The early meaning of the term pipis'e which recurs in the Rigveda: assembled, anointed

Here is a good example of proto-vedic continuity of bharatiya languages. The root is pis' 'to knead' cognate with picciya 'pounded, beaten' (Pkt.) picai 'mix, knead' in Tamil and piskey 'to squeeze' in Munda languages. The word is used as pipis'e in Rigveda; and the meaning consistent with the semantics in all bharatiya languages can be deduced as: kneaded, squeezed, prepared, adorned. Hence, the use of the term pipis'e in the context of preparing or moulding ams'u of soma together with barley.

picc, piccayati = to press flat , squeeze Dha_tup. xxxii , 40
pich, picchayati = to press flat , squeeze , expand , divide Dha_tup. xxxli , 20

pis', pims' = to hew out , carve , prepare (esp. meat) , make ready , adorn ; to form , fashion , mould RV. TBr Dha_tup. xxviii , 143: Slav. Pisati; hence, pes'as = shape , form , colour RV. ; an artificial figure , ornament , embroidery , an embroidered garment (VS)

goma_yur eko ajama_yur ekah pr.s'nir eko harita eka es.a_m
sama_nam na_ma bibhrato viru_pa_h purutra_ va_cam pipis'ur vadantah

7.103.06 One frog has the bellowing of a cow, another the bleating of a goat; one of them is speckled, one is green; designated by a common appellation, they are of various colours and croaking, show themselves in numerous places.

In this r.ca, pipis'ur is interpreted as croaking voices, that is mixed voices.

aks.a_naho nahyatanota somya_ is.kr.n.udhvam ras'ana_ ota pims'ata
as.t.a_vandhuram vahata_bhito rrayena deva_so anayann abhi priyam

10.053.07 (The gods to one another). Drinkers of the Soma, bind (the horses) that are to be fastened to the pole; prepare the reins; caparison (the steeds); accompany everywhere (in your cars) the chariot which has eight seats with which the gods bring us acceptable (wealth).

The meaning of pims'a in this r.ca is: prepare, assemble.

r.s.t.ayo vo maruto r.latasayor adhi saha ojo ba_hvor vo balam hitam
nr.mn.a_ s'_rs.asv a_yudha_ rathes.u vo vis'va_ vah s'ri_r adhi tanu_s.u pipis'e

RV 5.057.06 Lances rest, Maruts, upon your shoulders; strength (of)
foes-destroying power is seated in your arms; golden (tiaras) are on your heads, weapons are placed in your chariots, all glory is assembled in your limbs.

The phrase is: vis'va_ vah s'ri_r adhi tanu_s.u pipis'e

What is the meaning of the root, pis' in this r.ca? Same term, pipis'e is used in RV 9.68.4 about Soma processing: ams'ur yavena pipis'e (that is, ams'u is mixed, kneaded with barley.

sa ma_tara_ vicaran va_jayann apaha pramedhirah svadhya_ pinvate padam

ams'ur yavena pipis'e yato nr.bhih sam ja_mibhir nasate raks.ate s'irah

RV 9.068.04 The wise (Soma) wandering through the two worlds, sending forth the waters, flattens his station with food; the Soma-juice collected by the priests is mixed with the barley; it is

united by the fingers; it protects the head. [His station: i.e., the uttara vedi_, the northern altar; it protects the head: s'irah = s'i_rn.am bhu_taja_tam (the withered world?)].

arus.asya duhitara_ viru_pe str.bhir anya_ pipis'e su_ro anya_
mithastura_ vicaranti_ pa_vake manma s'rutam naks.ata r.cyama_ne

RV 6.049.03 May the two daughters of the radiant (sun) of various forms, of whom one glitters with stars, the other (is bright) with the sun, mutually opposed, proceeding diversely, purifying (all things), and entitled to our laudation, be pleased by the praise they hear (from us). [The two daughters: day and night, the daughters of the sun, directly or their cause, indirectly].

