Curry, Cardamom, Or Coconut Spices Up Cooking

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Guests may also enjoy banana chips, tapioca chips, or bought cookies ("we didn't make them because we didn't have an oven"), said Kunjappu.

One of Kunjappu's favorite drinks, however, is the milk from coconuts just harvested from the tree. "It tastes so good from a baby, tender coconut," she said.

Kunjappu remembers drinking the milk and then scraping the soft sweet flesh from inside the shell. Coconut milk or fresh flaked coconut also finds its way into many Indian dishes. Coconuts also were a source of cooking oil.

The tastes of dishes are "very different across the country,' according to Kunjappu. The southern part of the country utilizes rice and rice products in many of their dishes, while Indians in the north use wheat flour mixed with water to make a round-shaped "chappati," or "roti," that is warmed and heated with oil on top of charcoal.

Brown rice, parboiled rice (it is boiled in its skin, dried, and then the skin removed), and raw rice are used in cooking.

Following are recipes that Kunjappu frequently prepares: FISH CURRY

- 1 pound fresh fish
- 2 teaspoons oil
- ¼ teaspoon mustard seed
- 2 teaspoons onion, diced
- 2-3 cloves of garlic, diced
- 1 teaspoon ginger, chopped

- 1 teaspoon red chili powder (add after the other ingredi-
- 2 pieces of tamarind

1 teaspoon salt

Cut fish into several large pieces. In a pan, add salt and water and boil over low flame.

In a separate frying pan, pour the oil and heat the pan. Add mustard seed, then onions, and other ingredients. When the ingredients are browned, add the chili powder.

Mix it, then pour over the fish (drain most of the water) and shake the pan. Do not mix with a spoon. Add a little water and more salt to taste. When it is done (about 15-20 minutes), serve over rice. A can of sardines can be used in place of fresh fish.

UPPUMA

- 1 cup Rava (cream of wheat)
- 1 cup water
- 1/4 cup chopped onion (option-
- 1 dried red chili pepper (or one hot gran pepper)
- 1/4 teaspoon inustard
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 11/2 teaspoon butter

Heat the pan and boil water in a separate pan.

Pour oil when the pan is hot. Add mustard seed. When the mustard seed pops add onion. When it is brown, add cream of wheat and mix and fry the mixture for a few minutes.



This table offers several varieties of meat and vegetable curries for lunchtime fare.

slightly brown, add boiled water and turn the heat to low. Mix well and add butter to it.

When the water evaporates, turn the stove off. Serve as a mixed well with a banana and peanut butter.

EGG CURRY

- 3 tablespoons oil
- ½ cup onion
- ½ teaspoon ginger
- 3 cloves garlic dash mustard, dry powder
- ½ to 1 teaspoon salt
- 4-5 tablespoons tomato sauce dash turmeric
- ½ teaspoon red chili powder
- 5 boiled eggs

Sautee the first six ingredients When the cream of wheat is in hot oil, then add chili powder

and turmeric. Mix in tomato sauce until it has cooked for a few minutes. Add water and boil for a few minutes. Peel the shell from the eggs and slice into halves. Place them into the other ingredients and cook for 15-20

FRIED VEGETABLE RICE

- 1 cup rice
- 2 cups water
- 2 tablespoons butter
- ½ onion, chopped 3-4 cloves of garlic, chopped
- 1 teaspoon ginger, chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon 1/4 teaspoon cardamom
- 1/4 teaspoon fennel seed
- 1 teaspoon salt, or more to
- taste
- 1/4 teaspoon cumin seed

1 small package mixed carrots and peas

Cook rice, set aside.

Sautee onion, garlic, and ginger in the soil and butter until it becomes dark brown. Add cinnamon, cardamom, and fennel seed to the other ingredients. Mix together, and then add rice.

Fry it for a few minutes, and then add water. Mix salt cumin seed, and vegetable mixture and cover. Cook over medium heat until it is done.

Garnish the rice with raisins, cashews, and onion. Fry them and place them on top of the rice

pound boneless, skinless

and Cilantro Tikka Masala

chicken breast, diced

2 tablespoons half-and-half

In a large skillet, heat oil.

until meat is lightly browned.

Cooking Sauce

toes

ed through.

15-ounce jar Tangy Lemon

1 (15-ounce) can diced toma-

Add onion and saute one min-

Add cooking sauce and diced

Reduce heat and simmer 20

Stir in half-and-half just before

A variation is to modernize

minutes or until chicken is cook-

serving. Serve with rice. Serves 4.

this classic dish by wrapping the

cooked chicken with mixed salad

greens in warm tortillas or chap-

VEGETABLE KORMA

¼ cup green beans, sliced

¼ cup cauliflower florets

¼ cup half-and-half cream

4 ripe tomatoes, chopped

15-ounce jar Korma Cooking

In large skillet over medium-

Cook three minutes.

