

UNIT 1- WONDERFUL WASTE

Theme

Once the Maharaja of Travancore order a grand dinner in his palace (Travancore was the old name of Kerala's capital Thiruvananthapuram). In the afternoon, the Maharaja entered the kitchen to look over the preparations. He looked over a heap of vegetable scraps and asked "what are you going to with those vegetable scraps?" The cook replied "these are waste it will be thrown away". But Maharaja ordered him harshly "find a way to use these vegetable scraps".

The cook got confused but after some time he got an idea. He washed all scraps and cut into long pieces. Put them into a large pot and cooked it. After that he added some coconut, green chilies, garlic and salt. At last he poured curd into it. He made the dish and decorate it with curry leaves.

At the party, everyone ate it surprisingly and was eager to know the name of the new dish. As they all liked it very much. He named Avial to the dish. Avial became a famous traditional dish in Kerala.

Questions and Answers

1. What were the preparations in the palace for?

Ans) There were the preparations of a grand dinner party at the palace.

2. Why did the Maharaja go into the kitchen in the afternoon?

Ans) The Maharaja went into the kitchen to survey the dishes made for the dinner.

3. What had the cook planned to do with the vegetable scraps?

Ans) Firstly, the cook had planned to throw away the vegetable scraps. But afterward the cook planned to make a new dish out of those vegetable scraps.