What is a Balanced Diet?

As per National Institute of Nutrition, ICMR (India), a Balanced diet is a nourishing, wholesome diet which provides adequate proportions of essential nutrients from all Food Groups (Cereals, Pulses, Vegetables and Fruits, Fats & Oils, Dairy & Meat)

It is necessary to maintain good health and also include non-nutrients such as dietary fibre, antioxidants and phytochemicals which bestow positive health benefits & support a healthy Immune system as well.

It is important to know the amount of nutrients from various food groups required to be consumed EVERYDAY to have a BALANCED DIET.

For this, knowing your RDAs
(Recommended Daily Allowances)
and
Food Group Allowances
are the most effective tools.

Know your Daily RDA's & Food Portions

Nutrients	Sedentary Adult Male	Sedentary Adult Female
Protein (g/d)	54	46
Fibre (g/d)	30	25
Calcium (mg/d)	1000	1000
Iron (mg/d)	19	29
lodine (mcg/d)	140	140
Vitamin A (mcg/d)	1000	840
Vitamin C (mg/d)	80	65
Vitamin D (IU/d)	600	600

^{*}RDA's basis ICMR, 2020 *(selected few for example)*

Balanced diet should provide around

50-60% of total calories from CARBOHYDRATES

20-30% from both visible and invisible FATS

10-15% from PROTEINS



Along with Balance Diet

30-45 mins of Physical activity

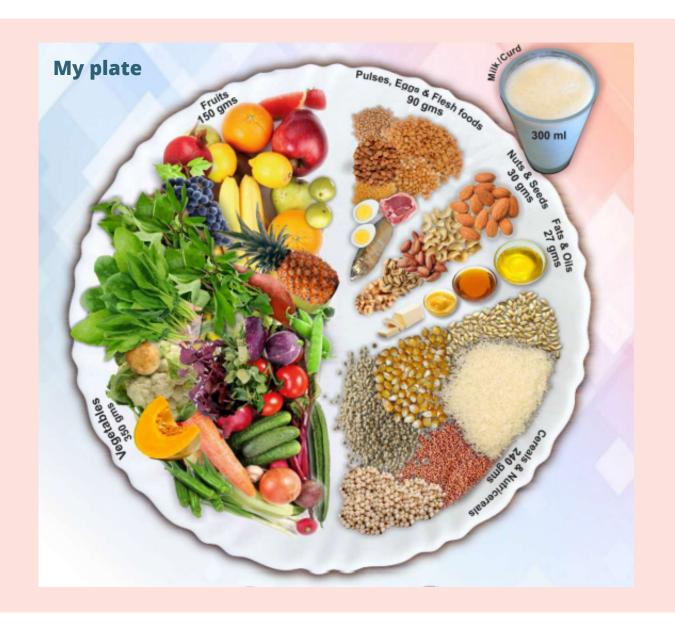
Average 8 hours of sound sleep

Adequate intake of water

are essential for good health.







A Guideline reference in the form of "My Plate" has been recommended by National Institute of Nutrition that

- Promotes Health
- Protects from Diseases
- Prevents Hidden Hunger

one Sedentary Sedentary portion Food Group Adult Male Adult Female size Cereals & Millets 375g 270g 30g Pulses 30g 75g 60g Milk & Milk Products 300ml 300ml 100ml Roots & Tubers 100g 200g 200g Green Leafy Vegetables 100g 100g 100g Other vegetables 100g 200g 200g Fruits 100g 100g 100g Sugar (visible) 5g 20g 20g Fat (visible) 5g 25g 20g

^{*}Portion Based Food Group Requirement (NIN)