

FIBRE-RICH NUTRITION FOR GUT & WEIGHT HEALTH

Your Complete Guide to Better
Digestion, Weight Control, and Energy



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Introduction

WHY FIBRE IS THE SECRET WEAPON FOR YOUR GUT & WAISTLINE

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Asking fibre's effectiveness? It strikes—or calls out on stubborn pipes? These are questions about our guts and waistlines—the fibre holds the key to answers.

This guide will help you experience the transformative power of fibre, and reveal delicious and satisfying ways to boost fibre intake naturally and sustainably.

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DID YOU KNOW?

People who eat more fibre lose nearly 2 kg more weight over 6 months than those on low-fibre diets.

Why Fibre is Secret Weapon for Your Gut & Waistline

In today's fast-moving life, we often obsess over protein, fats, and carbs—but quietly sitting in the corner is fibre, the nutrient that works 24/7 to keep your gut happy, your weight in check, and your health stable.

Did You Know?

The average Indian consumes less than half the daily recommended fibre intake—missing out on powerful health benefits.

Fibre isn't just about 'regularity'. It's about feeding the friendly bacteria in your gut that control digestion, immunity, and even mood—from meals to maintaining a healthy weight—without extreme dieting.



UNDERSTANDING DIETARY FIBRE

THE BASICS

Dietary fibre is the part of plant-based foods your body cannot digest or absorb:

There are two main types of fibre, and both play unique roles in your health:

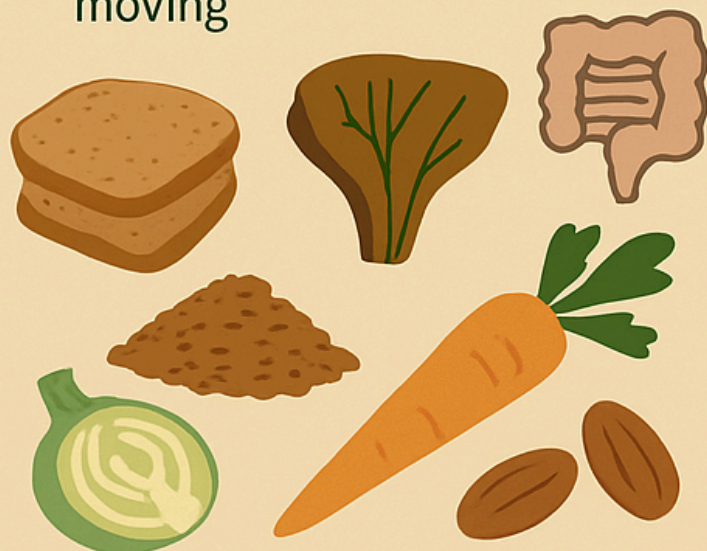
SOLUBLE FIBRE

- Dissolves in water to form a gel
- Slows digestion and keeps you full
- Helps lower cholesterol and blood sugar



