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#### Flavor Curry with Canadian Bacon

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- â I am honored,â McMurthy was thankful for the unexpected honor bestowed on him by his visiting cousin. The last time he visited Canada was when Pierre Trudeau was Prime Minister 30 years ago.
- â Decades ago when your team discovered subtle effects of greenhouses gases on climate change on Arctic you should have raised hell rather than writing research papers quietly,â complained Juggernaut.
- â Well, we scientists need proof, lots of it before we make any strong public pronouncements,â McMurthy was sincere.
- â Well, you know what happened to housing market in the United States, when prominent economists failed to alarm the public on sub-prime lending practices in time,â Juggernaut tried to compare the current catastrophic climate changes with collapse of housing market in the United States.
- â True, we should have been more aggressive in educating the people on the perils of pumping excessive greenhouse gases into the atmosphere from burning too much fossil fuel,â McMurthy was apologetic now.
- â How you all survived on Arctic for weeks while conducting research?â
- â Besides other measures, we chewed on Canadian bacon all the time,â
- â You mean, like chew tobacco.â
- â Yes, but we donâ t spit it out like in chew tobacco, instead we swallow the warm and greasy, flavored saliva.â
- â Thatâ s gross.â
- â Not if you are living in a shack on a glacier for weeks.â

- â The fat from the bacon would keep you warm and the flavor rich bacon is like paan massala for an Indian like you,â Juggernaut concluded.
- â For crying out loud, you should have thrown a piece of Canadian bacon in Sambar (spicy stew made with split pea paste and various vegetables) you made for lunch,â shouted Juggernaut.
- â Add bacon to Sambar?â
- â Yes, bacon will add a twist to the curry flavor of Sambar and bacon fat provides mouth feel, the Sambar stew lacks. Besides, people relish chewing a strip of bacon well after eating Sambar rice, like chewing a stick of Moringa tree drumstick vegetable boiled in Sambar.â
- â You Americans are creative when it comes to good eating,â complimented McMurthy.
- â We Americans, some of us may be obese, in my own case, lot of belly fat, but we are always creative,â Juggernaut rubbed his fat belly with his palm in a circular motion in clockwise direction.
- â Cooking Sambar with a piece of Canadian bacon would be a new beginning in Indian culinary art,â noted McMurthy and made some handwritten notes hoping to do research on the benefits of adding Canadian bacon in Indian cooking, a second career he is looking forward once he retires at the end of the year after a long service.

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