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Chocolate is derived from the Maya verb chokola'j, which means, "to drink chocolate together". Chocolate is a product which requires complex procedures to produce. Harvesting and processing of cocoa seeds involves -- plucking, fermentation and drying of the cocoa seeds. Manufacturing of chocolate requires high specifications to ensure the final product with good quality. There are various types of chocolates based on the variation in their composition and origin of the cocoa beans. Chocolate consumption is high among western countries compared to the rest of the countries. India has various leading manufacturer of the chocolates like Cadbury, Amul, Nestle etc.