INSOLUBLE FIBRE

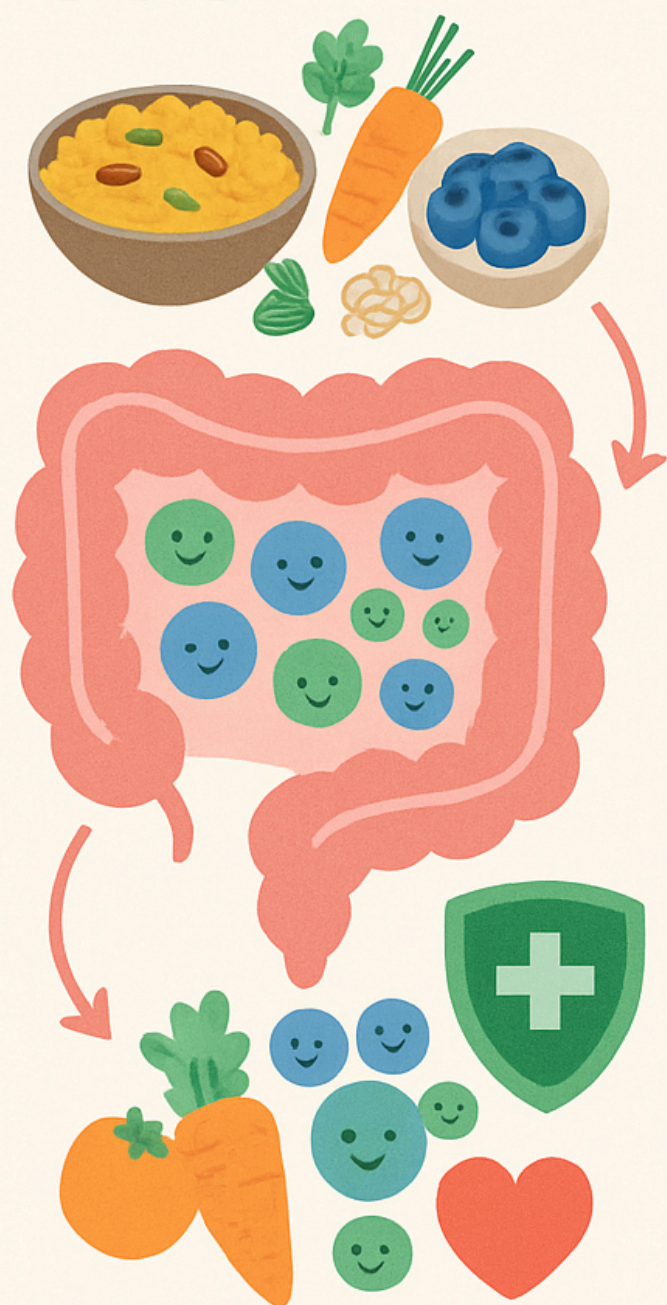
- Does not dissolve in water
- Adds bulk to stool, preventing constipation
- Keeps your digestive system moving



FIBRE FACTS

Fibre has zero calories — but it can still help you lose weight!

How Fibre Nourishes Your Gut from the Inside Out



1 Feeds the Good Guys

Soluble fibre ferments in your colon, producing short-chain fatty acids (SCFAs) that strengthen the gut lining.

2 Keeps Digestion Smooth

Insoluble fibre adds bulk, preventing constipation and keeping waste moving.

3 Boosts Immunity

A healthy microbiome acts like a shield against harmful pathogens.

4 Reduces Inflammation

SCFAs from fibre help lower gut inflammation, improving long term health.



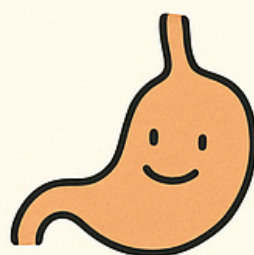
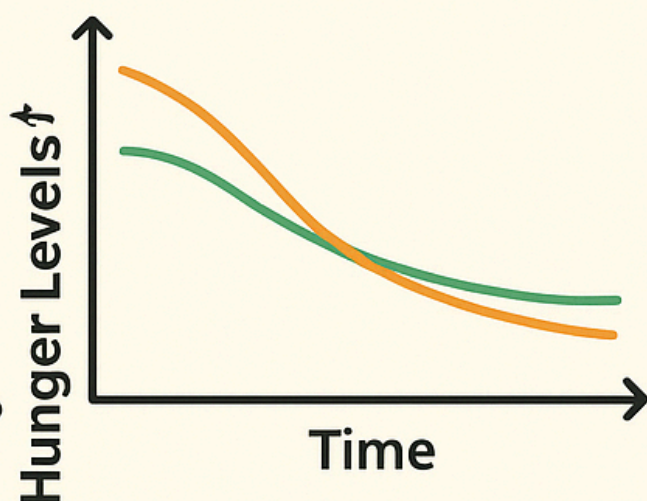
Gut Tip

Include at least 3 different types of fibre-rich foods daily to keep your gut bacteria diverse and happy.

Science Speaks:

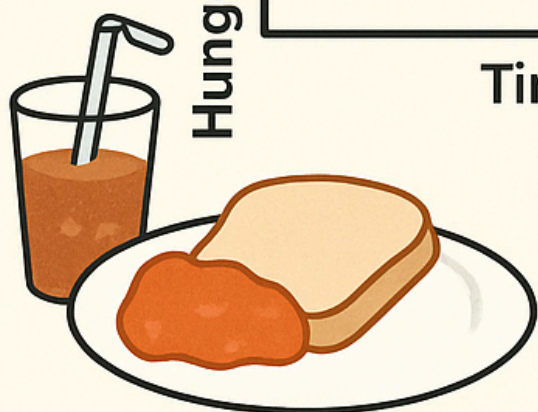
According to Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, diets high in fibre-rich plant foods are linked to lower risks of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and certain cancers – all thanks to a healthier gut.

