Andhra Style Pappu Charu Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 cup Arhar dal (Split Toor Dal)
- 3 Green Chillies, or red dry chillies
- 10 cloves Garlic
- 1 Tomato, chopped
- 1 Onion, chopped
- 2 tablespoon tamarind paste
- 1/2 teaspoon Turmeric powder (Haldi)
- Salt, to taste



- 2 tablespoons ghee
- 6 Curry leaves
- 1 teaspoons Mustard seeds (Rai/ Kadugu)
- 1 pinch Asafoetida (hing)

How to make Andhra Style Pappu Charu Recipe (Lentil Soup Style Curry)

- 1. To begin making the Andhra Style Pappu Chaaru, first wash the dal thoroughly and soak it for 15 to 20 minutes.
- 2. Add the dal, chopped tomatoes, chopped onion, green chillies, 6 crushed garlic cloves, turmeric powder and 2 cups of water into a pressure cooker.
- 3. Place the pressure cooker on a high heat and allow it to cook. When you hear a couple of whistles, turn the heat to low and continue to cook for a couple



- more whistles. The dal should be cooked well enough to be mashed easily. After 4-5 whistles in all, turn the heat off and allow the pressure to release naturally.
- 4. When you are able to lift the weight easily and open the lid of the pressure cooker, mash the cooked dal well using a vegetable masher.
- 5. Add tamarind pulp, salt and the remaining crushed garlic to this and 1 cup water and boil it again till the raw tamarind smell vanishes and the dal thickens.
- 6. Taste the dal and adjust salt and tamarind levels if needed. The chaaru should be tangy, spicy and garlicy.
- 7. For tempering, place a tadka ladle on the heat. Add some gheeand warm it up. Add the mustard seeds and allow them to crackle.
- 8. Next, add asafoetida and curry leaves and allow them to splutter and crisp up. Pour the tempering over the chaaru and serve with steamed rice and a dollop of ghee.