

Programmes & Actions by Karnataka's Minority Welfare Ministry (2018–2025)

1. Pre-Matric & Post-Matric Scholarships for minority students (state implementation / continuations) — ongoing programme to support studies from Class I to PG (covers pre-matric, post-matric, and related scholarships). These continued to be implemented through the Directorate of Minorities 2018–2025. ([Karnataka Government][1])
2. Merit-cum-Means Scholarship (professional/technical degree support) — state implementation of the merit-cum-means scholarship for minority students (UG/PG/professional courses). Continued each year with notifications for 2018–2024. ([Karnataka Government][2])
3. Special incentives for minority students pursuing B.Ed / D.Ed (one-time monetary incentives) — announced as a state incentive (example: Rs 25,000 per year, up to Rs 50,000 for course) to encourage teaching qualifications among minority students. ([Karnataka Government][3])
4. Implementation / state rollout of central schemes and allied minority skill/education programmes — Karnataka implemented several national minority programs at state level (Nai Manzil, Nai Roshni, USTTAD, NMDFC linkages, PMJVK projects, Padho Pradesh etc.) across these years to support skill training, leadership, heritage conservation and entrepreneurship among minority communities. ([Indiastat][4])
5. Waqf / Wakf board digitization and Umeed platform work (uploading waqf properties) — Karnataka completed uploading its WAQF property records to the central Umeed platform (state credited as first in India to complete the upload), an exercise reported in late 2025 preparatory coverage and explicitly linked to the minister and Wakf portfolio activities. (Reported credit goes to teams led by the Wakf & Minority Welfare minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan). ([The Times of India][5])
6. Simple Marriage Incentive / marriage aid for economically weaker minority couples (2024–2025 announcements / budget proposals) — the state announced a Simple Marriage Incentive scheme offering financial grant (reported at ₹50,000 in district allocations and also referenced in the 2025–26 budget announcements for minority welfare measures). District rollouts and local implementation were publicized (e.g., Mysuru district allocations). ([The Times of India][6])
7. Minority Colony Development Programme & school upgrades (2025 budget allocations) — as part of the 2025–26 state budget the government announced large allocations for minority-focused works (e.g., Minority Colony Development Programme, funds for Maulana Azad model English medium schools expansion and

Urdu school upgrades). These were budgetary promises tied to the minority welfare portfolio in 2025. ([TaxTMI][7])

8. Administrative leadership and departmental continuity — B. Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan has been a prominent minister holding the Minority Welfare portfolio across multiple stints (notably from 6 June 2018–22 July 2019 in the Kumaraswamy cabinet and again in the Siddaramaiah ministry starting May 2023), and many of the actions above are associated with his ministry’s period. (Use this to map ministerial responsibility for different years). ([Wikipedia][8])