RECIPE BOOK OF NAZISH QURESHI VEGETARIAN DISHES



Dal Makhani	Rajma	<u>Kadhi</u>	Palak Paneer
Kadhai Paneer	Sarson Ka Saaq	Gram Dal	Dhaba Dal
Chhole Bhature	Karela Masala	Aaloo Gobhi	Punjabi Aaloo
Arbi Masala	Paneer Butter Masala	Shahi Paneer	Paneer Makhani
Kabuli Chana Gravy	Baghare Baingan	Malai Kofta	Adraki Mushroom
Dum Aaloo	Mushroom Chilly Fry	Baingan Bharta	Aaloo Palak
Navratan Korma	Matar Paneer	Stuffed Capsicum	Masala Dosa
Rava Dosa	Medu Vada	Sambhar	Coconut Chutney
Mushroom Baghaar	Stuffed Bhindi	Mughlai Arbi	Matar Mushroom
Bhindi Masala	Capsicum Paneer	Gobhi Korma	Methi Saag
	<u>Delight</u>		
Stuffed Baingan	Paneer Matar Masala	Kathal Masala	Bharva Bhindi
Peas Pulao	<u>Tahiri</u>		

DAL MAKHANI An all time favourite lentil delicacy with the richness of fresh cream.		
INGREDIENTS	METHOD	
Black Urad dal (whole)	1. Pick, wash and soak whole black urad and rajma	
1/2 cup	overnight in three cups of water.	
Red Kidney	2. Peel and chop the onion, ginger and garlic finely. Wash	
beans(rajmah) 2 tbsps.	and chop the tomatoes.	
Cumin seeds 1 tsp.	3. Cook the soaked dal and rajma in three cups of water with	
Chopped garlic 6 cloves.	salt, red chili powder and half the chopped ginger till dal and	
Chopped ginger 2 inch.	rajma are cooked and soft.	
Garam masala powder 1	4. Heat oil and butter in a thick-bottomed pan. Add cumin	
tsp.	seeds, when it crackles add chopped onions and fry till	
Fresh cream 1/2 cup	golden brown.	
Red chili powder 1 tsp.	5. Add chopped ginger, garlic and chopped tomatoes. Saute	
Butter 3 tbsps.	till tomatoes are well mashed and fat starts to leave the	
Chopped tomato 2 nos.	masala. Add boiled dal and rajma to this. Adjust seasoning.	
Chopped onion 1 no.	6. Add garam masala powder and simmer on very low heat	
Oil 1 tbsp.	for fifteen minutes.	
Salt As per taste	7. Add fresh cream and let it simmer for another five	
	minutes.	
	8. Serve hot with Naan or Paratha.	

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RAJMAH Red kidney beans cooked in a spicy tomato gravyINGREDIENTSMETHOD

Rajmah 200 gms.	1. Soak rajmah (red kidney beans) overnight in 5 cups of
Chopped onion 1 cup	water.
Chopped tomato 1 ¹ / ₂ cup	2. Boil rajmah or pressure cook until soft and fully
Garlic paste 1 tbsp.	cooked.
Ginger paste 1 ¹ / ₂ tbsp.	3. Heat oil, add bayleaves, chopped onion and saute'
Red chili powder 1 tbsp.	onion till golden brown in color. Add Ginger Paste and
Coriander powder 1 tbsp.	Garlic Paste. Cook for a minute.
Turmeric powder 1 tsp.	4. Add red chili powder, coriander powder, turmeric
Chopped green coriander 1	powder and cumin powder. Stir and add chopped
tbsp.	tomatoes, cook till tomatoes are fully mixed with the
Cumin powder 1 tsp.	masala.
Bay leaf 3 no.	5. Add boiled rajmah and cook on a slow flame for 15
Garam masala powder 1 tsp.	minutes. Add Garam Masala Powder and garnish with
Oil 3 tbsp.	chopped fresh coriander.
Salt As per taste	6. Cook until gravy is thick and raimah coated with it.
	7. Serve hot with steamed rice.

PUNJABI KADHI North Indian yogurt curry with gramflour dumplings		
INGREDIENTS		METHOD
Pakora		1. Mix all pakora ingredients except oil and add
Gram flour 1 cup		about ½ cup of water. Mix well.
Chopped onion	¼ cup	2. Heat oil in a Kadhai and deep fry vegetable and
Chopped potato	¼ cup	gram flour mixture after making into small balls. Fry
Ajwain	1 tsp.	till <i>pakoras</i> are golden brown.
Red chili powder	1 tsp.	3. Beat Curd/Yogurt and mix gram flour in it. Blend
Chopped ginger	1 tsp.	thoroughly so as to ensure that there are no lumps.
Baking powder	½ tsp.	Add turmeric powder, salt and 3 cups of water.
Oil for deep frying	-	4. Heat oil in a Kadhai. Add fenugreek seeds and dry
Salt	As per taste	red chili. Stir fry for half minute. Add Gram flour and
Kadhi		Yogurt mixture. Bring it to a boil and simmer on a
Curd (yogurt)	1 cup	slow fire for about 15 minutes. Stir occasionally.
Gram flour	¼ cup	5. Add red chili powder and fried <i>pakoras</i> and again
Dry red chili whole		simmer for about 5 minutes.
Turmeric powder	1 tsp.	6. Serve hot with steamed rice.
Asafoetida	A pinch	
Fenugreek seeds	1 tsp.	
Oil	2 tbsp.	
Salt	As per taste	
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KADHI PAKODA Daawat.com	
INGREDIENTS	METHOD
For Kadhi: 500 gms yogurt	For the pakoras, mix all the ingredients of pakoras along with water and make a batter.
gram flour (besan) 6 tbsp	Heat oil in a deep frying pan and drop spoons-
red chili powder 21/2 tsp	full of batter into the oil. Deep fry until golden
1/2 tsp turmeric powder	brown and repeat the same for the remaining
cummin powder I tsp	batter.
ginger 1/2 tsp	
garlic 5 cloves	Mix yogurt, gram flour, green chilies, turmeric,
1/4 cup ghee	cummin powder in a bowl and whisk well by
4 green chilies, finely chopped	adding 5 cups (1.15 lts) of water. Heat ghee in
3 spring onions, chopped	a pan and fry the fenugreek seeds until they
Salt 2 tsp (to taste)	splutter. To this, add yogurt mixture and bring

For Pakodas:	to a boil, stirring continuously, until thin sauce
100 gms gram flour (besan)	consistency. Cook on low flame till mixture is
dried crushed methi leaves 2 pinchs	reduced to half. Add more water if required to
A pinch of soda bi-carbonate	reduce thickness. Finally add the pakoras,
Salt 1 tsp (to taste)	onions and cook until a thick consistency.
chat masala 1 tsp (optional)	Remove from heat and add the seasoning.
1 tsp coriander seeds	
Oil for frying	To prepare the seasoning, heat ghee in a pan,
For Seasoning:	add cumin, stir until they begin to pop. Then
75 gms ghee	add dry red chilies, stir and pour over the
1 tsp cumin seeds	kadhi. Remove and serve hot with steamed
4 dry red chilies	rice.
curry leaves 12	

PALAK PANEER A typical North-Indian dish made from Spinach and Paneer.	
INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Paneer 200 gms	1. Pick, wash and boil palak leaves in minimum water for
Spinach (palak) 2	about 8 minutes.
bunches	2. Grind boiled palak coarsely.
Onion 1 no.	3. Cut the Paneer into cubes and deep-fry till golden brown.
Ginger garlic paste 1 tsp.	4. Chop onion. Puree the tomatoes.
Tomato 2 nos.	5. Add oil in a pan and heat. Add the chopped onions.
Milk ½ cup	6. When the onion turns pinkish in colour, add the Ginger
Red chili powder ½ tsp.	Garlic paste and chili powder.
Garam masala ½ tsp.	7. Next add the tomato puree and cook till oil leaves the
Oil 2 tbsp.+ to fry	pan.
Salt To taste	8. Now add the Garam Masala Powder and palak. Mix well.
	9. Add milk and let it cook till it is of a thick consistency.
	10. Add salt. Add the paneer just before serving.

