writers well in any previous transition.

Civilisational progress has always advanced this way. Writing offloaded memory. Print offloaded reproduction. Computing offloaded calculation. 3D printing is offloading fabrication. AI is offloading synthesis. Each transition looks, at close range, like loss. Over time, each has expanded what humans can produce and redirected human attention toward more demanding problems. Real concerns exist within this picture: workers displaced faster than institutions can adapt, productivity gains concentrated rather than distributed, skills eroded before successor capabilities are cultivated. These deserve serious policy attention, and the institutions responsible for education, labour markets, and social protection have significant ground to cover. They are concerns about the pace and equity of change, not the direction.

The people best positioned for what comes next are asking what each new offload frees them to do, rather than defending what is being automated away. They are investing in evaluative judgement: the capacity to assess what AI generates, identify where it falls short, and shape raw material into something with genuine intellectual force. That is where human advantage is concentrating, and it is precisely the capacity that no current AI system replicates reliably.

The writers hunting for em dashes, interrogating sentence rhythm, and cataloguing so-called AI fingerprints in other people's work are staring so intently at individual trees that the forest has gone entirely out of view. The forest is this: the human species has always been defined by its capacity to move beyond the skills it has already mastered. AI writing is the next instrument of human expression, not its conclusion.

So, stop hunting for hyphens, syntax patterns, and the Pope. Evaluate the content and the idea it presents. That is the only literary standard worth defending, and no technology has yet come close to replacing it. And if history is any guide — and on this question, it is a remarkably reliable one — most people raising objections today will be using these tools without a second thought before the decade is out.

PM Modi's Slovakia visit: India's calibrated diplomacy in a fractured Europe



When Prime Minister Narendra Modi landed in Bratislava on Saturday, he became the first Indian head of government to visit Slovakia since the country declared independence in 1993. Three decades of bilateral invisibility ended with what the Indian Ministry of External Affairs describes as a visit to "reaffirm commitment to strengthening bilateral relations".

Automobiles, railways, and defence manufacturing: these are the talking points. But the more consequential story lies elsewhere. In a burst pipeline, European sanctions politics, and what it means that Slovakia's leader is simultaneously conducting back-channel diplomacy with Moscow. The backdrop could scarcely be less conventional. Barely five weeks ago, Robert Fico was the only European Union head of government to attend Vladimir Putin's Victory Day parade in Moscow. Poland and the Baltic states refused him transit rights through their airspace, forcing a reroute through the Czech Republic. He declared from his flight home that he rejected "a new Iron Curtain between the EU and Russia" and described the EU's intention to detach itself from Russian energy supplies

as purely ideological and "detrimental to European competitiveness".

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz issued a public rebuke. For India, the spectacle registered as something different: the visible confirmation that Europe's post-Ukraine energy consensus is not just fraying at the edges, but it has a structural crack running through its centre.

The Outlier Who Builds Back Channels

Fico's posture has not been adopted solely for domestic audiences, though domestic politics clearly feed it. He threatened to block Ukraine's €90 billion EU loan in February 2026, consistently obstructed sanctions packages alongside Hungary, and called sanctions against Russia "economic sabotage".

Following his Moscow meeting on May 9, he convened an emergency session with Transpetrol, the operator of Slovakia's Družba pipeline section, telling journalists he had "important information" from Russia on the future of energy cooperation. Putin, for his part, gave Fico a public assurance: Russia would "do everything possible to meet

the energy needs of the Slovak Republic". Orbán's departure from Budapest in April changed the arithmetic but not the underlying problem. Fico had been playing this game long before Hungary lost its appetite for it. He does not need Brussels to agree with him. He needs only to remain the man Moscow calls, and the man whose phone Zelensky must factor into any calculation about what information travels in which direction. That is a different kind of power than the veto. Less dramatic, considerably harder to contain.

After returning from Moscow, Fico convened an emergency session with Transpetrol, the pipeline operator, telling journalists he carried "important information" about future energy cooperation with Russia. No transcript was required. The meeting was the message.

