

PAVAKKAI / BITTER GOURD (MELON) STIR FRY



Bitter gourd is a favorite vegetable to my family. Although the bitterness of Bitter-melon might turn some people away from, it can really sweeten your health because of its disease preventing and health promoting phytochemical compounds. They are low in calories and also excellent source of Vitamin B1, B2, B3, C, magnesium, folic acid, zinc and dietary fiber. It goes well with sambhar rice and dal rice.

Ingredients

2 Medium sized Bitter Gourd

1 Tsp of Sambhar Powder or Red Chilly Powder
1/2 Tsp of Turmeric Powder
1/4 Tsp of Garam Masala
1 Tsp of Mustard
1 Tsp of Urad Dal
Pinch of Hing
1 Tbsp of Oil
Salt to taste

Method

- **Heat a pan with oil, add mustard, urad dal, let it crackles and then add hing.**
- **Take pan away from the stove, add sambhar powder or red chilly powder and turmeric powder, fry for a min.**
- **Keep pan back to the stove, immediately add bitter gourd, salt and little water. Stir well. Keep it covered and cook for 5-7 mins in a medium flame.**
- **Finally add garam masala, mix well. Cook for a min and then switch off the stove.**
- **Bitter Gourd stir fry is ready to serve with sambhar or dal rice.**

Tips

- **Cut bitter gourd lengthwise or circular shape, as you wish but slice it thin, so that it cooked fast.**
- **If your bitter gourd is tender, don't remove the seeds.**
- **To deep fry bitter gourd, add rice flour and gram flour, marinate it, for extra crispness.**
- **To avoid bitterness, add a pinch of jaggery or sugar.**

Health Benefits of Bitter Gourd

- **This vegetable is low in calories.**
- **Controls blood glucose levels.**

- **Rich source of folate and vitamin C.**



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