Pending National Sports University Bill

What is the issue?

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Inspite of India winning medals in the Commonwealth games, the bill for establishing National Sports University is still pending

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What is the bill about?

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- The Bill aims to establish a National Sports University (NSU) in Manipur, which will be empowered to grant degrees, diplomas and certificates.
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- NSU will promote sports education in the areas of sports sciences, sports technology, sports management, and sports coaching.
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- NSU will impart training to sports officials, referees and umpires and evolve as centres of excellence in various disciplines.
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- The bill also proposes to establish campuses and study centres in other parts of the country.
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What is the need for such a bill?

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- In India there are various gaps existing in the national sports environment like sports science, technology, management and high performance training, which needs to be improvised.
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- There is also a need to support the athletes holistically who win medals for India and to encourage the talent present in the country.
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- Thus a full-fledged sports university which provides sports education in

international standards will deal with all these concerns.
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What are the actions so far taken in this regard?

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- The NSU is proposed to be set up within a period of 2 financial years, including establishment of outlying campuses inside and outside India.
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- Memorandum of understanding has been signed by the Union government with Sports universities in Australia, for development of curriculum, research facilities and laboratories.
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