Stir in Korma cooking

sauce. Cover and sim-

mer 10 to 15 minutes or

until vegetables are ten-

Stir in cream and to-

matoes. Heat until

high heat, cook onion in oil for

one minute. Add peas, green

¼ cup sliced carrots

pati (Indian flat bread).

1 onion chopped

1 tablespoon oil

⅓ cup peas

Sauce

Hot, cooked rice

ute. Stir in chicken and sautee

tomatoes. Bring mixture to boil.

Change Up Mealtimes With Unique Flavors From India

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meal doesn't necessarily require long lists of ingredients, tedious techniques, extended cooking times or even deviating much from your standard grocery list.

With the variety of Indian food products available in grocery stores, such as curry pastes, chutneys and cooking sauces, adding the unique flavors of India into more basic items like chicken and shrimp is simple.

"Exploring the tastes of India shouldn't require extra effort," said Meena Pathak, director of research and development for Patak's Foods U.S.A. "Indian food products, with genuine flavors and on- the-label recipes, are perfect for busy people who want an innovative Indian meal without sacrificing a lot of time.'

To begin incorporating Indian flavors into your diet, try serving grilled or baked salmon with Hot Mango Chutney or marinating chicken with Mild Curry Paste before grilling. Both recipes will provide an excellent introduction into the wide range of Indian

The Indian food products four to six parts.

mentioned in these recipes can be found in most major grocery stores, online at www.world-food.com and by calling 1-800-611-9782.

AAM LHASSI

1 cup diced fresh mango ½ cup orange juice, chilled 3 tablespoons clear honey 2 cups milk, chilled

Combine mango, orange juice, and sweetener in food processor. Blend for $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes.

Pour milk into processor and process untill it has expanded and become frothy. Add the mango puree. Process for about one minute. Pour into chilled glasses. Garnish with the rose petals if so desired. Serve immediately.

CHAPPATI

1 cup whole wheat flour (or 1/3 white and $\frac{2}{3}$ whole wheat)

½ cup water

Put flour in a large bowl with half the water. Blend the two together until it holds. Beat and knead well until it forms a compact ball. Knead dough into it is smooth and elastic and set aside for 30 minutes.

Roll each ball into a tortilla like flat, about 1/8"

thick. Heat an ungreased skillet and lay the rolled out dough on it and let cook for about one min-

Turn and cook the second side for 3/3 min. until small bubbles form. Turn again and cook the first side pressed lightly with a towel until it puffs.

Serve warm (maybe slightly buttered). Makes 4-6 pieces.

Chappati is the most common bread in north Indian homes. In many homes, it is cooked twice a day along with the meal so that it can show up at the table, right off the fire.

As the rolled out chappatis will dry out if they are left stand while cooking other, roll them out individually before cooking them.

ICED NESCHAI

5 cups water

- 1 cup Green Tea and Honey flavor sweetened iced tea concen-
- cup sweetened condensed milk
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/2 teaspoon ground cardamom
- 2 cups ice cubes
- 6 fresh mint leaves, optional

Place water, tea concentrate, sweetened condensed milk, cinnamon, and cardamom in a large pitcher. Stir until combined.

Serve over ice. Garnish with mint. Melissa Wolfe

SUN area dairy princess

SPICY MANGO SHRIMP

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil 1 pound fresh shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 4 teaspoons mild curry paste
- 6 tablespoons water ½ cup fresh chopped tomatoes 1 tablespoon hot mango chut-
- 1 tablespoon fresh chopped cilantro

Hot, cooked rice

In large skillet, over medium heat, heat oil.

Add shrimp and cook until lightly browned about one minute. Řemove shrimp from skillet. Add onion to skillet and sautee

two minutes or until softened. Add curry paste, water and tomatoes.

Return shrimp to pan. Cover and simmer for about five minutes or until shrimp is cooked

through. Stir in chutney and garnish with fresh chopped cilantro.

If desired, serve over hot rice. Serves four. A variation is to substitute chicken or fish for shrimp.

CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA 2 teaspoons vegetable oil

medium onion, chop-

beans, cauliflower and carrots.



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warmed through. Serve over hot, cooked rice. Serves 4.

For a heartier option, add two cups cooked beef or chicken.

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