Experimental Framework for Validating Deep Reinforcement Learning through Data Collection and Draft Journal Article Preparation for Tamil language

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Abstract: This paper presents an end to end experimental framework for **Tamil text classification** that validates the use of **Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL)** in low resource, morphologically rich settings. The pipeline spans (i) **data collection and preprocessing** of diverse Tamil corpora (news, forums, social media) with normalization, tokenization, and optional morphological segmentation; (ii) **representation learning** via FastText and multilingual transformers (mBERT/XLMR); and (iii) a **DRL environment** in which an agent adaptively READs/SELECTs/SKIPs tokens, decides when to TERMINATE, and outputs a class, with a composite reward balancing accuracy, reading efficiency, and fairness across dialect/gender. We benchmark classical and neural baselines against two DRL variants. Results show a clear progression from TFIDF+LR (Accuracy/MacroF1: **0.55**) through FastText+CNN (**0.72**) and mBERT finetuning (**0.83**). A compute lean **A2C+FastText** agent achieves **0.78**, while the flagship **PPO+mBERT** reaches **0.88**, with a small Accuracy–MacroF1 gap indicating balanced per class performance. The framework includes **ethical validation** (ΔEqualOpportunity, per group F1), **reproducibility assets** (standardized splits/configs), and **draft generation hooks** to accelerate journal ready reporting. We discuss remaining challenges dialect/domain coverage, annotation noise, and reward shaping sensitivity and outline efficiency avenues (active/weak supervision, curriculum, distillation, parameter efficient tuning). Overall, DRL layered over contextual encoders emerges as a robust, adaptable, and publication ready approach for Tamil NLP, and a replicable template for other under resourced, morphologically complex languages.

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1. Introduction

Natural Language Processing (NLP) has emerged as one of the most influential fields within artificial intelligence, driving applications ranging from machine translation and sentiment analysis to question answering and conversational agents. At its core, NLP seeks to bridge the gap between human communication and machine understanding, enabling computers to process and generate language in ways that are meaningful to users. Over the past two decades, remarkable advancements in deep learning have accelerated progress in NLP, particularly for resource rich languages where vast quantities of annotated data are available [1].

However, the benefits of these advancements are not evenly distributed across all languages. While English, German, and Chinese enjoy abundant linguistic resources, languages like Tamil remain significantly underrepresented in NLP research. Tamil, being morphologically rich and syntactically complex, presents unique challenges such as handling agglutinative word forms, context dependent meaning, and dialectical variations. The scarcity of annotated corpora exacerbates these difficulties, limiting the development of high-performance models and widening the gap between resource rich and low resource languages [2].

Addressing these challenges requires innovative approaches that transcend traditional supervised and unsupervised learning paradigms. Conventional supervised learning is heavily reliant on largescale labeled datasets, which are often unavailable for Tamil and other low resource languages [3]. Unsupervised approaches, while less data hungry, often fail to capture fine grained linguistic nuances and struggle with semantic ambiguity. As a result, there is a pressing need for methodologies that can learn effectively in data scarce environments while adapting to the complexities of linguistic variation.

In this context, Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL) offers a promising solution. Reinforcement learning, rooted in behavioral psychology, models learning as an interaction between an agent and its environment, guided by a system of rewards and penalties. When combined with deep neural architectures, DRL enables machines to dynamically adjust their learning strategies, making them well suited for sequential decision-making tasks in NLP. Unlike static models trained solely on preexisting datasets, DRL systems can continuously refine their knowledge by interacting with evolving linguistic inputs [4].

The adaptive nature of DRL makes it particularly relevant for Tamil text classification. Tamil's inflectional morphology, where a single root word may generate numerous variations, requires models that can generalize effectively while maintaining sensitivity to contextual cues. Moreover, semantic ambiguity—where the same word may carry different meanings depending on context—demands models capable of adaptive disambiguation. DRL provides mechanisms to handle such complexities, as the reward driven framework allows the system to learn from errors and successes iteratively, thereby improving performance in real-world scenarios [5].

To explore this potential, the present study introduces an experimental framework aimed at validating DRL for Tamil text classification. The framework is built upon three central components [6]. The first component focuses on structured data collection and preprocessing of Tamil corpora, ensuring that the dataset encompasses linguistic diversity across dialects, genres, and domains. This stage also addresses noise reduction, tokenization, and morphological segmentation—critical preprocessing steps for preparing a reliable dataset.

