

# Golden Jubilee of PIN Code

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**In news**– The Minister of State for Communications has recently released Commemorative Postage Stamp on the occasion of Golden Jubilee of PIN Code, in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

## What is a PIN code?

- **PIN code or a Postal Index Number** in India is a **six-digit numeric code in the Indian Postal system.**
- It was **introduced on 15 August 1972 by the then Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Communications, Shriram Bhikaji.**
- The new system was felt important to simplify the process of sorting and delivering the mails manually.
- This is because different languages and similar names and addresses created a lot of confusion.
- Thus, there should be a standard procedure that helps in simplifying the process.
- This way, PIN Codes were introduced to identify states, districts, and cities.
- The **first 8 are geographical regions and the digit 9 is reserved for the Army Postal Service.**
- The first digit indicates one of the regions. The second digit indicates the sub region or one of the postal circles (States). The third digit indicates a sorting / revenue district. The last 3 digits refer to the delivery Post Office.

**The first digit of PIN indicates as below:**

First Digit	Region	States Covered
1	Northern	Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir
2	Northern	Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal
3	Western	Rajasthan and Gujarat
4	Western	Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh
5	Southern	Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka
6	Southern	Kerala and Tamil Nadu
7	Eastern	West Bengal, Orissa and North Eastern
8	Eastern	Bihar and Jharkand
9	APS	Army Postal Service

First 2 Digits of PIN	Circle
11	Delhi
12 and 13	Haryana
14 to 16	Punjab
17	Himachal Pradesh
18 to 19	Jammu & Kashmir
20 to 28	Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal
30 to 34	Rajasthan
36 to 39	Gujarat
40 to 44	Maharashtra
45 to 49	Madhya Pradesh and Chattisgarh
50 to 53	Andhra Pradesh & Telangana
56 to 59	Karnataka
60 to 64	Tamil Nadu
67 to 69	Kerala
70 to 74	West Bengal
75 to 77	Orissa
78	Assam
79	North Eastern
80 to 85	Bihar and Jharkand
90 to 99	Army Postal Service (APS)