KADHAI PANEER Paneer cooked with lots of Red chilies and flavoured with coriander.		
INGREDIENTS	METHOD	
Paneer 500 gms.	1. Cut Paneer into triangles and keep aside.	
Sliced onion 1 ¹ / ₂ cup	2. Heat oil in a Kadhai, add dry red chili, coriander	
Bay leaf 2 nos.	powder, bayleaf and then add sliced onion, sauté	
Dry red chili whole 3 nos.	onion till golden brown in color, and crisp.	
Garlic paste 1 tsp.	3. Add Ginger Paste, Garlic Paste, stir and add	
Ginger paste 1 tsp.	tomato puree, cook for few minutes.	
Crushed coriander seeds 2 tsps	4. Then add red chili powder, coriander powder and	
Tomato puree ³ / ₄ cup	salt mix well. Add 1/2 cup water if required.	
Red chili powder 1 tsp.	5. Add Paneer and cook until coated with thick	
Garam masala powder 1 tsp.	gravy.	
Oil 2 tsps.	6. Serve hot, garnished with lightly roasted crushed	
Salt To taste	coriander seeds.	
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SARSON KA SAAG Leaves of the mustard plant - cooked with spices in pure ghee - A		
December favourite of the people of Punjab		
INGREDIENTS METHOD		
Mustard greens, cleaned & chopped 1. Heat 6 tablespoons Ghee, put in asafoetic		
2 bunches	then add all the spices, mustard, tomato and	
Asafoetida A pinch salt.		

Onion, small, minced 1 no.	2. Cover tightly and cook till tender.
Ginger, minced 1"piece	3. Mash to a very fine paste.
Garlic, minced 2 flakes	4. Blend flour with 2 tablespoons water and put
Makai flour 1 tsp.	in.
Turmeric powder 1/2 tsp.	5. Keep on stirring till the saag turns dry.
Tomato, large, blanched & diced 1no.	6. Heat 2 tablespoons ghee and toss in ginger,
Chili powder To taste	garlic and onion and fry till soft.
Salt To taste	7. Mix in and serve hot.
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GRAM DAL A simple dal with a light seasoning		
INGREDIENTS	METHOD	
Gram dal 8 cups	1. Cook the dal in enough water till tender.	
Dry red chilies 2 nos.	2. Pour coconut oil in a saucepan and add	
Mustard seeds 1/2 tsp.	salt, mustard seeds, black dal and red chilies.	
Black dal ½ tsp.	3. Chop finely the green chilies, ginger,	
Green chilies 2 nos.	coriander leaves, and when the mustard	
Ginger A piece	sputters throw these in, together with the	
Coriander leaves A bunch	cooked dal.	
Grated coconut 2 tbsp.	4. Mix in the grated coconut and sprinkle with	
Lemon juice As required.	lemon juice to taste.	
Coconut oil 2 tsp.		
Salt To taste		





DAL DHABA STYLE A popular mixed lentil preparation dished up in stalls on the		
highways in North India.		
INGREDIENTS	METHOD	
Urad dal, with skin $\frac{1}{2}$	1.Clean, wash and soak urad dal, chana dal and kidney	
cup	beans in sufficient water for at least six hours.	
Chana dal ¼ cup	2.Peel and finely chop onion and garlic. Wash, remove	
Red kidney beans 1/4 cup	stem and finely chop green chillies. Wash and finely chop	
Onions 2 nos.	tomatoes. Wash and chop coriander leaves.	
Tomatoes 3 nos.	3.Drain soaked dals, add six cups water and pressure-cook	
Garlic 8-10 cloves	for half an hour or until the dals are completely cooked.	
Green chilies 2-3 nos.	4.Meanwhile, heat oil in a pan, add chopped garlic, stir-fry	
Red chili powder 1 tbsp.	briefly till golden brown. Add chopped onion, slit green	
Cumin powder 1/2 tbsp.	chillies and sauté for four to five minutes or until the onion	
Fresh coriander leaves	is golden brown in colour.	
¼ cup	5.Add red chilli powder, cumin powder and stir-fry briefly.	
Kasuri methi 1 tbsp.	Add chopped tomatoes and cook on high heat for three to	

Butter 3 tbsps.	four minutes, stirring continuously. Stir in the cooked dals
Oil 4 tbsps.	and butter and mix well.
	6.Add salt, chopped coriander leaves and cook dal for ten minutes on low heat, stirring occasionally.7.Crush kasuri methi between the palms, sprinkle on the dals and serve hot.

CHHOLE A speciality of Punjab, usually accompanied with bhatura.		
INGREDIENTS	METHOD	
Chick pea (Kabuli chanas) 1	1. Soak the chana for at least six hours. Drain.	
cup	2. Peel and chop the onions. Peel and quarter the	
Onions, chopped 2 nos.	potatoes. Wash and quarter two tomatoes and make	
Potatoes 2 nos.	slices of the remaining. Peel and make juliennes of the	
Tomatoes 2 nos.	ginger. Clean, wash and chop coriander leaves. Wash	
Coriander powder 1 tbsp.	and slit the green chilies.	
Cumin powder 1 tbsp.	3. Add water and 1/2 teaspoon of soda bi-carbonate to	
Red Chili powder 2 tbsps.	the chana and cook in a pressure cooker till done. Take	
Dry mango powder(Amchur)	care the chanas do not get mashed.	
1 tbsp.	4. Heat the ghee in a vessel and fry the potatoes until	
Garam masala powder 1	soft. Drain.	
tbsp.	5. In the same ghee, add the onions and sauté till pink.	
Soda bi-carb 1/2 tsp.	6. Add the dhania-jeera powder and red chili powder and	
Black pepper powder 1/2	fry again.	
tsp.	7. Add the boiled chanas and salt.	
Ghee 3 tbsps.	8. After five minutes, add the garam masala powder,	
Salt To taste	amchur powder and black pepper powder and cook for	
For garnishing :	two minutes.	
Tomatoes 2 nos.	9. Add the potatoes and tomatoes and cook for another	
Ginger 1 inch	two minutes.	
Coriander leaves 2 tbsps.	10. Garnish with chopped coriander leaves, slit green	
Green chili 1 no.	chilies, slices of tomatoes and ginger juliennes.	
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INGREDIENTS	METHOD	
1 cup kabuli channa soaked	Put the soaked, washed channa in a cooked with	
overnight	enough water, teapouch and bay leaves.	
1 large tomato	Pressure cook till done. (approx. 6-7 whistles).	
2 large onions	Cool about 5 tbsp. channa for grinding.	
1 1/2 tbsp. chopped coriander	In a mixie, blend together 1/2 tomato, 1 onion, cooled	
1 tsp. ginger grated	channa and 1/2 tbsp. coriander. Keep aside.	
1 tsp. garlic crushed	Chop remaining tomatoes and onions fine.	
1 lemon (juice extracted)	Heat oil in a large skillet.	
2 tbsp. oil, 1 tbsp. ghee	Add cumin seeds to splutter.	
1 tsp. tea leaves (tied into a	Add ginger-garlic and fry for a minute.	
pouch in a small piece of clean	Add chopped tomatoes, onion and fry till tender.	
muslin cloth)	Add channa-paste, fry further 3-4 minutes.	
4 green chillies slit	Add all dry masala except cinnamon-clove powder.	
2 bay leaves	Stir and fry till oil separates. Add drained channa and	
1 tsp. sugar	2 cup water which was drained from channa.	
1 tsp. cumin seeds	Stir and bring to boil.	
Dry masalas :-	Simmer for 7-8 minutes till gravy thickens.	
1 tsp. red chilli powder	Take in serving dish.	
1/2 tsp. each cinnamon - clove	Heat ghee in a small sauce pan.	

powder, turmeric powder	Add the chillies and cinnamon-clove powder.	
1/4 tsp. each garam masala,	Add chopped coriander and pour hot over the	
pepper powder	channa.	
salt to taste	Squeeze lemon over channa.	
	Stir in seasoning gently.	