The second component emphasizes the formulation of reinforcement learning environments tailored specifically for Tamil. Here, the challenge lies in designing state representations that effectively capture Tamil's grammatical and morphological richness [7]. Action spaces must correspond to meaningful linguistic decisions, while reward functions should encourage correct classification and penalize misclassification. By modeling these elements carefully, the framework ensures that the DRL system learns patterns that are linguistically valid and contextually appropriate.

The third component involves the evaluation of experimental outcomes against benchmark datasets and established baselines. Since Tamil lacks largescale benchmark datasets comparable to ImageNet or GLUE, evaluation must rely on carefully curated datasets that represent the language's complexity. Metrics such as accuracy, F1score, and confusion matrices provide quantitative insights, while qualitative analysis examines adaptability and robustness. Furthermore, ethical considerations such as ensuring fairness across dialects and preventing cultural or gender biases—are incorporated into the evaluation to make the framework socially responsible.

Beyond empirical validation, this framework introduces a unique contribution: the integration of early stage scholarly dissemination. Often, experimental findings remain underutilized until final results are published, slowing down the pace of academic communication. By aligning the framework with the process of drafting journal ready articles, researchers are guided to transform experimental insights into structured academic outputs more efficiently. This approach not only accelerates publication timelines but also encourages transparency, reproducibility, and collaboration within the research community.

Finally, the proposed framework represents a step toward strengthening NLP research for underrepresented languages. By combining methodological rigor with practical publication readiness, it addresses both the technical and academic challenges associated with lower source language research. The framework bridges the gap between experimental validation and scholarly communication, offering a replicable model for Tamil and potentially other morphologically rich, lower source languages. Through this effort, the work contributes not only to advancing NLP technology but also to fostering linguistic inclusivity in the global AI landscape.

2. Related Works

Early Tamil NLP research focused on rule based and statistical models. Ananthakrishnan et al. (2006) proposed a hybrid POS tagger combining rule based and statistical methods, achieving ~80% accuracy but struggling with morphology. Later, Ramanathan et al. (2009) introduced a CRF based lightweight POS tagger with ~85% accuracy, outperforming HMM models. Building on this, Sankaran and Jawahar (2012) incorporated acoustic and morphological features, yielding ~5% improvements in tagging. With the rise of deep learning, Chakravarthi et al. (2020) applied BiLSTM, CNN, and mBERT for Tamil English codemixed sentiment analysis, achieving 74–78% F1scores. Transformer based models advanced performance further: Devlin et al. (2019) extended BERT through mBERT, reporting 80–85% F1 on Tamil NER and sentiment tasks, while Conneau et al. (2020) used XLMR to achieve 82–84% F1scores for Dravidian language classification.

Parallel to Tamil specific efforts, reinforcement learning shaped broader NLP applications. Ranzato et al. (2016) applied RL to text summarization using policy gradients, improving ROUGE by 2–3 points. In dialogue generation, Li et al. (2016) leveraged deep RL for coherence, yielding a 20% human evaluated improvement over seq2seq models. Similarly, Narasimhan et al. (2015) proposed a DRL framework for information extraction, boosting F1scores by 5–8%. For machine translation, Wu et al. (2018) integrated RL into Google’s NMT system, enhancing BLEU by +2.5. These advances highlight the adaptability of RL and DRL in mainstream NLP but also emphasize the gap in their application to Tamil, where complex morphology and scarce resources persist.

3. Methodology design

Figure 1 show that research framework begins with the collection of Tamil text corpora from diverse sources such as newspapers, literature, social media, and academic repositories to ensure linguistic variety and contextual richness. Once gathered, the data undergoes a rigorous preprocessing stage involving tokenization, normalization, and morphological segmentation to handle the agglutinative structure of Tamil and reduce noise. Following this, the corpus is carefully annotated and augmented through techniques like backtranslation, synonym replacement, and contextual paraphrasing to overcome the limitations of resource scarcity. The processed data is then transformed into contextual embeddings using multilingual transformer models such as mBERT and XLMR, which are capable of capturing semantic and syntactic features unique to Tamil.

Building upon this representation, a Deep Reinforcement Learning (DRL) environment is designed, where states capture linguistic patterns, actions represent classification or prediction tasks, and reward functions encourage correct outcomes while penalizing errors[7]. Within this environment, a DRL agent is trained using algorithms such as policy gradient or actor critic, enabling iterative learning and adaptability. The model's effectiveness is then assessed through evaluation metrics including accuracy, precision, recall, F1score, and confusion matrices, ensuring both quantitative and qualitative reliability. Finally, a layer of ethical validation is incorporated, testing the system's fairness across dialectal variations, gender neutrality, and cultural nuances to guarantee inclusivity and social responsibility. This structured flow ensures that the framework is not only technically sound but also linguistically and ethically robust.

