Chicken Biryani Recipe

Servings: 4

Preparation time: 20 minutes Cooking time: 45 minutes Difficulty: Moderate

Ingredients:

- 750g bone-in chicken
- 400g basmati rice
- 150g yogurt
- 2 onions, thinly sliced
- 2 tbsp ginger-garlic paste
- 1 tsp turmeric powder
- 1.5 tsp red chili powder
- 2 tsp biryani masala / garam masala
- 2 tsp salt
- 4 tbsp ghee or oil
- 10 saffron strands (optional)
- 1/2 cup chopped coriander
- 1/4 cup chopped mint
- 1/2 lemon
- Whole spices (bay leaf, cardamom, cloves, cinnamon)

Instructions:

- 1. Marinate the chicken with yogurt, spices, and lemon juice for 30–60 mins.
- 2. Rinse and soak rice for 20-30 mins. Parboil until 70% cooked and drain.
- 3. Fry onions till golden, then cook marinated chicken with spices until mostly cooked.
- 4. Layer rice and chicken with herbs, fried onions, saffron milk, and ghee.
- 5. Cover tightly and cook on low heat for 20-25 minutes (dum method).
- 6. Let rest, fluff, and serve hot with raita and salad.

Tip: Use aged basmati rice for best flavor and separate grains.