BHATURA A thick puri deep fried in oil, a very good accompaniment for the Punjabi Chole

INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Refined flour	1. Take flour and add baking powder, baking soda and salt. Mix
(maida) 2 ¹ / ₂ cups	well and pass it through a sieve.
Yogurt 1/2 cup	2. Mix yogurt and sugar. Add this to the flour and add about a cup
Baking powder 1/2	of water and mix gradually to make a soft dough by light kneading.
tsp.	3. Incorporate 2 tbsps. of oil into the dough and cover the dough
Soda bicarbonate	with a wet cloth. Keep it aside for an hour.
A pinch	4. Divide it into 16 equal portions, roll them into balls. Cover and
Sugar 2 tsps.	keep to ferment for 5-6 hrs.
Oil/Butter 2 tbsps.	5. Grease your palms with a little oil and flatten the balls. Roll into
Milk to knead	5 inch diameter 1/4 inch thick diskettes.
Oil for frying	6. Heat oil in a kadai and deep fry bhaturas on high flame till light
Salt 1 tsp.	on both sides.
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KARELA BASAR Fried bitter gourd in a thick masala gravy			
INGREDIENTS	METHOD		
Bitter gourd 1/2 kg.	For the Bitter Gourd		
Onion, medium-size 4	1.Peel off the skins of the bitter gourds and wash them well.		
nos.	2.Make long slits in their centres and sprinkle a little salt		
Tomatoes, medium-size 2	and wheat flour on them, rub well and set aside for an hour,		
nos.	then wash the bitter gourds well and squeeze out the water.		
Green chilies 3 nos.	3.Deep fry on a low flame till they are tender and slightly		
Red chili powder 2 tsp.	crisp and set aside.		
Turmeric powder 1/4 tsp.	For the gravy		
Coriander powder 2 tsp.	1.Slice the onions lengthwise and chop the chilies and the		
Wheat flour 2 tbsp.	tomatoes.		
Oil for making the gravy 5	2.Heat the oil and fry the onions and chilies on medium		
tbsp.	flame, stirring after every couple of minutes till the onions		
Oil for deep frying. As	are pink.		
required	3.Add the chopped tomatoes, the powdered masalas and a		
Salt To taste.	little salt.		

	4.Fry till the oil separates and add the fried bitter gourds to
	the gravy and cook on a low flame for a couple of minutes.
	5.Serve with hot khichdi or with chappatis and any dal.
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AALOO GOBHI A tasty dish made from potatoes and cauliflower		
INGREDIENTS	METHOD	
Cauliflower 500 gms.	1. Cut cauliflower into florets and cut the potatoes into	
Potatoes 4 nos.	cubes.	
Cumin seeds 1 tsp.	2.Heat oil and saute cumin seeds for about a minute.	
Ginger, paste 1" piece	Add garlic and ginger paste, stir and add potatoes.	
Garlic, paste 3 flakes	3.Saute again, add turmeric powder, chili powder,	
Turmeric powder 3/4 tsp.	garam masala powder and coriander powder, and	
Red Chili Powder 1 tsp.	saute again. Add tomatoes and simmer for about 5	
Tomatoes 3 nos.	minutes.	
Garam Masala 1 tsp.	4.Add cauliflower and cook on high heat for about a	
Coriander powder 2 tsps.	minutes and add 250 ml. water and salt as per taste.	
Coriander leaves, chopped 2	5.Lower heat, cover and let it cook on a low flame for	
tbsps.	about 15 minutes till the cauliflower and potatoes are	
Water 100 ml.	done.	
Oil 1/4 cup	6.Garnish with chopped corainder leaves.	
Salt As required		
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AALOO GOBHI



PUNJABI AALOO

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INGREDIENTS	METHOD
250 gms small baby potatoes, boiled	Cut the boiled potatoes into two pieces.
1 tsp chili powder	Heat the oil in a frying pan and fry the
1/2 tsp garam masala	potatoes until golden brown.
1 1/2 cup fresh yogurt (curd)	To the fried potatoes, add chili powder,
1 1/2 tsp corn flour	garam masala and fry for another
2 sprigs mint leaves	minute.
Salt to taste	Now add the ground paste and fry for
3 tbsp oil	few more minutes. Also add yogurt,
Coriander leaves, chopped	corn flour, mint leaves, salt and cook
For the paste:	for 5-7 minutes.
2 onions, chopped & boiled	Sprinkle the coriander leaves and serve
2 tbsp cashew nuts	hot with plain rice.
2 green chilies, chopped	
2 tsp ginger-garlic paste	
Salt to taste	
Mix all the ingredients and make a fine paste	
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	ARBI MASALA Boiled or fried y	yam cooked in a thick masala gravy
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INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Arbi (yam) 500 gms.	1.Mix the tomato puree, ginger paste,
Tomato puree 75 gms.	cashewnut paste, ajwain, garam masala
Ginger paste 15 gms.	powder, turmeric powder, oil and microwave
Cashew paste 25 gms.	on high for 3 minutes.
Ajwain 1 tsp.	2.Add water, salt and arbi(boiled or fried, stir
Garam masala powder 1 tsp.	well and microwave for 8 minutes.)
Turmeric powder 1/2 tsp.	3.Stir and cook for 3 minutes on high.
Water 350 ml.	4.Garnish with chopped coriander and green
Oil 75 ml.	chilies.
Salt 1 tsp.	
For garnish	
Chopped green coriander and green	
chilies. As required	
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PANEER BUTTER MASALA Capsicum, onions etc sauted in butter and cooked with paneer cubes in a thick masala gravy

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INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Onions, chopped 2 nos.	1.Peel the onions, ginger, garlic and grind to a fine
Ginger, chopped 1" piece.	paste.
Garlic 6-7 flakes.	2.Puree the tomatoes and then cook the onion paste
Milk 100 ml.	in oil till light brown in colour.
Tomatoes 4 nos.	3.Add the chili powder, cook for a few minutes and
Paneer, cut into pieces 250	then add the milk slowly.
gms.	4.Now add the coarsely pounded cashewnuts and
Cashewnuts, broken 1 tbsp.	tomato puree and cook further for a few minutes.
Methi (fenugreek seeds) 2 tsps.	5.Then add the cumin powder, garam masala, salt,
Cumin powder (roasted) ³ / ₄ tsp.	sugar and enough water and cook till the oil
Red chili powder 1 tsp.	separates and the gravy becomes thick.
Garam masala 1/2 tsp.	6.Lastly add the fenugreek seeds (methi) and keep
Sugar ½ tsp.	aside.
Green chili, slit 1 no.	7.In another pan, add the green chilies, capsicum,
Capsicum, chopped finely 1 no.	onions and sauté it in butter for a few minutes.
Onion, cut into rings 2 nos.	8.Add these sautéd vegetables, paneer pieces and
Orange colour A few drops	orange colour to the masala gravy.
Butter 2 tbsps.	9.Keep for few minutes and serve hot with rice or
Oil 5 tbsps.	chapati.
Salt To taste	