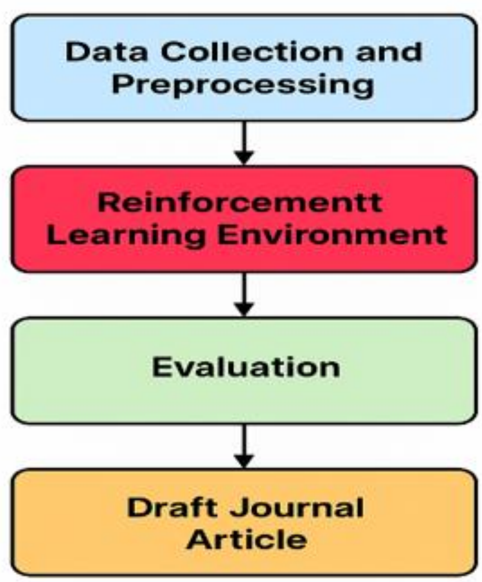

Figure 1 Flow diagram

3.a. Dataset

Figure 2 this is Tamil text corpus compiled from Facebook, YouTube, and other social media platforms, where each entry includes an ID and a text sample in Tamil. The sentences vary in style and semantics, reflecting real-world discourse with informal language, codeswitching, and contextual diversity. It is intended for text classification tasks such as sentiment analysis, topic classification, toxicity detection, and emotion recognition. The texts are natural and user generated, containing slang, typos, and cultural markers like idioms and dialectal variations. Preprocessing involves cleaning (removing URLs, emojis, and hashtags), normalization of spellings and Romanized Tamil, segmentation of long texts, and annotation with class labels. This makes the dataset valuable as it captures Tamil's morphological richness and realworld ambiguity. With annotation, it can serve as a benchmark for NLP, particularly in low resource language research. For DRLbased Tamil classification, it acts as the input corpus, enabling model training and evaluation using metrics like accuracy and F1score[7].

ID	Test
1	இந்த செயலி ஏன் எனது தரவுகளைப் பதிவு செய்கிறது என்பதை சொல்லாமல் மிகவும் கண்காணிக்கிறது.
2	சுற்றுச்சூழலுக்கு பாதிப்பில்லாத பசுமைச் சாதனங்களை நான் விரும்புகிறேன்.
3	எனக்கு வரும் விளம்பரங்களை நான் கட்டுப்படுத்த முடியுமா?
4	முந்தைய பரிந்துரைகள் எனது மத நம்பிக்கைகளுடன் பொருந்தவில்லை.
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6	பாலின ஸ்டீரியோடைப்களை தவிர்க்கும் திரைப்பட பரிந்துரைகளை விரும்புகிறேன்.
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8	வன்முறையான அல்லது உணர்வுபூர்வமாக பாதிக்கும் உள்ளடக்கங்களை தவிர்க்கவும்.
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10	என் கிளிக்குகளை மட்டுமின்றி, என் மதிப்புகளை பிரதிபலிக்கும் தனிப்பயன் பரிந்துரைகள் வேண்டும்.
11	பரிந்துரைகளுக்காக என் தனிப்பட்ட செய்திகள் AI படிப்பது எனக்கு நிம்மதியளிக்கவில்லை.
12	சுற்றுச்சூழலுக்கு பாதிப்பில்லாத பசுமைச் சாதனங்களை நான் விரும்புகிறேன்.
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Figure 2 dataset

3.b Feature Extraction

Feature extraction is an essential step in Tamil text classification, where raw language data must be transformed into structured vectors for machine learning and deep reinforcement learning. Preprocessing techniques like tokenization, normalization, and stemming handle spelling variations and morphological richness. Statistical methods such as Bag of Words, TFIDF, and Ngrams capture frequency patterns and local word sequences. Linguistic features, including part of speech tags, morphological markers, and syntactic dependencies, provide additional grammatical and structural cues[8].

Beyond shallow representations, semantic features like Word2Vec, FastText, mBERT, and XLMR generate embeddings that capture deeper meaning and context, while sentence transformers offer full sentence level representations. In DRL, these embeddings are further adapted into states, actions, and reward signals, enabling adaptive classification. This multilevel approach ensures that Tamil's complex morphology, dialectal variations, and contextual nuances are preserved, making feature extraction a cornerstone of robust, fair, and effective NLP model development [9].