On January 27, a Russian drone found itself exploding in the Brody oil hub in western Ukraine. It was the southern leg of the Družba pipeline, a Soviet-era artery that has fed Central Europe's refineries since the 1960s, and it went dry. For Hungary, which operates multiple refining facilities with substantial storage capacity, the blow was manageable. For Slovakia, it was close to catastrophic. The country has one refinery, Slovnaft, on the edge of Bratislava, and its equipment is calibrated specifically for Russian-grade crude. You cannot simply switch the feed.

Bratislava drew down 250,000 tonnes from its strategic reserves, buying itself time until roughly September. Prague and Bratislava, meanwhile, negotiated a €40 million fix: to reverse the flow of the now-idle Czech section of the pipeline and push Western-sourced crude eastward. In emergency mode, the arrangement would deliver tens of thousands of tonnes monthly. Scaled over two to three years, capacity could reach 2 to 3 million tonnes annually. It's a useful measure; nonetheless, it is insufficient on its own.

The crisis spilt far beyond the refinery gates. Slovakia suspended emergency electricity supplies to Ukraine and refused to participate in the latest EU loan package, with Fico citing annual damages of 500 million euros due to Kyiv's unacceptable behaviour.

The European Commission's Oil Coordinations Group has maintained that no immediate security risk existed for either Slovakia or Hungary. But Bratislava's governing coalition has certainly taken a considerably bleaker view. A state of energy emergency was declared. The Calculus India Recognises - India has been playing this particular board for three years. When Western sanctions on Moscow's energy sector reshaped global oil markets in 2022, India pivoted en masse to Russian crude, encouraged, as External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar again noted in Finland on 11 June, by Washington itself. The US specifically asked India to buy Russian oil in 2022 to stabilise the global market, he said, adding that India purchases oil based on price and availability. The United States subsequently imposed tariffs on Indian goods for doing precisely that, then reversed those tariffs under the bilateral trade framework agreed earlier this year. Four years on, India is a major buyer of Russian crude, and Russia is India's single-largest oil supplier.

Jaishankar rejected the notion that Western pressure was built on core values. He also criticised the shifting policies as contradictory and stressed that India has successfully diversified its energy basket, with Russia remaining a steady partner for crude imports and the United States as its top supplier of natural gas. His broader message was that nations make energy decisions based on cost, availability, and

Scorching heat continues in Gujarat, pre-monsoon effect in remaining states

Ahmedabad

The intense heat of summer is continuously raging in Gujarat. Currently, the mercury is recording above 42 degrees. The maximum temperature in the state was recorded in Ahmedabad at 42.7°C, which is 3°C higher than the normal temperature. The lowest temperature in the state was recorded in Dwarka at 33.6°C. During the last 24 hours, the weather remained completely dry in the entire Gujarat region, Saurashtra-Kutch as well as Diu, Daman

and Dadra and Nagar Haveli. According to the forecast of the Meteorological Department, there is no possibility of any major change in the maximum temperature of the state during the next 7 days.

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**E-AUCTION FOR THE
CONTRACT OF PAY & PARK**

E-auction for the contract of "Pay & Park" will be held on 30.06.2026. The e-auction will start at 11:00 hrs. on 30.06.2026. The catalogue has already been published on www.ireps.gov.in website. The details are furnished as under: Catalogue No.: C481-BRC-300626 Type of contract: Pay & Park Lot No.: PARKING-BRC-VS-MX-60-26-1 (2w/4w Parking at Vishwamitri Railway Station measuring 905 Sqm) Contract period: 03 Years BRC 112

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Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. Office Number 201-B, 2nd Floor, Road No. 1 Plot No-B3, WIFI IT Park, Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane (West)- 400604

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Symbolic Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Jatin Anand Barot & Snehal Jatin Kumar Barot- LBABD00006130651	Bunglow No. 12/A, Type B, "Keshav Bunglow" Survey No.285/A And 285/B, T.P Scheme No. 241, Fina Plot 180, Chiloda (Naroda), Taluka-Gandhinagar, District-Gandhinagar- 380000/ June 15, 2026	December 05,2025 Rs. 61,11,386/-	Ahmedabad
2.	Rabari Abhaykumar Melabhai & Rabari Shantiben Melabhai- LBABD00005619957	Flat No. A-508, 5th Floor, "Galaxy Intercity Apartment", BH Maruti Showroom Opp Raspan Party Plot, Sardar Ring Road, Maje- Kathwada, Block/ Survey No. 633, TPS No. 111, FP No. 150/2, Ahmedabad- 382440/ June 15, 2026	February 16,2026 Rs. 16,08,213.62/-	Ahmedabad

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: June 20, 2026 Place: Ahmedabad & Gandhinagar Sincerely Authorised Officer, For ICICI Bank Ltd.