Without Dieting

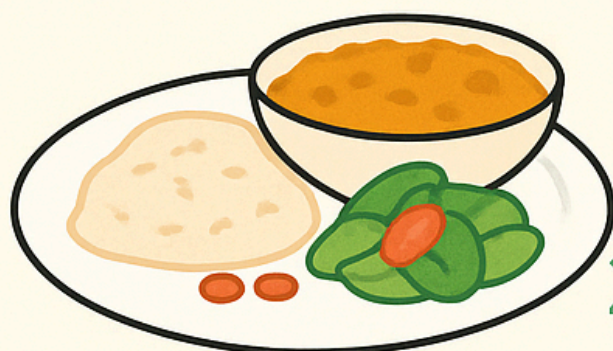


Keeps You Full for Longer

Soluble fibre slows digestion, keeping hunger away for hours



Low-Fibre Meal



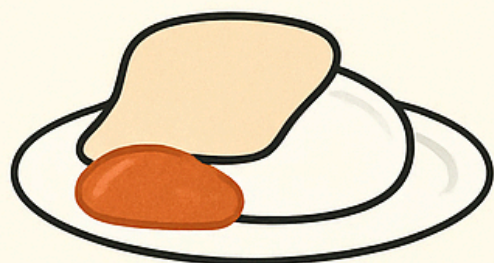
High-Fibre Meal

1 Controls Blood Sugar Spikes

Stable blood sugar reduces fewer cravings and better energy throughout day

2 Reduces Calorie Absorption

High-fibre foods often have fewer calories and help your body absorb less from what you eat



4 Boosts Healthy Eating Habits



TOP 10 HIGH-FIBRE FOOD IN INDIA

OATS
-10g



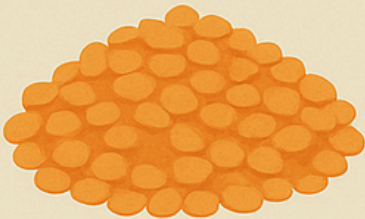
**WHOLE WHEAT
ROTI**
-12g



BROWN RICE
-3,5g



**MASOOR DAL
(RED LENTILS)**
-8g



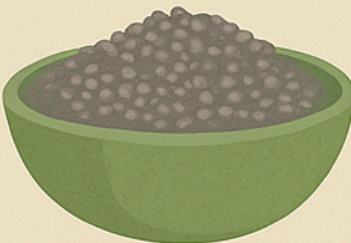
**RAJMA
(KIDNEY BEANS)**
-6,4g



GUAVA
-5,4g



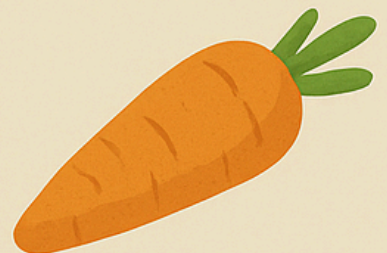
CHIA SEEDS
-34g



GREEN PEAS
-5g



CARROTS
-2,8g



ALMONDS
-12,5g



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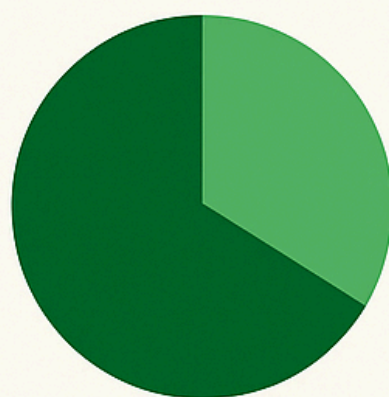


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FIBRE REQUIREMENTS

The table below outlines the daily fibre intake recommendations for various age and gender groups.