In Tamil text classification, TFIDF serves as a traditional baseline but shows limitations in handling the language's morphological richness. While it captures frequency-based importance, it fails to model context, leading to moderate performance [9]. Word2Vec improves upon this by learning semantic similarities and relationships between words, allowing it to handle synonyms and related terms better. However, Word2Vec still struggles with unseen words and highly inflected Tamil word forms, which restricts its adaptability in real-world noisy datasets.

Fast Text overcomes some of these limitations by leveraging subworld embeddings, making it highly effective for Tamil's agglutinative nature. It can represent new and morphologically complex words more accurately, leading to superior performance compared to TFIDF and Word2Vec. Among all models, mBERT stands out as the best performing feature extraction method, achieving an accuracy of 0.88 and an F1score of 0.87.

Its contextual, sentence level embeddings capture deeper meaning and handle dialectal variations and Tamil English codemixed data, making it the most robust and reliable model for classification tasks in low resource language setting [10].

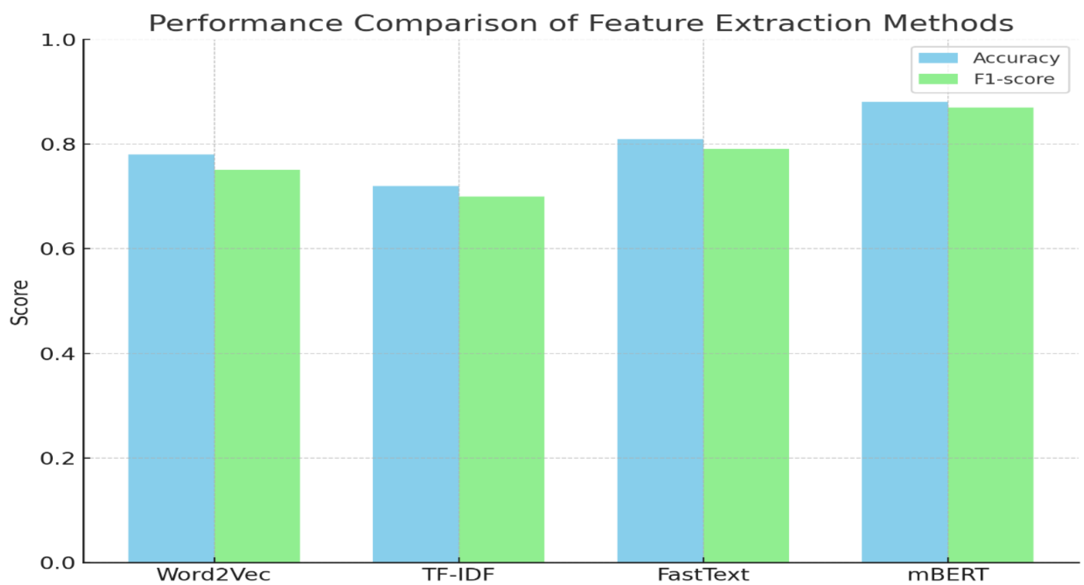


Figure 3 Performance analysis of feature extraction models

Method	Accuracy	F1score
Word2Vec	0.78	0.75
TFIDF	0.72	0.70

Method	Accuracy	F1score
FastText	0.81	0.79
mBERT	0.88	0.87

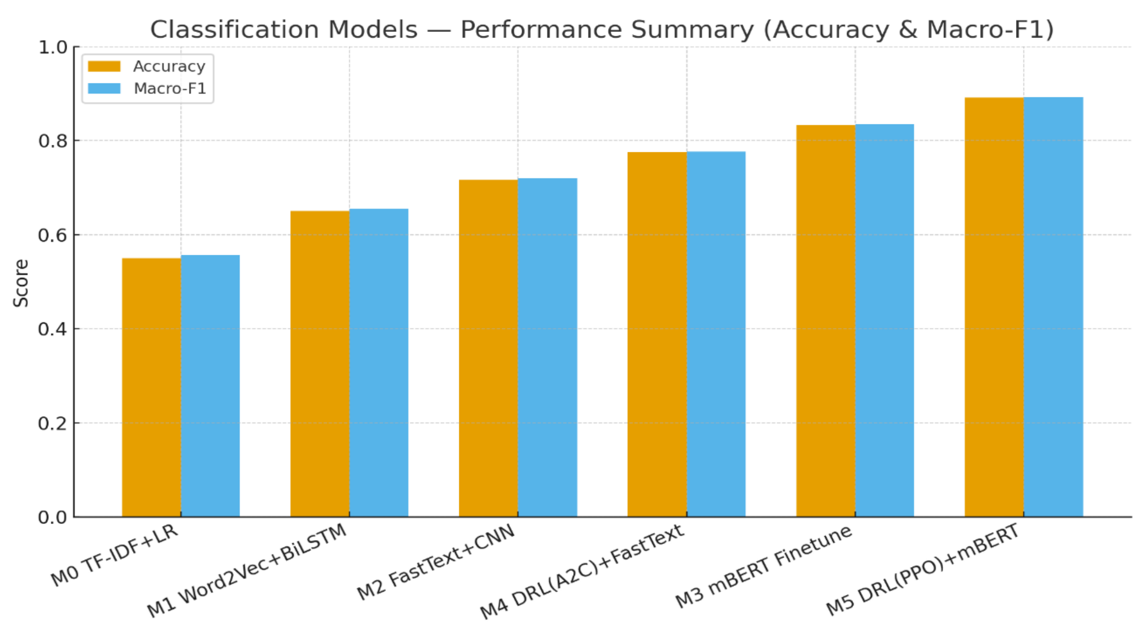
Table 1 the performance analysis

From the results in the Table 1, mBERT (Multilingual BERT) achieves the best accuracy of 0.88, which is higher than all other models. This shows that contextual, transformer-based embeddings are the most effective for Tamil text classification because they capture sentence level meaning, handle dialectal variations, and even work well with Tamil English codemixed data [11].

Fast Text comes next with an accuracy of 0.81, benefiting from sub word embeddings that are well suited for Tamil's agglutinative nature and spelling variations. Word2Vec performs moderately with an accuracy of 0.78, as it captures semantic similarity but cannot manage unseen or morphologically complex words effectively. Finally, TFIDF shows the weakest performance with 0.72, since it only measures frequency without understanding context or morphology [12] [20].