In this r.ca, pipis'e su_ro anya_ is interpreted by Sayana as 'the other (is bright) with the sun', thus implying the meaning of pipis'e as 'mixed or one with'.

So, tanu_s.u pipis'e in RV 5.57.06 is a metaphoric reference to the limbs, imbued or mixed or assembled with s'ri_ - glory. If pis' as a verb root refers to inscribing, writing, that is one more indicator of the use of writing systems in Rigvedic times.

The meaning of many Rigvedic terms have to sought from the evolution of semantics in bharatiya languages. It will be seen from the following lexemes in the entire spectrum of bharatiya languages that the cognate lexemes, picai 'knead' (Tamil), pisna_ (Hindi) are all related to anointing, squeezing, massaging, mixing, assembling, kneading, powdering. Sure, if it applies also to inscribing on metal, so be it :)-- If there are *IE cognates, so be it :)--

One thing is clear. Maruts were valorous (endowed with bala), were decorated with tiara and armed with lances.

prapi_d.ayati presses, squeezes (S'Br.); **papi_l.ita** worn-out (of soles of sandals)(Pali); **pavi_lae_** presses, oppresses (Pkt.); **peln.a_** to cause to press uon (P.); **peln.o** to press (Ku.); **periba** to press out juice, gin cotton (A.); **per.a_na** press, grind (B.); **per.iba_** to press, squeeze out (juice)(Or.); **perab, per.ab** to work an oil mill (Bi.); **per.na_** to squeeze (H.); **pival.n.e~** to wrench, wring (M.)(CDIAL 8686). **prapi_d.yate_** is pressed, tormented (BhP.); **pe_d.un** to ooze, drop out (K.)(CDIAL 8687). **piccayati** presses flat (Skt.); **picciya** pounded, beaten (Pkt.); **pi_cn.a_** to be hard and tight (P.); **pici_n.o** to be crushed, be powdered (Ku.); **picci_** crushed, smashed, jammed (H.); **picakn.a_** to be squeezed (P.); **picikiba_** to spurt out (Or.); **picakna_** to be pressed (H.)(CDIAL 8149). **To crush, press flat**: **pe_s.an.a** crushing or grinding of grain (Ka_tyS'r.); **pe_san.a_** grinding (Pkt.); **pihan** act of grinding (K.)(CDIAL 8385). **pe_s.ayati** grinds (Gr.S.); **pe_sayam.ta** grind (Pkt.); **pie_s.i** (Shum.); **pe_s.i** (Gaw.); **pes.** (Kho.); **pesa_** to grind (B.); **pesiba_** to grind, knead (Or.)(CDIAL 8386). **pi_san.** to be ground (L.); **pisn.a_** (P.); **pisna_** (H.)(CDIAL 8221). **pim.s.a** imper. (AV.); **pinas.t.i** grinds (RV.); **pisati** id. (Pkt.); **pihun** to grind, beat, goad (K.); **pi_hn.a_** (P.); **pisnu** (N.); **pi_sab** (Mth.Aw.); **pi_svuy** (G.); **pisn.e~** (M.)(CDIAL 8142). **picai** to squeeze (Ta.); **pis'it.u** husks of fruits (Ma.); **picg** to be soft so that it can be squeezed; **pick** to squeeze (Ko.); **pisuku** to squeeze (Ka.); **piskuni** id. (Tu.); **pijg** to knead (Nk.); **pi_c** to grind (?Pa.); to squeeze (Pe.); id. (Kui); to press out (Kuwi); **picka'a_na_** to press and bruise, flatten by crushing (Kur.)(DEDR 4135). **pi_ccu (pi_cci-), pi_rccu (pi_rcci-)** to squirt, milk (as a cow); **pi_ccal, pi_rccal** syringing; **pi_rcca_n.-kur..al** syringe (Ta.); **pi_ccuka** to squirt, syringe (Ma.); **pi_cu** id.; squirting (Ka.)(DEDR 4215). **pi_d-** to squeeze, milk (Nk.Pa.); **pi_(y)-** to milk (Ga.); **pi_r-, pi_ra_na_** to milk; **pi_r** to squeeze, wring, milk (Go.); **pi_r- (-it-)** to draw (milk), darw out oil (by pressing the seeds under oil-press), squeeze (Kond.a)(DEDR 4231). **pir..i** to squeeze (Ta.); to wring or squeeze out (Ka.); **pir..iyuka** to squeeze out (Ma.); **hircadi** to squeeze (Kor.); **pir.s** id. (Kond.a); **pilqe** id. (Malt.); **pilhinng, princing** id., massage, press hard (Br.); **vr.i_sa** to squeeze (Kui); **wi_skinai** id. (Kuwi); **bi_nna_** to clean guts by pressing along, to sponge, to fleece (Kur.)(DEDR 4183). **phissan.** to be squeezed, be bruised, be rotten (L.); **phissn.a_** to burst (P.); **phisan.u** to split, burst; **phehan.u** (S.)(CDIAL 9079). **bhi_cna_** to squeeze, press (H.); **bhacakvu~** to be struck, to pierce (G.); **bhacar.vu~** to press, squeeze (G.); **bhi_svu~** to press; **bhe~co** crushing (G.)(CDIAL 9489). **pi_d.ita** pressed, squeezed (Mn.);