Based on ICMR-NIN guidelines

Group	Fibre
Children (4-9 years)	25 g/day
Boys (10-18 years)	35 g/day
Girls (10-18 years)	30 g/day
Men (19-59 years)	40 g/day
Women (19-59 years)	30 g/day



SOLUBLE FIBRE

THE GUT'S GENTLE HEALER

Oats



+1g fibre

cholesterol 

Psyllium Husk
(Isabgol)





+7g fibre

 constipation relief

Apple



cjr fibre

 good health 

Citrus Fruits
(orange fruits)



+1g fibre

 colorectal cancer

Carrots



+2g fibre

 good health 

Rajma
(Kidney Beans)



+9g fibre

protein 

Chia Seeds





+5.g fibre

 anxiety health 

Barley



+5.4g fibre

 lowering 
caim

Guava



+5.4g fibre

heart health 

INSOLUBLE FIBRE

THE GUT'S NATURAL CLEANSER

Insoluble fibre does not dissolve in water. It adds bulk to stool, speeds up waste removal, and prevents constipation.



Whole Wheat Roti

-12 g fibre



improves
bowel movement



Brown Rice

-3.5 g fibre



sustained
energy



**Bajra
(Pearl Millet)**

-8 g fibre



gut movement



Cabbage

-2.5 g fibre



digestive
cleanse



Cauliflower

-2 g fibre



digestive
cleanse



Nuts

(Almonds, Walnuts)

-12 g fibre



bowel health



Carrots

-2.8 fibre



adds bulk



Green Beans

-3.4 fibre



regularity



Sweet Potato

-3 g fibre



adds bulk



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-3 g fibre



adds bulk

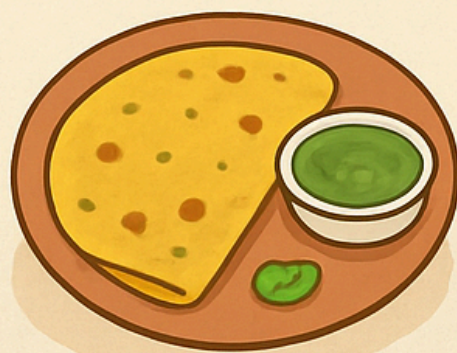
Pro Tip: Insoluble fibre works best when paired with soluble fibre

HIGH-FIBRE INDIAN BREAKFASTS TO START YOUR DAY RIGHT



Vegetable Oats Upma

Oats + carrots,
peas, beans
–8g fibre per serving



Moong Dal Chilla (Pesarattu)

Served with
green chutney,
–7g fibre per serving



Vegetable Poha with Peanuts

Brown poha,
onions, peas, carrots
–6g fibre per serving



Whole Wheat Paratha with Palak & Paneer

Serve with plain curd.
–8-9g fibre per serving



Chia Seed & Fruit Smoothie

Chia seeds, banana,
guava, and low-fat
curd.
–10 g fibre per glass



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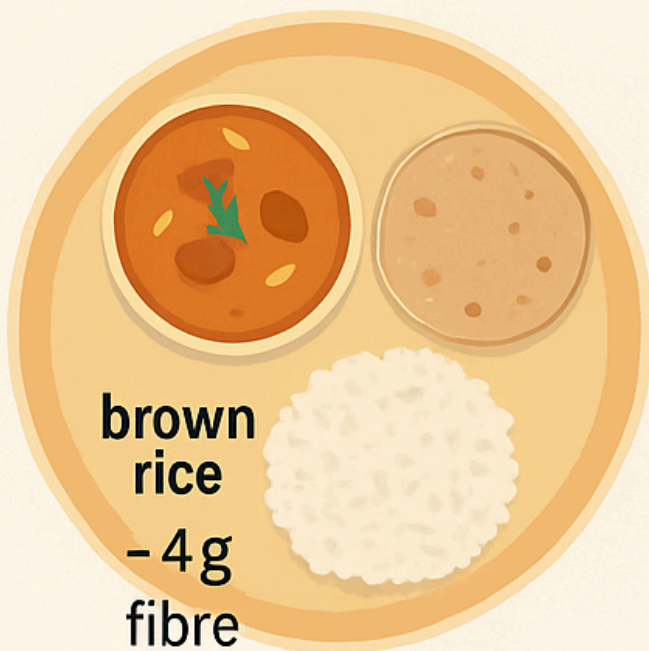
PRO TIP: Add flax seeds or chia seeds to any breakfast for an extra 4-5g fibre boost.