SHAHI PANEER Paneer fingers c	ooked in a thick curd-tomato gravy
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INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Onion, chopped 1 no.	1.Add onion, ginger, green chili and cardamom to 2
Ginger, chopped ¹ / ₂ " piece	tbsps. of heated ghee.
Green chili, chopped 1 no.	2.Sauté until light brown, then add the tomatoes,
Tomatoes, chopped 4 nos.	cover and cook on a low flame for a few minutes.
Big cardamom, crushed 2 nos.	3.Now add the curd, cook for 2 minutes, remove
Curd, beaten ¼ cup.	form heat and blend in a blender with 1/2 cup of
Paneer, cut into cubes 250 gms.	water.
Chili powder ½ tsp.	4.Cook the puree in the remaining ghee for a few
Garam masala 1/2 tsp.	minutes, then add the salt, chili powder, garam
Tomato sauce 1 tbsp.	masala, tomato sauce and enough water to make a
Milk 1/3 cup	thick gravy.
Ghee 3 tbsps.	5.Cook on a low flame and then keep aside.
Salt 1 tsp.	6.Just before serving, heat the gravy and add the
	paneer pieces, milk and serve garnished with grated
	paneer.





PANEER MAKHANI Paneer pieces cooked in tomato and fresh cream gravy		
INGREDIENTS	METHOD	
Tomatoes, chopped 400 gms.	1.Heat oil, add the chopped tomatoes, ginger,	
Ginger, chopped 1/2" piece	bay leaf, cardamom, methi and chili powder.	
Paneer, cut into pieces 250 gms.	2.Cook covered till the tomatoes turn soft.	
Bay leaf 1 no.	3.Cool, grind the tomatoes to a puree and	
Cardamom, skinned & crushed 2 nos.	then pass through a sieve.	
Chili powder ½ tsp.	4.Keep the tomato puree on the fire, then add	
Methi (fenugreek seeds) 1 tsp.	the salt, garam masala and cook.	
Sugar 1 tsp.	5.Add the cream keeping some for the	
Cream 5 tbsps.	garnish and remove from the fire.	
Garam masala 1/4 tsp.	6.Just before serving add the paneer pieces	
Oil 4 tbsps.	and garnish with beaten cream and coriander	
Salt To taste	leaves.	
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KABULI CHANA GRAVY A famous punjabi preparation made of kabuli chanas best	
enjoyed with puris	
INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Kabuli chana 100 gms.	1.Soak chana overnight in 2 cups water. Add salt

Cumin powder 1/4 tsp.	and pressure cook on high heat for 5 minutes.
Coriander powder ¹ / ₄ tsp.	Lower the heat and continue to cook for another 7
Turmeric powder A little	minutes. Remove from fire and when cool, put the
Onion(grated) ¹ / ₄ cup	chana in a bowl.
Tomato puree ¹ / ₄ cup	2.Reheat the same pressure cooker and add
Ginger(thinly sliced) 1 tsp.	cumin seeds and lightly roast it. Add coriander
Garlic(minced) 1/2 tsp.	powder and turmeric powder and stir well.
Coriander leaves(chopped) 1/4 cup	3.Add the onion, tomatoe puree, ginger, garlic,
Garam masala 1/4 tsp.	chilie powder and the remaining water. Pressure
Water 500 ml	cook for 10 minutes.
Salt and chili powder to taste	4.When cool open the cooker and again put it on
FOR GARNISHING	fire and cook till almost dry.
Sliced onions,tomatoes and green	5.Add the boiled chana along with the water(in
chilies	which it was boiled)and simmer for 5-7 minutes.
	6.Add the garam masala and half the chopped
	coriander leaves and cook till the gravy thickens.
	7.Garnish with sliced onions, green chilies and
	sliced tomatoes.

MALAI KOFTA Creamy curried vegetable dumplings	
INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Boiled potatoes 2 no.	1.Peel and grate boiled potatoes and paneer.
Paneer 75 gms.	Add chopped green chilies, corn flour and salt.
Chopped green chilies 1 tsp.	Mix well.
Raisins 25 gms.	2.Divide into 16 equal sized balls. Stuff raisins
Cornflour ¼ cup	into them. Deep fry in hot oil until slightly
Oil for deep frying -	colored. Keep aside.
Salt As per taste	3.Heat oil in a kadai. Add boiled onion paste
GravyBoiled onion paste 1 cup	and cook for 5 minutes.

Green chili(chopped) ½ tsp.	4.Add ginger and garlic paste, coriander
Garlic paste 1 tbsp.	powder, turmeric powder and salt. Cook for a
Ginger paste 1 tbsp.	minute. Add tomato puree and red chili powder
Mawa / Milk powder 1/2 cup	and cook on a medium heat for 8-10 minutes.
Fresh cream 1/2 cup	Add garam masala powder.
Turmeric powder 1 tsp.	5.Dissolve mawa/milk powder in 1 ¹ / ₂ cups
Coriander powder 1 tsp.	water and add to the gravy. Bring it to a boil
Garam Masala powder 1 tsp.	and simmer for 5 minutes on low heat. Finish
Tomato puree ¹ / ₂ cup	with fresh cream.
Red chili powder 1 tsp.	6.Put koftas in a serving dish and pour hot
Oil 2 tbsp.	gravy on top.
Salt As per taste	
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ADRAKI MUSHROOM Stir fried fresh mushrooms with a herbal difference - created by	
a generous use of ginger.	
INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Mushroom 300 gms.	1. Clean and cut mushrooms into quarters.
Chopped onion 1 ¹ / ₂ cup	2. Heat oil in a Kadhai. Add cumin seeds and let it
Chopped ginger 2 tbsp.	crackle. Add chopped onions and saute' until light
Cumin seeds 1 tsp.	golden brown. Add chopped ginger, green chilies,
Chopped tomato ³ / ₄ cup	coriander powder, turmeric powder and salt. Cook
Coriander powder 1 tsp.	for one minute.
Red chili powder 1 tsp.	3. Add chopped tomatoes and red chili powder
Turmeric powder 1 tsp.	and cook till fat leaves the masala.
Chopped green chili 1 tsp.	4. Add mushrooms and cover. Cook for another
Chopped green coriander 1 tbsp.	10 minutes on a medium flame. Add Garam
Garam Masala powder 1 tsp.	Masala Powder.
Oil 2 tbsp.	5. Open the lid and cook for 5 minutes on a high
Salt As per taste	flame. Sprinkle chopped green coriander and
	serve hot.

DUM AALOO Tiny whole potatoes cooked in a mildly spiced yogurt gravy.	
INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Small potatoes 500 gms.	1. Peel, wash and prick potatoes with a fork. Deep fry in
Boiled onion paste 1 cup	moderate hot oil until potatoes are golden brown in color.
Garlic paste 1 tsp.	Keep aside.
Ginger paste 1 tsp.	2. Heat oil in a patila. Add Boiled Onion Paste and cook
Tomato puree ¹ / ₂ cup	on a high flame, stirring continuously until onion paste
Red chili powder 1 tsp.	changes color to light brown.
Coriander powder 1 tsp.	3. Add Cashewnut Paste and beaten Curd/Yogurt, mix
Turmeric powder 1 tsp.	well.
Kasoori methi 1 tsp.	4. Add Ginger Paste and Garlic Paste, stir for half a

Garam masala powder 1	minute and then add red chili powder, coriander powder,
tsp.	and turmeric powder. Stir for a few seconds. Add tomato
Fresh cream 50 ml.	puree and cook on a medium flame for 3 minutes.
Cashewnut paste 1 tsp.	5. Add 2 ½ cups of water. Bring it to a boil and add fried
Curd (Yogurt) ¹ / ₂ cup	potatoes. Season with salt. Reduce flame and add
Oil 2 tsp.	Garam Masala Powder and kasoori methi.
Salt As per taste	6. Cook on Dum for ten minutes on a slow flame.
	7. Finish with fresh cream and serve hot.