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

S. N.	Name of the Branch Name of the Account Name & address of the Borrower/ Guarantors Account	Description of Immovable Properties / securities mortgaged / Owner's name (Mortgagors of properties)	A) Dt. of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFESI ACT 2002. B) Outstanding Amount as on date of NPA. C) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFESI ACT 2002 D) Nature of Possession Symbolic/ Physical/ Constructive	(a) Reserve Price (b) EMD (c) Bid Increase Amt	Date/ Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
1.	SAMB, Mumbai. M/s Navrang Roadlines Pvt Ltd, GF 12/13 Vijay Plaza, Kankariya Road, Opp Jain Dairy, Ahmedabad-08 Smt. Shantidevi Biswanath Jindal (Guarantor of M/s Navrang Roadlines Pvt. Ltd) Office G/13, Vijay Plaza Opp. Abad Dairy, Kankariya Road, Maninagar, Ahmedabad 02. Bunglow No. 47, Nirmal Society, Off Canal , Maninagar, Ahmedabad-08	Property 1: All that part and parcel of the property of consisting of Property bearing Godown No.8 (Block No. 8), with Construction admeasuring about 119.92 Sq.Yards. in the Scheme known as "SAHYOG ESTATE", in situated the N.A. freehold land bearing Revenue Survey No. 437/1, (City Survey Chalta No.58 of Sheet No.31)) at Mouje: Ishanpur Gam, Taluka: Maninagar, in Registration of District Ahmedabad and Sub-District of Ahmedabad-5(Narol). Owned by Mr. Manoj Bishwanath Jindal.	A) 10.10.2019 B) Rs.32.22 Cr + further interest and charges from date of NPA. C) 22.02.2026 D)Physical Possession.	A)Rs.63,16,000.00 B)Rs.6,31,600.00 C) Rs.50,000.00	07.07.2026 11:00 AM. to 04:00 PM	Not known
	Sh. Manoj Kumar Jindal (Director of M/s Navrang Roadlines Pvt. Ltd) Office G/13, Vijay Plaza Opp. Abad Dairy, Kankariya Road, Maninagar ,Ahmedabad 02. Bunglow No. 47, Nirmal Society, Off Canal , Maninagar, Ahmedabad-08	Property 2: All that part and parcel of the property of consisting of Property bearing Plot No. 231, having admeasuring about 200 Sq.Yards. i.e. 167.22 Sq.Mtrs. (Plot Area) along with undivided of land in Scheme Known as "Transportnagar" situated within Transportnagar (Aslali) Non-Trading Corporation in Situated the N.A. freehold land bearing Block No.933,937,938,939, 940,941,942,943,944,878,877,876,875,874,873,872,880, 866,865,871, at Mouje Aslali, Taluka: Dasroi, in the Registration District of Ahmedabad and Sub-District Ahmedabad-11 (Aslali)Owned by Mr. Manoj Bishwanath Jindal.	A) 10.10.2019 B) Rs.32.22 Cr + further interest and charges from date of NPA. C)19.04.2026 D)Physical Possession.	A)Rs.35,11,000.00 B) Rs.3,51,100.00 C)Rs.50,000.00	07.07.2026 11:00 AM. to 04:00 PM	Not known
	Sh. Anup Kumar Jindal (Director of M/s Navrang Roadlines Pvt. Ltd). Add.- Office G/13, Vijay Plaza Opp. Abad Dairy, Kankariya Road, Maninagar ,Ahmedabad 02. Bunglow No. 47, Nirmal Society, Off Canal , Maninagar, Ahmedabad-08	Property 3: Plot No B-47, Having Admeasuring about 670 Sq.Yards i.e 560.12 Sq. Mtrs (Plot Area) along with undivided share of land in the scheme known as "Anmol Village" a scheme of Anmol Association (Maninagar) in situated the N.A freehold land bearing No.139 and Block No.174 at Mouje: Raska, Taluka -Mahemdabad, in registration of District Kheda and Sub District-Mahemdabad. Owned By Mr.Anup Jindal and Mr.Manoj Jindal.	A) 10.10.2019 B) Rs.32.22 Cr + further interest and charges from date of NPA. C) 03.01.2020 D) Symbolic Possession.	A)Rs.30,93,000.00 B)Rs.3,09,300.00 C)Rs.50,000.00	07.07.2026 11:00 AM. to 04:00 PM	Not known