pi_l.ita pressed, crushed (Pali); **pid.ita** adv. expressly (NiDoc.); **pi_d.ia** pressed, hurt (Pkt.); **pi_lia** pressed (Pkt.); **per.i_** pudendum muliebre (Ash.); **pre_i** (Kt.); **pir.e** soft (Shum.); **pir.ia_** oil-cake (Or.); **piri** crushed straw (Or.); **pelu** thrashed, winnowed (Si.)(CDIAL 8228). **pi_d.ana** act of pressing or squeezing (R.); **pi_l.ana** injury, oppression (Pali); **pi_lan.a** pressing (Pkt.); **pi_r.nu_** squeezing cloth while washing it (WPah.)(CDIAL 8225). **pi_d.ayati** presses, squeezes (AV.); **pipi_l.e_** perf. (RV.); hurts (Mn.); **pi_d.yate_** pass. (MBh.); **pi_l.e_ti** presses, molests (Pali); **pi_d.e_di, pi_d.ai** presses; **pi_le_i, pi_lai** presses, hurts (Pkt.); **pel.ik** to wring out, squeeze, twist (Kho.); **pioiki** to press, embrace, hold, seize (Sh.); **pi_r.an.u** to press, oppress (S.); **pi_r.n.a_** to press (oil seeds, sugarcane, etc.)(P.); **pi_r.n.a_** to squeeze (P.); **pi_r.nu_** (WPah.); **pir.on.o, pir.u_n.o** to feel with the hand, tough; **pir.a_n.o** to torture; **pilan.o** to press on, toil, plod (Ku.); **pira_unu** to torment; **pilinu** to be made anxious (N.); **pir.a_** to press (B.); **piriba** to oppress (A.); **pir.iba_** to press (sugarcane)(Or.); **pira_** pained, tired (Mth.); **pira_wal** to hurt (Bhoj.); **pira_b** (Aw.); **pir.wa_na_** to cause to be pressed (H.); **pi_d.ai** crushes (OG.); **pi_r.vu~** to press, afflict (G.); **pil.n.e~** to squeeze; **pi_d.n.e~** to hurt (M.); **pel.anava_** to hurt; **pel.enava_** to be hurt; **pel.u** threshed, winnowed (Si.); **pelle_i** presses, hurts (Pkt.); **pi_lvu~** to press, squeeze (G.); **pid.d.ai** falls (Pkt.); **pe_d.un** to drop; presses, hurts (K.)(CDIAL 8226). cf. **vli_** press down (Skt.lex.)