HIGH-FIBRE INDIAN LUNCH & DINNER SWAPS

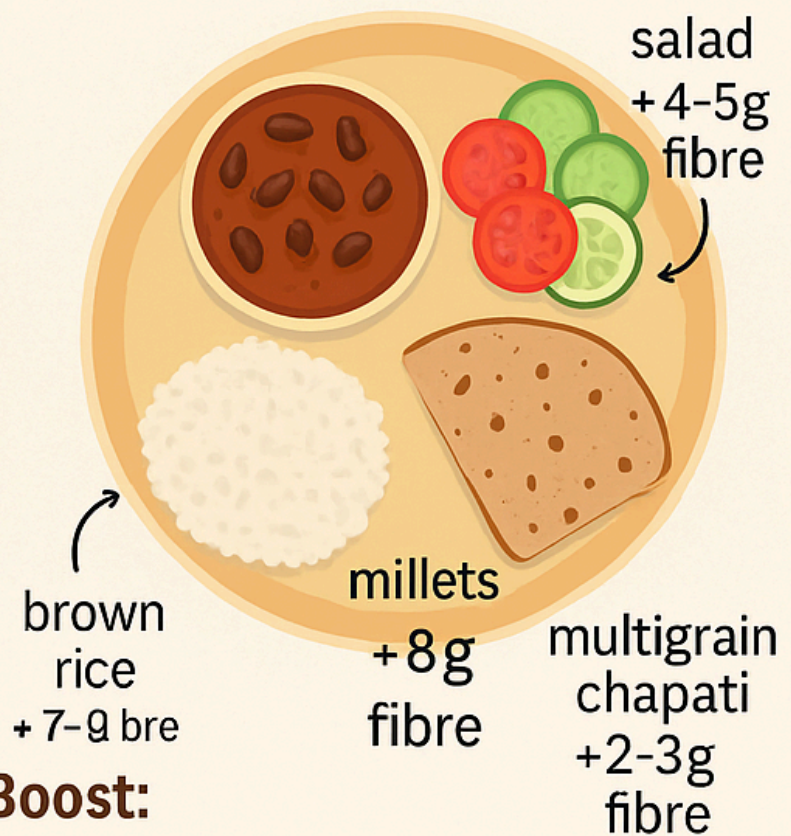
for Better Digestion

Lunchtime and dinnertime offer plenty of chances to boost your fibre intake without major changes to your favourite meals.

Low-fiber thali



High-fiber thali

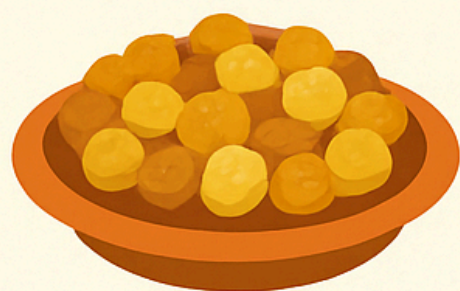


Smart Swaps for a Fibre Boost:

1. Swap white rice → brown rice / millets (bajra, jowar)
2. Replace refined flour chapati → whole wheat / multigrain chap
3. Add 1 cup salad or stir-fried veggies before the main meal
Adds 4-5g fb
4. Include legumes (rajma, chana, masour dal) at least 3 times/we
Adds 7-8g fibre
5. Top curries with seeds (flax, sesame) before serving
Adds 2g fibre

HIGH-FIBRE SNACKS FOR ANYTIME ENERGY

Snacking can be healthy and fibre-rich when you choose the right foods. These options keep you full, boost gut health and curb unhealthy cravings.



Roasted Chana

-6g fibre
per 100g



Sprouted Moong Salad

-7g fibre
per cup



Apple with Peanut Butter

-5g fibre
per apple



Trail Mix

-8g fibre
per 50g



Whole Wheat Khakhre

-4g fibre
per piece



Vegetable Sticks with Hummus

-6g fibre
per serving



Vegetable Sticks with Hummus

-6g fibre
per piece



Chia Seed Pudding

-10g fibre



Pro: Keep your snacks pre-portioned to avoid overeating.

