

# Healthy Cooking Suggestions

Tips on how to make your food healthier

South Asian Meals –Bengali



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- 1. Shallow fry the pooris in very little oil.
- 2. If making aloor dum add very little salt and no sugar.
- 3. When having alloor tarkari add no sugar and a tiny bit of salt.
- 4. Use wholemeal four



## Luchi & Cholar Dal

- 1. Make luchi with wholemeal flour. Alternatively make roti with wholemeal flour instead of luchi
- 2. Shallow fry luchi instead of deep frying.
- 3. Avoid using the clarified butter For the Cholar Dal use less salt
- 4. Replace potatoes with more vegetables



## Omelette with uppama bread

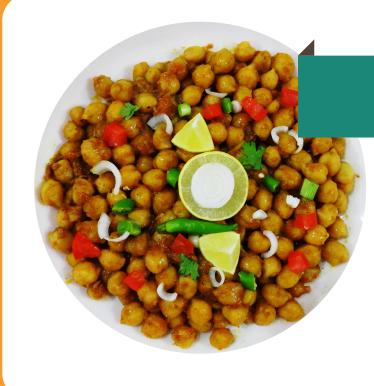
- 1. Use 1 teaspoon of oil when frying the bread and eggs
- 2. Add extra vegetables including Onions, peppers, tomatoes and chillies
- 3. Increase portion of eggs to bread
- 4. Use wholemeal bread

#### Indian tea

1. Use semi skimmed milk

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- 2. Reduce the amount of sugar to one teaspoon
- 3. Add more natural flavours such as cardamom sticks to enhance the flavour
- 4. Replace Indian tea with other fluids such as herbal tea or water.



### Masala Chaat

- 1. Add black pepper, chillies, and coriander
- 2. Add extra vegetable and Lentils to chaat such as Tomatoes, peppers, red kidney beans.

## **MEAL 1**

## Daal, Vegetables & chappati

- 1. Reduce oil to 1 table spoon per dish
  - 2. Avoid adding butter/ Ghee to chappati
  - 3. Use wholemeal chappati flour
  - 4. Add aside salad to meals
  - 5. Add a raita with extra vegetables and spices.

## MEAL 2

#### Okra with vegetable Curry & Chappati

- 1. Reduce oil to 1 table spoon per dish
- 2. Avoid adding butter/ Ghee to chappati
- 3. Use wholemeal chappati flour
- 4. Add aside salad to meals
- 5. Add a raita with extra vegetables and spices.

## MEAL 3

#### Aubergine and potato dish with rice

- 1. Reduce oil to 1 table spoon per dish
- 2. Reduce portion of rice to 3 table spoon
- 3. Add aside salad to meal
- 4. Add a raita with extra vegetables and spices.

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## MEAL 4

## **Chicken Curry and Rice**

- 1. Reduce oil to 1 table spoon per dish
- 2. Reduce portion of rice to 3 table spoon
- 3. Add aside salad to meal
- 4. Add a raita with extra vegetables and spices.

## Meal 5

## **Fish Curry & Rice**

- 1. Reduce oil to 1 table spoon per dish
- 2. Reduce portion of rice to 3 table spoon
- 3. Add aside salad to meal
- 4. Add a raita with extra vegetables and spices.

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#### **Common Carbohydrates**



#### Chappati

1. Use Wholemeal flour

- 2. Avoid adding butter on chapatis
- 3.1 portion per meal 1 medium chappati



#### Nan Bread

1. Use wholemeal flour

- 2. Semi skimmed milk.
- 3.1 portion per meal 1 medium nan bread



#### Paratah

 Use wholemeal flour.
1 portion per meal - 1 medium paratah.



#### White Rice

1. Use brown rice instead

- 2.Add less oil in biryanis and pilau.
- 3.1 portion per meal 3 table spoon of rice.

#### **Common Desserts and Drinks**



#### Kheer

1. Use semi skimmed milk 2. Use less sugar or use

- sweeteners
- 3. Try to avoid using cream



#### Halwa

1. Use less sugar or use sweetener



#### Mango Lassi

1. Use fresh mangoes.



#### **Fruit Juices**

1. stick to 1 small glass





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