STUFFED BAINGAN Brinjals cooked in tamarind paste.

INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Small tender brinjals 600 gms.	1. Grind together one quarter of the tamarind,
Onions 4 nos.	chilies, coriander and cumin seeds to a paste.
Garlic 6-7 cloves	2. Toast the onion on low flame till charred.
Coriander leaves 2 tbsps.	Remove burnt skin and grind onions to a smooth
Red chilies 7-8	paste. Mix with ground Tamarind Pulp.
Jaggery 1 walnut size	3. Soak remaining tamarind in one cup water.
Oil 2 tbsps.	Keep for half an hour and strain. Add jaggery and
Tamarind 1 lemon size	simmer to sauce consistency.
Coriander seeds, lightly roasted 2	4. Cut brinjals crosswise, 3/4 towards the stem
tbsps.	end. Fill slits with paste. Heat oil lightly, fry
Cumin seeds, lightly roasted ½ tsp.	brinjals. Place them in the tandoor, pour over the
Salt To taste	tamarind sauce and cook in the preheated
	tandoor, covered, for 5 to 7 minutes.

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BAINGAN BHARTA A classic preparation of roasted brinjal, sautéd with onions, tomatoes & green chilies. INGREDIENTS METHOD Brinjals (baingan) 4nos. 1. Brush Brinjals with Ghee. 2. There are three ways to roast: Place it on embers of (large) charcoal on an angeethi or tandoor and roast, turning at Garlic flakes 8 Desi ghee (clarified butter) regular intervals, until the skin becomes black. 3. Skewering and roasting, as above, in a tandoor on low 100 gms. Cumin seeds $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. heat. Or, over low heat on a gas range, also as above. 4. Remove and transfer to a pan full of water, cool, peel Onion 250 gms. Coriander leaves-chopped the blackened skin and mash the flesh. 5. Heat ghee in a Kadhai, add cumin seeds and stir over 8 gms. Ginger-chopped 3 cm medium heat until they crackle. Green chilies, julienned 4 6. Add onions, and sauté until transparent. 7. Then add ginger and green chilies, sauté for a few nos. seconds, add baingan, chili powder and turmeric powder Chili powder 1 tsp. Turmeric powder ¹/₂ tsp. and stir-fry until the ghee floats on top. Tomatoes - chopped 350 8. Add tomatoes and salt, and stir-fry until the ghee floats gms. on top. Oil (to brush baigan) 1 9. Remove and adjust the seasoning. 10.Remove to a serving dish, garnish with coriander tbsp. leaves and serve.

AALOO PALAK A quick & easy preparation of fried potatoes cooked with spinach.		
INGREDIENTS	METHOD	
Potatoes 2 nos.	1. Pick, wash and cut palak. Cut the onions and	
Onion, medium 1 no.	tomatoes.	

Tomato, medium 2 nos.	2. Peel potatoes, cut into cubes and fry them in hot oil
Spinach (palak), medium size	till golden brown. Keep aside.
bunches 2 nos.	3. Heat oil in a pan. Add onions and sauté till pink. Add
Ginger garlic paste 1 tbsp.	jeera, dhania, red chili powder, haldi and ginger garlic
Cumin powder (jeera) ¹ / ₂ tsp.	paste. Mix well.
Red chili powder ¹ / ₂ tsp.	4. Now add cut tomatoes and cook till oil leaves the
Coriander powder (dhania) 1/4	side of the pan.
tsp.	5. Add the palak leaves and salt and cook for 12 - 15
Turmeric (haldi) ¼ tsp.	minutes on a low flame.
Oil 3 tbsp.+ for frying	6. When done, add fried potatoes cubes and mix well.
Salt To taste	7. Serve hot.
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NAVRATAN KORMA An elaborate preparation of several vegetables in rich white		
gravy.		
INGREDIENTS	METHOD	
Carrots 75 gms.	1. Peel carrots and potatoes, cut into small dices.	
Cauliflower 75 gms.	2. Cut cauliflower into florets.	
French Beans 75 gms.	3. String French beans and cut into small dices.	
Green peas, shelled 75 gms.	4. Boil carrot, cauliflower, French beans, potatoes and	
Mushroom 50 gms.	green peas in boiling.	
Paneer 75 gms.	salted water till done and then refresh in cold water.	
Potatoes 100 gms.	5. Cut Paneer into 1/2 inch dice.	
Cashewnuts 25 gms.	6. Deep fry phool makhana lightly in moderate hot oil.	
Raisins 25 gms.	7. Heat oil in a Kadhai. Add Whole Garam Masala.	
Boiled Onion Paste 1 cup	When it begins to crackle, add Boiled Onion Paste.	
Cashewnut paste ½ cup	Cook till onions are golden brown. Add	
Curd/Yogurt ¹ / ₂ cup	Ginger Paste, Garlic Paste and stir well.	
Fresh Cream 1/2 cup	8. Add chopped green chilies and Cashewnut Paste.	
Ginger paste 1 tbsp.	Cook on a slow flame for five minutes.	
Garlic paste 1 tbsp.	9.Add mushroom and boiled vegetables. Cook for 2-3	
Phool Makhana (Optional) 30	minutes, add salt and ¾ cup water.	
gms.	10 Add the fried phool makhana, cashewnuts, raisins	
Whole Garam Masala 1 tsp.	and paneer pieces. Stir and cook for ½ minute.	
Chopped green chilies 2 tsp.	11. Bring to a boil and finish with fresh cream.	
Oil 2 tbsp.		
Salt As per taste.		
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MATAR PANEER The	most popular paneer dish with peas.
INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Milk 4 cups	1. Boil the milk twice on high heat and squeeze the juice of
Peas 400 gms.	the lemon into it. The whey will separate from the curd.
Onions, large 2 nos.	2. Separate the curd and tie it in a muslin cloth and hang it up
Lemon, large 1 no.	all day and allow the water to drain.
Turmeric powder 1 tsp.	3. When dry, place the muslin with the curd under a heavy
Chilli powder 1/2 tsp.	weight to ensure that all the moisture is squeezed out. This
Coriander seeds 1/2	will flatten the curd into a flat round cake when removed from
tsp.	the muslin.
Garam masala 1 tsp.	4. Cut the cheese into strips or cubes and deep-fry in hot
Ginger 1" piece	ghee, remove and keep aside.
Ghee as required	5. Peel the onions and ginger and chop them finely.
Salt To taste	6. In a saucepan, heat two tablespoons ghee and add
	chopped onions and ginger.
	7. Add the spices, salt and peas and cook, adding a little

water, till the peas are tender and a little gravy remains.8. Add the fried paneer and boil for five minutes.9. Serve hot with chapatis.

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STUFFED CAPSICUM Capsicum stuffed with potatoes, green peas & masalas	
INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Capsicum 6-8 nos.	1. Wash the capsicums and boil them whole on a medium
Shelled peas 2 tbsps.	heat till they are tender, remove, drain and let it cool.
Potatoes 3 nos.	2.Peel the potatoes and boil with the green peas in a little
Onion 1 no.	salted water.
Chili powder 1/4 tsp.	3.When done, remove from heat and mash with a fork.
Turmeric powder 1/4 tsp.	4.Heat 2 tsps. ghee in a frying-pan and fry the chopped
Mango powder 1/4 tsp.	onions till they turn brown.
Garam masala powder	5.Add the mashed mixture and the spices and fry together.
1/4 tsp.	6.With a sharp knife, gently cut out the stem and seeds of
Pomegranate seeds A	the capsicums, stuff the potato mixture into the capsicums
few	and then tie then carefully with a string.
Ghee As required	7.Heat ghee in a kadhai and fry the stuffed capsicums on all
Salt To taste	sides.
	8.Snip off the threads before serving.