Common Fibre Mistakes & Myths – Busted!

Mistake 1:

Adding too much fibre too quickly



Sudden high-fibre intake can cause bloating and discomfort. Increase intake gradually over 1–2 weeks.

Mistake 2:

Relying on fruit juice instead of whole fruit



Juices lack the fibre-rich pulp and often have excess sugar. Whole fruits are always better.

Mistake 3:

Thinking all fibre is the same



Soluble and insoluble fibres have different roles – both are important.

Mistake 4:

Ignoring water intake



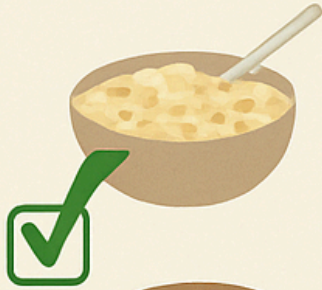
Fibre works best when paired with enough fluids to aid digestion.

Believing fibre is only for digestion

It also supports heart health, blood sugar

10 Easy Hacks to Boost Your Daily Fibre Intake

Small changes in your daily routine can add up to big health benefits. Try these simple hacks to reach your fiber goals. without even thinking about it:



Start your day with oats, muesli, or whole grain toast



Add 1 tablespoon of chia or flax seeds to smoothies, salads, or dal



Swap white rice for brown rice, millets, or quinoa



Keep a jar of roasted chana or nuts handy for snacks



Include at least 1 cup of salad or raw veggies with lunch and dinner



Snack on whole fruits instead of drinking fruit juice



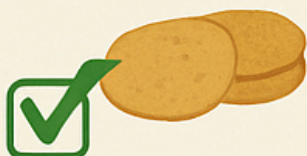
Use whole wheat or multigrain flour for chapatis and bread



Add beans or lentils to soups, curries, and salads



Sprinkle pumpkin or sunflower seeds over yogurt or stir fry



Make high-fibre snacks in bulk—like baked khakhra or roasted makhana

FIBRE & LONG-TERM HEALTH

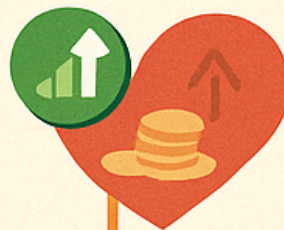
Regular fibre intake is linked to the prevention of major chronic diseases and can add years to your life.

Regular Fibre Intake

Reduced risk of heart disease and stroke

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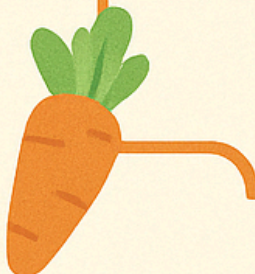
Better weight management & lower body fat



Improved blood sugar control, lower type 2 diabetes risk



Protection against colorectal, breast & other cancers



Longer, Healthier Life



Resources & References

Trusted sources for further reading on fibre, gut health, and nutrition.



World Health Organization (WHO)

Healthy Diet Factsheet

<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/healthy-diet>



Indian Council of Medical Research

Nutrient Requirements and Recommended Dietary Allowances for Indians

<https://www.icmr.nic.in/content/nutrient-requirements-and-recommended-dietary-allowances-indians>



National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Dietary Fibre: Essential for a Healthy Diet

<https://www.nih.gov/news-events/nih-research-matters/dietary-fiber-essential-healthy-diet>



Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Fibre: An Important Part 'of a Healthy Diet

<https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/nutritionsource/carbohydrates/fiber/>

Tip: Aim for 25-35 g o fibre daily through vegetables, fruits, legumes, and whole grains.

THANK YOU FOR READING!

You've now got the knowledge to make fibre your daily health ally. Start small, stay consistent, and watch the difference in your gut health, energy, and waistline.



YOUR NEXT STEP:

- ✓ Try one new fibre-rich recipe this week.
- ✓ Share this guide with a friend or family member.
- ✓ Visit www.balancedlives.com for more free guides, recipes, and wellness tips.

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*Your journey to better health starts with one bite –
make it a high-fibre one!*





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