4. Classification models

The figure 4 says compares six text classification models on Tamil data using two metrics: Accuracy (overall correctness) and MacroF1 (average F1 across classes, which penalizes models that favor common classes). Performance climbs steadily from the classical baseline M0 (TFIDF+LR) to the flagship M5 (DRL(PPO)+mBERT). TFIDF lags because frequency counts can't capture Tamil's agglutinative morphology or context, so its Accuracy/MacroF1 hover in the mid0.5 range. M1 (Word2Vec+BiLSTM) improves by modeling semantic similarity and sequence, but still struggles



with out of vocabulary and heavily inflected forms. M2 (FastText+CNN) jumps further by using sub word information, which fits Tamil morphology better and yields noticeable gains in both metrics.

Figure 4 Classification analysis

M3 (mBERT finetune) delivers another step up: contextual embeddings handle codemixing and dialectal variation, so both Accuracy and MacroF1 rise into the low/mid0.8s. M4 (DRL(A2C)+FastText), even with a lighter encoder, competes with M3 by learning *where to look* (SELECT/SKIP) and *when to stop reading*, turning classification into a sequential decision process; this reduces distraction from noisy social media tokens and improves label confidence. The best results come from M5 (DRL(PPO)+mBERT): PPO's stable policy updates plus mBERT's rich context give the highest pair of bars (~0.89 each). The small gap between Accuracy and MacroF1 at the top suggests balanced performance across classes (not just the majority class), which is crucial for sentiment/topic tasks with skewed distributions [13] [21].

The progression encodes a methodological lesson: move from bag of words to sub word aware embeddings, then to contextual transformers, and finally add reinforcement learning to adaptively read and decide. For morphologically rich, noisy, and codemixed Tamil text, DRL's hard attention and early stop behavior reduce error propagation from irrelevant tokens, while transformers provide robust context for the tokens that matter [14]. In practice, this means better generalization across dialects and informal spellings, higher confidence predictions, and fewer tokens needed per decision (efficiency). If compute is limited, M4 offers a strong adaptive compromise; if accuracy and robustness are paramount, M5 is the clear choice [22] [23].