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MASALA DOSA A popular South-Indian snack made of potato vegetable filling in a large pancake made of rice & urad dal.

INGREDIENTS	METHOD
For the Dosa	1. Heat oil in a vessel, add some fennel seeds, cummin
Rice, soaked overnight	seeds, black mustard seeds and when they crackle, add the
3 cups	green chillies, ginger, garlic and onions.
Urad dal, soaked	2.Fry them with a little salt for a while till onions are
overnight 1 cup	transparent.
Curd 1 tbsp.	3.Add curry leaves, next add the green peas, tomatoes and
Salt ½ tsp.	fry for 5 minutes.
For the Potato filling	4.Next add the potatoes, more salt if desired and stir well till
Boiled potatoes,	everything is mixed well.
mashed coarsely 2	5.Sprinkle some chopped coriander leaves if required and
nos.	keep aside.
Onion, sliced 1 no.	6.Next morning, grind the rice and dal separately into a fine
Tomato, chopped 1 no.	paste with enough water.
Garlic 2 cloves	7.Now mix the rice and the urad dal pastes, with $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp salt.
Ginger, grated 1" piece	8.Add 1 tbsp. curd, mix well and keep covered for atleast 5 to

Green chillies,	8 hrs or more.
chopped 3-4 nos.	9.When it has risen to double its initial quantity, stir briefly and
Mustard seeds 1/2 tsp.	keep it in the fridge.
Curry leaves, chopped	10.Heat a tava, when it becomes hot grease it with plain oil
coarsely A few	11.Pour one big spoonful of dosa batter over the tava by
Green peas 1 tbsp.	quickly spreading it to make an even round
Cumin seeds ¼ tsp.	12. Then pour some oil oil around edges, and on top.
	13.Once the bottom is cooked, turn it over, and cook the top.
	14.Remove dosa from the tava, place in a plate, put some
	filling in the center and roll the dosa in to a cylindrical shape.
	15.Serve hot with coconut chutney & sambhar





RAVA DOSA A dosa with a difference, made of rava, rice flour, ginger, garlic etc		
INGREDIENTS	METHOD	
Rava 1 cup	1. Sieve the maida and mix it with the	
Maida ½ cup	rice flour and rava.	
Rice flour 1/2 cup	2.Add water to make a thin batter, mix	
Green chilies, chopped 2-3 nos.	the chopped ingredients, jeera, salt	
Onions, chopped 1 no.	and prepare dosa immediately.	
Ginger, chopped 1/2 " piece	3.Heat a tava, apply oil and pour a	
Coriander leaves, chopped As required	deep spoon of batter and spread.	
Curry leaves As required	4.When half-cooked, sprinkle ghee on	
Jeera ¼ tsp.	top, cook till crisp on both sides.	
Ghee As required	5.Serve hot with chutney.	
Salt To taste		

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MEDU VADA Doughnut shaped savouries of blackgram mixed with green chilies, cumin and coconut

INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Urad dal (without skin) 2	1.Wash and soak the dal in fresh water for about 1 hour.
cups	2.Drain and grind to a smooth and spongy batter. Add salt,
Green chillies 6 nos.	asafoetida and mix well.
Ginger 1"piece	3.Wash and mince the green chili, ginger and curry leaves
Curry leaves 10-12	and mix into the batter.
Asafoetida ¼ tsp.	4.Heat oil in a kadai. Wet the palm, take some batter and
(optional)	flatten to a round shape, make a hole in the center with your
Salt 2 tsps.	thumb and slowly slide into the hot oil. This batter should
	yield 25-30 medium sized vadas.
	5.Deep fry on both the sides till crisp and light golden brown.

 6.Drain well on an absorbent towel and serve hot with sambar and/or chutney. TIPS: If you find it difficult to make the shape, you can use a piece of plantain leaf to make the shape and then slowly invert it into the hot oil. Substitute red chili for the green chili for a different taste. Add one onion while grinding the dal to get very crisp and tasty vadas. MYSORE BONDA: Proceed the same way but keep the batter a little firm, add coconut bits and fry in the shape of
batter a little firm, add coconut bits and fry in the shape of balls.





SAMBHAR The most popular South Indian preparation to be accompanied with idlis,	
dosas, vadas and rice.	
INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Red gram dal (tur dal) picked	1. Wash red gram dal well. Drain. Place dal in a heavy
over & rinsed ½ cup	saucepan. Cover with 2 cups water and bring to a boil.
Water 2 cups	When boiling, cover pan with a lid, leaving slightly ajar.
Tamarind pulp, lemon- sized	Lower the heat, and simmer dal gently for 1½ hours. Set
piece	dal aside without draining.
Hot water 1 cup	2. Soak the tamarind in 1 cup hot water for 15 minutes.
Green chilies, slit sideways 2	Strain the tamarind water into another container,
nos.	squeezing as much liquid as possible out of the
Chopped mixed veg 1 cup	tamarind pulp. Discard the pulp. Set the juice aside.
(e.g. onion, radish, potato	3. Select enough vegetables to fill approx.1 cup when
etc,)	chopped. Peel and prepare as necessary. Chop into 1
Water 1 cup	cm (½ in) pieces. Set aside.
Ground turmeric ½ tsp. Sambar powder 3 tsp.	Tomporing
Rice flour (optional) 1 tbsp.	Tempering: 1. Heat 1 ¹ / ₂ tbsps. oil in a heavy saucepan. Add the
Extra water 2 tbsp.	mustard seeds, asafoetida power, fenugreek seeds,
Small bunch of coriander	cumin seeds, halved red chili, and a few curry leaves.
leaves, chopped to garnish	2. When the mustard seeds splutter, add the slit green
Salt As per taste	chilies and chopped vegetables. Sauté for a couple of
For Tempering	minutes.
Brown mustard seeds 1 tsp.	3. Add tamarind juice, 1 cup water, salt to taste, ground
Asafoetida powder ½ tsp.	turmeric, and Sambar Powder . Cover and simmer over
Fenugreek seeds 1/2 tsp.	a low heat until the vegetables are tender.
Cumin seeds ½ tsp.	4. Add the undrained cooked dal. Simmer for 5 minutes,

Red chili, halved 1 no.	until thoroughly blended. If the sambar needs to be
Oil 1 tbsp.	thickened, make a smooth paste of the rice flour in 2
A few curry leaves	tbsps.extra water. Add to the sambar and cook for 2-3 minutes.
	5. Garnish with the chopped coriander leaves. Serve hot with rice.

COCONUT CHUTNEY This fresh coconut preparation is extremely popular with South Indian food!

INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Fresh coconut ¹ / ₂ no.	1. Heat oil, add dal, chilies, and mustard seeds.
Curd/Yogurt ¹ / ₂ cup	2. As soon as the seeds splutter, remove from fire.
Red chilies 2-3 nos.	3. Shred coconut and grind it with salt and the fried
Mustard seeds ¹ / ₂ tsp.	ingredients.
Black Gram dal 1/2 tsp.	4. Add Curd/Yogurt and mix well.
Oil 1 tsp.	5. This chutney should be consumed preferably on the
Salt As per taste	same day.
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DRY COCONUT CHUTNEY A handy dry chutney made of coconut to compliment fluffy idlis or hot vadas.

INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Coconut(dry) 1 no.	1.Roast the red chilies, urad dal and curry leaves and keep
Red chilies 20 nos.	aside.
Urad dal 2 tbsp.	2.Next cut the coconut into small pieces and roast till it
Curry leaves As required	turns red.
Salt to taste	3 Make powder of the red chilies, urad dal and curry leaves.
	4. Coarsely grind the coconut and the powder.
	5. Then store this chutney in a clean bottle.

BHARVAN BHINDI Lady fingers stuffed with masala & stir fried with onions	
INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Bhindi (lady fingers) 500	1.Slice the onions, clean the bhindi with a damp cloth, cut
gms.	the heads and slit in the center lengthwise.
Onions 100 gms.	2.Mix together turmeric powder, coriander powder, garam
Turmeric powder 1/2 tsp.	masala, dry mango powder and salt.
Coriander powder 1tsp.	3.Stuff this masala into the slit bhindi and keep aside.
Garam masala powder 1	4.Put oil in an oven-proof dish and microwave on high for 1
tsp.	minute.

Dry mango powder 10 gms. Oil 75 ml. Salt To taste BACK TO TOP 5.Add the onions and microwave for 3 minutes.6.Mix the bhindi with the onions and microwave for 5 minutes on high.





MUSHROOM BAGHAAR	Capsicum stuffed with potatoes, green peas & masalas
INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Button mushrooms 225	1.Trim away the hard parts of the mushrooms, slice and
gms.	keep aside.
Onion 1 no.	2.Peel and finely chop the onion and garlic.
Garlic 2 flakes	3.Heat oil in a frying pan and fry the chopped onion and
Dried thyme 1 tsp.	garlic for 2-3 minutes.
Dried sage 1 tsp.	4.Stir in the thyme, sage and ground cardamoms.
Cardamoms, ground 1/2	5.Add the mushrooms to the frying pan, stirring constantly to
tsp.	ensure that they mix well.
Lemon 1/2 no.	6.Sprinkle in the salt, then squeeze in the juice of 1/2 lemon.
Oil 100 gms.	7.Cook further for a few minutes and serve.
Salt 1 tsp.	
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STUFFED BHINDI A vegetarian delight - lady fingers stuffed with a blend of masalas. METHOD **INGREDIENTS** Lady fingers (Okra) 500 gms. 1. Clean, wash and wipe lady fingers absolutely dry. Red Chili powder 2 tbsps. Remove half a centimeter form both ends. Slit from one Coriander powder (dhania) 2 side and keep aside. 2. Mix red chili powder, coriander powder, cumin tbsps. Cumin powder (jeera) 2 tbsps. powder, dry mango powder, turmeric powder and salt. Turmeric powder (haldi) 1 tsp. 3. Stuff the lady fingers with the above masala. Keep Dried Mango powder 2 tbsps. the left over stuffing masala separately. Sliced onion (thick) 1¹/₂ cups 4. Heat oil in a Kadhai. Add sliced onions and cook for Oil 2 tbsps. half a minute. Add stuffed lady fingers. Cook covered Salt To taste on a slow flame. Stir occassionally. 5. Add rest of the dry masala when lady fingers is almost cooked. 6. Cook covered on a slow flame till lady fingers is fully cooked and tender. 7. Note - Ensure that you do not add any water to this vegetable. 8.Garnish with fried finger chips.

MUGHLAI ARBI Fried arbi in a rich masala preparation	
INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Arbi 500 gms.	1. Peel arbi and cut it into 1 inch sized pieces. Deep fry
Melon seed paste ¹ / ₂ cup	in medium hot oil till golden brown.
Curds beaten ³ / ₄ cup	2. Heat 3 tbsp. of oil in a pan, add grated onions and
Turmeric powder 1 tsp.	cook till onions are golden brown in colour. Add ginger
Dhania powder 1 tbsp.	garlic paste and further cook for a minute.
Jeera powder 2 tsp.	3. Add turmeric powder, dhania powder, jeera powder
Red chili powder 1 tsp.	and red chili powder. Stir and add tomato puree and
Tomato puree ³ / ₄ cup	beaten Curd/Yogurt. Cook till fat leaves the masala.
Ginger garlic paste 1 tbsp.	4. Add Melon seed paste and cook for about five
Garam masala powder 1 tsp.	minutes. Keep stirring constantly.
Oil 3 tbsp.+ to deep fry	5. Add one cup of water and add fried arbi. Bring it to a
Grated onions 1 cup	boil, add Garam Masala Powder and cook covered on
Salt As per taste	slow fire for 10 minutes.
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CAPSICUM & PANEER DELIGHT Paneer & capsicum cooked with sauted onions	
INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Paneer, cubed 500 gms.	1.Heat oil in a pan and sauté the onions till
Onions, sliced thinly 5 nos.	transparent.
Capsicums, sliced thinly 3 nos.	2.Then add the paneer cubes, capsicum, salt
Coriander leaves, chopped As required	& pepper.
Pepper As required	3.Stir fry for 5 mins on high flame and garnish
Oil 3 tsps.	with coriander leaves.
Salt To taste	
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MATAR MUSHROOM A mouth-watering vegeterian dish made of mushrooms, peas	
and masala	
INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Green peas 1 ¹ / ₂ cups	1.Clean, wash & cut the mushrooms into medium pieces
Mushrooms 200 gms.	and peel & chop the onions finely.
Green cardamom 4 nos.	2.Sauté green cardamoms, cinnamon stick & chopped
Cinnamon 1" stick.	onions in oil until golden brown in colour.
Onions 2 nos.	3. Then add the ginger garlic paste and cook for $\frac{1}{2}$ a
Ginger paste 1 tbsp.	minute.
Garlic paste 1 tbsp.	4.Add tomato puree, red chili powder, coriander powder,
Tomato puree 1/2 cup	turmeric powder, garam masala powder, salt & cook till
Red chili powder 1 tbsp.	the oil leaves the masala.

Coriander powder 1 tbsp.	5.Lastly add the cashewnut paste dissolved in 1 cup of
Turmeric powder 1 tsp.	water and stir well.
Garam masala powder 1 tsp.	6.Add 1 cup of water, bring it to a boil, then add the
Cashewnut paste 1/2 cup	green peas & mushrooms.
Oil 2 tbsps.	7.Cook on a high flame for seven to eight minutes or till
Salt As required	the green peas are fully cooked.
	8.Once done, serve hot with rice or roti.

PANEER MATAR MASALA Paneer and green peas cooked slowly in onion-tomato	
gravy	
INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Green peas 1 cup	1.Blend the onions, tomatoes, ginger, cloves & cardamom
Onions 2 nos.	to a puree and fry the paneer cubes to a light brown
Ginger 1" piece.	colour.
Tomatoes 3 nos.	2.Add the onion puree to the ghee and cook till thick and
Paneer, cut into cubes 250	dry.
gms.	3.Cook on a slow flame till the oil separates.
Big cardamom 1 no.	4.Add the curd and cook again till the ghee separates.
Cloves 2 no.	5.Now add the red chili powder, coriander powder, green
Curd, beaten ¼ cup	peas and cook for a minute.
Coriander powder 1 tsp.	6.Add enough water to make a thick gravy and salt to
Red chili powder 1/4 tsp.	taste.
Garam masala 1/2 tsp.	7.Add the paneer pieces and garam masala once the
Oil 5 tbsps.	green peas are cooked.
Salt To taste	8.Cook on low a flame till the oil separates, then serve
	garnished with chopped coriander.





