The Chief Minister, Mr. Pawan Chamling who is also the Minister-in-charge of Finance, Revenue and Expenditure proposed a total budget of Rs. 5884.43 crores for the financial year 2016-17 for the State of Sikkim.

The Chief Minister in his address elucidated the physical and financial progress made by the Government in the current financial year and placed before the house the roadmap ahead. He highlighted the key initiatives of the government and stated that the Government is fully committed to realising Sikkim as a model state. He further added that the government has worked tirelessly to fulfill the basic minimum needs of the people of Sikkim. He shared that the Government has achieved good governance through participative planning and implementation of schemes through a bottom up approach. He pointed out that the Government has created quality infrastructure as well as human resource to convert Sikkim into a vibrant developing state. The Chief Minister also stressed on new and innovative schemes of the Government and ensuring transparency through monitoring and evaluation. The Chief Minister also informed that all the flagship programmes of the government of India have been effectively implemented in the State. He mentioned about the various awards and accolades received by the Government which testifies the unparallel development achieved by the state in all fronts.

Meanwhile, the Chief Minister announced some of the innovative projects to be taken up by the Government in the financial year 2016-17. He informed about the proposed State Library envisaged to be the largest in the country and a store house of valuable resources powered by technological aides, the proposed Folk Healer Centre to be developed at Assam Lingzey, the Shaheed Gram which will showcase the contribution of our freedom fighters, the Ethnic Cultural Centre, and the Rock-Carved Statues. He proposed an initial allocation of Rs.1 crore for each of the projects.

The Chief Minister expressed his thanks to the consistent support and acknowledgement of the people for the programmes and policies of the government. He assured that all development works will be Sikkim-centric and will directly benefit the people. He stated that budget is an expression of our values and the principles which guide the state of Sikkim to greater heights. He concluded by dedicating the 22nd Budget of this Government to the people of Sikkim.
Earlier, the Chief Minister also Minister in Charge for Finance, Revenue and Expenditure Department presented the first Supplementary Demands for Grants for the year 2015-16.

Earlier, the Fourth Day of Budget Session commenced with the Question Hour wherein starred question relating to the Energy and Power Department, Rural Management and Development Department, Roads and Bridges Department and Land Revenue and Disaster Management were put up.

During the Question Hour, Minister for Energy and Power Department, Mr. D.D. Bhutia in his reply to a question by MLA Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha said that the Lower Lagyap Hydro project (LLHP) pipe laying/pipe replacement project from Bhusuk to Switchyard Saramsa was put to Tender vide NIT No. 01/11-12/E&P/LLHP/237 and the work was awarded to a contractor Mr. Sunil Kumar Agarwal. He explained that the total cost of the tender was Rs. 43.97 Crore and mobilization advance amounting to Rs. 14.63 was also given. However, the proposal is only for the replacement of damaged and worn out pipes.

Minister for RMDD Mr. S.B. Subedi while replying to queries of MLA Mr. Prem Singh Tamang informed that Rs. 13.95 crore has been sanctioned for the construction of the statue of Mahatma Srijunga at Hee-Gaon West Sikkim. M/s Archtech Consultants Pvt. Ltd Kolkotta has been assigned the work of DPR and architectural design of this project and Rs. 67.07 Lakh has also been sanctioned. The Minister further informed that through this sanctioned amount various works were undertaken. Various reasons are responsible for the non completion of the project in time such as delay in the acquisition of the land and long time taken by the architects. Till date 65.55 % of the total amount have already been paid to the contractors.

Mr. G.M. Gurung, Minister for Roads and Bridges department while replying to a question by MLA Mr. R.N. Chamling stated that the State Government has approved for taking up 209.54 Km of roads for up-gradation constructed by Roads and Bridges Department connecting to the villages for which detailed project report is under preparation. The work will commence once the projects are approved and sanctioned by the funding agency.

The Chief Minister Mr. Pawan Chamling who is also the Minister in Charge of Land Revenue and Disaster Management Department in response
to the question put forward by Mr. Kunga Nima Lepcha stated that the State Government has not provided Government land to Mankind Pharmaceuticals Pvt. Ltd. for establishing its unit near Pabong in South Sikkim.

During the Legislative Business, the Sikkim State Higher Education Council Bill, Bill No. 3 of 2016 introduced by Mr. R.B. Subba, Minister HRDD on 19th March 2016 was passed by the House.