Rasgulla Recipe (Soft & Spongy)

Ingredients:

- 1 litre whole milk
- 2 to 3 tbsp lemon juice (or vinegar/curd as alternatives)
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 litre water
- 1 tbsp milk (optional, for cleaning syrup)
- 1 tsp sooji or maida or cornstarch
- 1–2 tbsp rose water or kewra water or ½ tsp cardamom powder

Instructions:

- 1. Boil milk on medium heat, stirring occasionally to prevent burning or frothing.
- 2. Line a strainer with muslin/cheesecloth while milk heats.
- 3. Once milk boils, reduce heat and add lemon juice gradually until it curdles completely.
- 4. Turn off heat when greenish whey separates from chenna.
- 5. Pour curdled milk into the lined strainer and rinse chenna under running water to remove sourness.
- 6. Squeeze out excess water and press under a heavy object for 7–8 minutes or hang for 30 minutes.
- 7. Transfer chenna to a plate, add sooji (or maida/cornstarch), and mix well.
- 8. Knead chenna using the heel of your palm for 8–10 minutes until smooth and slightly greasy.
- 9. Roll the dough into small, smooth balls without cracks.
- 10. Cover balls with a damp cloth to prevent drying.
- 11. In a large deep pan, combine 2 cups sugar and 4 cups water; heat until sugar dissolves.
- 12. Optionally, add 1 tbsp milk to remove impurities and skim off any scum.
- 13. Reserve ½ cup sugar syrup in a cup and 1 cup in a serving bowl.
- 14. Bring the remaining syrup to a rolling boil and gently drop in the chenna balls.
- 15. Shake the pan gently (don't stir) and cover with a lid.
- 16. After 4 minutes, add ¼ cup reserved syrup. Cover and continue cooking.
- 17. After another 4 minutes, add the remaining ¼ cup reserved syrup and cook for 2 more minutes (total 10 minutes).
- 18. Check doneness: rasgulla should sink in plain water or bounce back when pressed lightly.

- 19. Transfer cooked rasgulla to the 1 cup reserved syrup and then pour in the remaining warm syrup.
- 20. Once cooled, add rose/kewra water or cardamom powder. Soak 30 mins. Serve chilled or at room temperature.