pilhing, princing to squeeze, squeeze out, massage, press hard (Br.)(CDIAL 4183). cf. **pir..i-tal** to squeeze (Ta.lex.)

pin.t.i flour, meal, powder (Ta.); **pin.d.i** flour, powder (Te.); flour (Ga.Kond.a); **pind.i_** flour (Kol.); **pind.i, pind., pindi_** id.; **pind.i** id., powder (Go.)(DEDR 4162). **Flour of millet**: **pis.t.a** crushed, ground (RV.); flour (BhP.); cake (Skt.); **pis.t.aka** flour (Skt.); **pis.t.i_** (Bhpr.); **pis.t.ika** cake of rice-flour (Skt.); **pit.t.ha** crushed seeds, flour (Pali); flour (Pkt.); **pet.t.ha** flour (Pkt.); **pi_t.** (Wot..); **pis.t.o** pret. of **pi~s.** (Phal.); **pi_t.ho** rice-flour; **pit.hi** powder of grain or pulse (Ku.); **pit.ho** flour, powder (N.); **pit.ha_** powder, powdered rice, cake-bread (A.); cake (B.Or.); **pi_t.ha_, pit.t.ha_** boiled meal pudding; **pit.t.hi_** small boiled meal pudding (Bi.); **pit.ha_r** rice pounded in water (Mth.); **pi_t.ha_** cake (Bhoj.); powdered pulse (Aw.); sweetmeat of rice-flour with coconut and sugar; **pi_t.hi_, pit.t.hi_** pulse steeped in water and then peeled and ground (H.); **pi_t.h** flour; **pi_t.hu~** flour of millet; **pi_t.hi_** yellow powder applied to bodies of bride and bridegroom (G.); **pi_t.h** flour; **pit.hi_** fine flour (e.g. of rice)(M.); **pit.t.i** powder, meal (Konkan.i); **pit.i** meal, dust (Si.); **pi_t.ho** pp. **pi_t.hi_** dough of pulse-flour (S.); **pi_t.ha_** pp. (L.); **pi_t.t.ha_** pp. (whence **pi_t.hn.a_** to grind); **pi_t.h** ground barley mash for calving cows; **pi_t.hi_** pulse-flour (P.)(CDIAL 8218). **pis.t.apu_ra** a cake of flour and butter (Skt.); **pit.hauri_** cake made of flour etc. (H.)(CDIAL 8219). **pis.t.o_daka** water mixed with flour (MBh.); **pit.hou, pit.ha, pit.ha_u** liquid paste of moistened ground rice used for making cakes (Or.)(CDIAL 8220). **pi_san.** to be ground (L.)[cf. **pim.sati** grinds (Skt.)(CDIAL 8142)]; **pisn.a_** (P.); **pisna_** (H.)(CDIAL 8221). cf. **pi_d.ita** pressed, squeezed (Mn.); **pir.ia_** oil-cake (Or.)(CDIAL 8228). cf. **pi_d.ana** act of pressing or squeezing (R.)(CDIAL 8225). **Ground spice**: cf. **pot.i (-v-, -nt-)** powder, dust, ash, particle, fragment (Ta.); **pir-y** dust (To.); **wid-y** powder, ground spice (To.); **pu_d.** powder (M.)(DEDR 4481). cf. **pu_r..i** powder, dust, sacred ashes (Ta.)(DEDR 4316).

Munda etyma: <piskei> {V} ``to ^press or ^squeeze out (juice), to ^wring out (clothes), to squeeze a woman's breast; to ^choke or ^strangle someone; to ^trigger (a gun)". *De.<pick->(M) `to knead, wring, squeeze'. @V0606,V0756,V0604,V0393,(D). #18861.
<picok->(B) {V} ``to ^press, to ^squeeze"
<pisk-ey>(Z) {V(u)} ``to ^squeeze, to ^wring_out".
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