	Sh. Anup Kumar Jindal (Director of M/s Navrang Roadlines Pvt. Ltd). Add.- Office G/13, Vijay Plaza Opp. Abad Dairy, Kankariya Road, Maninagar ,Ahmedabad 02. Bunglow No. 47, Nirmal Society, Off Canal , Maninagar, Ahmedabad-08	Property 4: Commercial Shop No. G/F/02 on Ground Floor having admeasuring area 14.85 Sq. Meters along with undivided Share of land; in the scheme known as "VIJAY PLAZA COMPLEX", of "Vishwas Complex Owners Association", constructed on Non-Agricultural Land bearing Sub-Plot No. 1/A of New Vijay Co-Operative Housing Society Limited included in Town Planning Scheme No. 2 allotted Final Plot No. 127, situated, lying and being at Mouje Village : Rajpur-Hirpur, Taluka: Maninagar, in the District of Ahmedabad and Registration Sub District of Ahmedabad-7 (Odhav), within the state of Gujarat and Same is belonging to Mrs. Shantidevi Bishwanath Jindal.	A) 10.10.2019 B) Rs.32.22 Cr + further interest and charges from date of NPA. C) 08.02.2026 D)Physical Possession.	A)Rs.13,61,000.00 B)Rs.1,36,100.00 C)Rs.50,000	07.07.2026 11:00 AM. to 04:00 PM	Not known
		Property 5: All that part and parcel of the property of consisting of Property bearing Shop No. 7, On Ground Floor, admeasuring about 180 Sq. Ft. i.e. 16.72 Sq.Mtrs. along with undivided share of land in the scheme Known as "Vijay Plaza Complex", a scheme of Vishwash Complex Owners Association as a member of New Vijay Co. Op. Hsg. So. Ltd. in situated the N.A. freehold Land bearing T.P Scheme No. 02 of Final Plot No. 127, Hissa No. 1/A Paiki at Mouje: Rajpur-Hirpur, Taluka-Maninagar, in Registration of District Ahmedabad And Sub-District - Ahmedabad-07 (Odhav) Ownership of Smt. Shantidevi Bishwanath Jindal.	A) 10.10.2019 B) Rs.32.22 Cr + further interest and charges from date of NPA. C) 08.02.2026 D)Physical Possession.	A) Rs.64,44,000.00 B) Rs.6,44,400.00 C) Rs.50,000.00	07.07.2026 11:00 AM. to 04:00 PM	Not known
		All that part and parcel of the property of consisting of Property bearing Shop No. 8, On Ground Floor, admeasuring about 180 Sq. Ft. i.e. 16.72 Sq.Mtrs. along with undivided share of land in the scheme Known as "Vijay Plaza Complex", a scheme of Vishwash Complex Owners Association as a member of New Vijay Co. Op. Hsg. So. Ltd. in situated the N.A. freehold Land bearing T.P Scheme No. 02 of Final Plot No. 127, Hissa No. 1/A Paiki at Mouje: Rajpur-Hirpur, Taluka-Maninagar, in Registration of District Ahmedabad And Sub-District - Ahmedabad-07 (Odhav) Ownership of Smt. Shantidevi Bishwanath Jindal.	A) 10.10.2019 B) Rs.32.22 Cr + further interest and charges from date of NPA. C) 08.02.2026 D)Physical Possession.	A) Rs.64,44,000.00 B) Rs.6,44,400.00 C) Rs.50,000.00	07.07.2026 11:00 AM. to 04:00 PM	Not known

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The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions:

1.The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"

2.The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.

3.The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website <https://baanet.com> on 07.07.2026 @ 11.00 AM to 04:00 PM.

4.For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer <https://baanet.com> & www.pnbindia.in.

Date : 19-06-2026
Place : Mumbai

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Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank
Secured Creditor