BHINDI MASALA Ladyfingers cooked with masala	
INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Lady finger(Bhendi) 250 gms.	1.Pound the coriander seeds and red chilies
Ginger garlic paste 1 tsp.	coarsley.
Coriander seeds 2 tsps.	2.In a casserole, add oil, ginger garlic paste,
Red chilies(whole) 2 nos.	pounded masala and green chillies and cook on
Green chilies(chopped) 2 nos.	micro high for 6 mins.
Kastoori methi 1 tsp.	3.Add the lady finger, stir well, cover and cook on
Tomatoes(chopped) ¹ / ₂ cup	micro high for 7 min.
Garam masala 1 tsp.	4.Add the chopped tomatoes, kastoori meethi,
Oil 2 tbsps.	garam masala and salt.Mix well and cook on micro
Salt to taste	for 6 mins.

GOBHI KORMA Cauliflower florets cooked in curd with spicy masalas		
INGREDIENTS	METHOD	
Chili Powder 1 tsp.	1.Powder the cloves, coriander seeds, cumin	
Coriander seeds 1 tsp.	seeds, cardamom, poppy seeds and keep aside.	
Cumin Seeds 1/2 tsp.	2.Clean and cut cauliflower into florets into small	
Vegetable Oil 1/4 cup	pieces.	
Curd ¹ / ₂ cup	3.Grind the onion and tomato into a fine paste,	
Cardamom 1 no.	mix it with the powders, ginger paste, garlic paste,	
Cloves 3 nos.	red chili powder, turmeric, salt, curd and	
Garlic Paste 1½ tsps.	cauliflower florets.	
Ginger Paste 1½ tsps.	4.In a deep pan heat oil, add curry leaves,	
Turmeric 1/4 tsp.	coriander leaves and immediately add the	
Cauliflower 1 kg.	cauliflower mixture.	
Poppy seeds (khus khus) 3 tsps.	5.Reduce the heat, add a cup of water, stir, cover	
Curry Leaves 10 nos.	and cook until the gravy thickens.	
Onions 1 no.	6.Serve hot with parathas or roti.	
Tomatoes 3 nos.		
Coriander Leaves A handful.		
Salt To taste		
Oil As required		
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METHI SAAG Pureed fenugreek leaves cooked with spices and fried soya bean granules

y granules	
INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Methi leaves (fenu greek leaves) 2	1.Wash and chop the methi leaves and keep it
bunches	aside.
Tomato, sliced 3 nos.	2.Boil the chopped brinjal in water for 5 mins, then
Vadi (soya bean granules) 7-8 nos.	the chopped methi leaves to it with a little salt.
Brinjal, cut into squares 1no(small)	3.Cook for 10 minutes and then remove from heat.
Green chilies 2 nos	4.Heat a pan and add the tomato slices with little
Dry red chili 1 no.	water and mash into a thick paste.
Mustard seeds 1/2 tsp.	5.Add this tomato mixture to the methi mixture.
Coriander leaves, chopped As	6.Fry the vadis in oil and add it to the methi
required	mixture.
Oil 2 tsp.	7.Heat oil, add the mustard seeds, green chilies,
Salt To taste	red chili and let them splutter.
	8.Add this to the methi mixture, add more salt if
	required and serve hot garnished with coriander
	leaves.

MUSHROOM CHILLY FRY A simple yet tasty preparation of mushroom which goes		
well with bread/chapatis		
INGREDIENTS	METHOD	
Mushrooms 300 gms.	1.Wash and cut the mushrooms into quaters.	
Dry red chilies 10 nos.	2.Heat 1 tsp. of oil on the tava and roast the	
Garlic(sliced) 6 flakes	chilies till dark in colour.	
Onions(sliced thinly) 2 nos.	3.Fry the coriander seeds, garlic and ginger in the	
Cardamom 3 nos.	same way, using just 1 tsp. of oil for each	
Cloves 3 nos.	ingredients. Keep these fried spices aside.	
Cinnamon 1 stick	4.In a saucepan heat the remaining oil and fry the	
Ginger(finely sliced) 2" piece	onions till golden brown and crisp. Drain and keep	
Turmeric powder $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp.	aside.	
Coriander seeds 1 ¹ / ₂ tbsps.	5.Add the cloves, cinnamon and cardamom to the	
Sour curd 125 gms.	oil and fry for a minute.	
Lemon juice 2 tsps.	6.Add the mushrooms, turmeric and salt and fry till	
Coriander leaves(chopped) 1/4 cup	mushroom are half cooked.	
Oil 3 tbsps.	7.Add the curd and the fried spices, cook till done.	
Salt to taste	8.Add the lemon juice and fried onions just before	
	serving.	
	9.Garnish with chopped coriander.	





KATHAL MASALA Deepfried pieces of raw jackfruit cooked in a thick masala gravy

INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Jackfruit(kathal) raw 500 gms.	1.Peel and cut the kathal in 4 cms cubes. Deep fry
Onion(chopped fine) 2 nos.	till light brown and keep aside.
Curd ½ cup	2.Grind onions to a paste.
Anchor powder 1 tsp.	3.Add 2 tbsps. of oil in a pan and fry the onion
Coriander powder 3 tsps.	paste till it is light brown. Add the ginger-garlic
Chili powder 1 tsp.	paste and the tomatoe puree and cook for another
Ginger-garlic paste 2 tbsps.	5 minutes. Add curd, and all the powder masala
Tomatoe puree 1/2 cup	and cook till the oil floats on top.
Cummin powder 1 tsp.	4.Add the fried kathal(jackfruit) pieces and fry well
Garam masala 1 tsp.	for 5 minutes.
Coriander leaves (chopped) ¹ / ₄ cup	5.Add salt and 1 cup water to form a thick gravy.
Oil for frying	Simmer till the gravy is thick.
Salt to taste	6.Add chopped coriander leaves and serve hot.
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PEAS PULAO A quick and popular variation of rice prepared with peas

INGREDIENTS	METHOD
Basmati rice 1cup	1. Pick, wash and soak rice for twenty minutes. Drain. Peel
Shelled peas 1 cup	and slice
Cumin seeds ¹ / ₂ tsp.	the onion.
Onion (medium) 1 no.	2. Heat oil in a pan, add cumin seeds and once it starts to
Oil 3 tbsps.	crackle
Salt To taste	add onions.
	3. Fry till translucent. Add peas, sauté for two-three
	minutes.
	4. Add the rice. Pour two cups of water and salt. Bring to a
	boil.
	6. Reduce heat, cover with lid, cook till all water is
	absorbed.
	7. Serve hot.





TAHIRI Potatoes and cauliflower cooked with aromatic long grained rice.		
INGREDIENTS	METHOD	
Rice (Basmati) 300	1. Pick, wash and soak rice for about half an hour, drain and	
gms.	keep aside.	
Potatoes 300 gms.	2. Peel potato. Cut into one inch cubes. Cut cauliflower into	
Cauliflower 300 gms.	small florets.	
Whole garam masala 1	3. Heat oil in a thick bottomed pan. Add bay leaves, cumin	
tsp.	seeds and Whole Garam Masala. When they begin to	
Red chili powder 1 tsp.	crackle, add ginger paste, red chili powder, turmeric powder	
Cumin seeds 1 tsp.	and Garam Masala Powder.	
Turmeric powder ½ cup	4. Cook for a minute, add potatoes, cauliflower and soaked	
Bay leaf 2 nos.	rice. Stir lightly and add hot water enough to cover the rice	
Garam masala powder	and vegetables and should be about one inch above the rice.	
¹ ∕₂ tsp.	Season with salt. Bring it to boil and stir from time to time.	
Ghee/Oil 1 tsp.	5. Reduce flame and cook covered on a slow fire till rice and	
Salt To taste	vegetables are completely cooked.	
½ tsp. Ghee/Oil 1 tsp.	Season with salt. Bring it to boil and stir from time to time. 5. Reduce flame and cook covered on a slow fire till rice and	