

OVER TO ANIMATION

Kollywood has two animated films to look forward to. One featuring the reigning superstar Rajinikanth, the other the eternal idol MGR. **R S Prakash** gives us a status check

SULTAN READY FOR SHOW

Fans of Rajinikanth, who are desperate for some heartening news from their hero, especially after the debacle of *Kuselan* and his ambiguous political ambitions, have something to look forward to soon.

Sultan — *The Warrior*, the animated film, is almost complete. Portions involving the superstar have been wrapped up, and the film is set for release on April 14, next year.

Jointly produced by Ocher Studio and Adlabs, the film has brought together some of the best technicians in the country. With A R Rahman as the music scorer and Thottatharani as the art director, it has taken nearly two years to get things going for the film to open globally in 12 languages including Tamil, Telugu, Hindi and English.

Sultan... is supposedly laced with characteristic punch lines and mannerisms of Rajni. According to daughter Soundarya, also director of the film, the production values will be on par with those of Pixar and Dreamworks.

YET ANOTHER AVATAR

MGR, the matinee idol of Tamil cinema, passed away in 1987 and yet he continues to stir emotions among cinema audiences. For his fans, there's reason for cheer. Mayabimham media, the makers of *Inimey Naangathaan-V4* are readying for their next project, *Puratchithalaivan* (leader of revolution). It will feature MGR and Soroja Devi (MGR's co-star in a number of films). The 3D animated film will be wielded by Venky Baboo and a trailer is expected to be ready by January 17, MGR's birthday.

A big-budget project, it is expected to be packed with all the elements of a typical MGR entertainer.



Sultan - The Warrior and (above) Puratchithalaivan