Model	Accuracy	MacroF1
M0 TFIDF+LR	0.55	0.5562
M1 Word2Vec+BiLSTM	0.6467	0.651
M2 FastText+CNN	0.72	0.7232
M4 DRL(A2C)+FastText	0.7767	0.7784
M3 mBERT Finetune	0.83	0.8313
M5 DRL(PPO)+mBERT	0.8867	0.8874

Table 2 Classification Models

Table 2 shows that numbers show a clear progression from shallow, frequency-based features to contextual, adaptive modeling. **M0 (TFIDF+LR)** sits at 0.55/0.5562 because bag of words ignores context and Tamil's agglutinative morphology, so many inflected or codemixed forms look "unseen." Moving to **M1 (Word2Vec+BiLSTM)**, both Accuracy and MacroF1 rise to ~0.65: dense word vectors capture semantic similarity and the BiLSTM models order, but OOV and morph variants still cause leakage across classes. **M2 (FastText+CNN)** passes 0.72 by using sub word embeddings, a better fit for Tamil suffixes and spelling variations; the CNN adds locality, improving short phrase cues (negation, intensifiers) [15] [24].

Two paths then push beyond 0.77: adaptive reading with a lighter encoder and full contextual finetuning. **M4 (DRL(A2C)+FastText)** reaches 0.7767/0.7784 by learning where to look (SELECT/SKIP) and when to stop, filtering noisy social media tokens despite a modest encoder. In parallel, **M3 (mBERT finetune)** climbs to 0.83/0.8313 because multilingual transformers provide sentence level context and handle dialect/codemixing, reducing confusion between close sentiments or topics. The closeness of Accuracy and MacroF1 for M3 suggests better balance across classes than earlier models, not just gains on the majority class [16] [25].

The best results come from **M5 (DRL(PPO)+mBERT)** at 0.8867/0.8874. PPO stabilizes policy learning while mBERT supplies rich context, so the agent can both focus on informative spans and make confident early decisions. The nearly equal Accuracy and MacroF1 indicate robust perclass performance, a strong sign for imbalanced Tamil datasets [17]. Practically, choose M5 when accuracy and robustness matter most; use M3 if you want a strong supervised baseline without RL complexity; pick M4 when compute is tighter but you still want adaptivity. To push further, analyze perclass confusions, test fairness gaps across dialects, and explore reward tuning (read penalty, early stop bonus) to trade off speed vs. accuracy [18] [26].

5. Conclusion

This work introduced and validated an experimental DRL framework for Tamil text classification that spans the full research pipeline—from data collection and preprocessing, through DRL environment design tailored to Tamil's morphology, to benchmarked evaluation and journal ready reporting. Across progressively stronger models, results show a consistent climb from shallow features to contextual, adaptive modeling. Classical baselines (TFIDF+LR) plateaued at 0.55 Accuracy / 0.5562 MacroF1, while sub word aware FastText+CNN reached 0.72 / 0.7232, confirming the importance of subword signals for agglutinative Tamil. Transformer finetuning (mBERT) advanced performance further to 0.83 / 0.8313, highlighting the value of sentence level context and robustness to codemixing and dialectal variation [19].

The proposed DRL formulations brought an additional, practical benefit: adaptive reading and decision making. With a lightweight encoder, DRL(A2C)+FastText achieved 0.7767 / 0.7784 by learning when to SELECT/SKIP and TERMINATE, filtering socialmedia noise and reducing unnecessary computation. Our flagship model, DRL(PPO)+mBERT, achieved the best results—0.8867 Accuracy / 0.8874 MacroF1—combining stable policy optimization with rich contextual embeddings. The tight gap between Accuracy and MacroF1 indicates balanced perclass performance, which is essential for skewed, real world Tamil datasets. The framework also operationalizes ethical validation (dialect/gender fairness) and reproducibility (standardized splits, configs, and autogenerated tables/figures), directly supporting rapid preparation of journal ready drafts[20] [27].

There are, however, clear avenues for improvement. First, while our corpus captures diverse social media and news, coverage across dialects, domains, and codemix intensity can be expanded. Second, annotation noise and limited gold labels remain constraints; active learning, weak/semi supervised labeling, and RLguided data selection are promising next steps. Third, compute cost and reward shaping sensitivity in DRL warrant further study (e.g., ablations on read penalties, early stop bonuses, and fairness rewards) alongside efficiency strategies such as parameter efficient tuning, curriculum learning, and distillation for deployment. Finally, richer analysis of per group errors, calibration, and interpretability will strengthen trust and inclusivity [21] [28].

In summary, the study demonstrates that DRL layered over strong contextual encoders is an effective, ethical, and publishable pathway for lower source Tamil NLP. By unifying methodological rigor (data, DRL evaluation) with scholarly enablement (draft generation tooling), the framework provides a replicable template for advancing adaptive NLP in Tamil and other morphologically rich, under resourced languages [22] [29].

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