Next came Sayyeda Tun Noor Sameera's paper on "Huck and Himu: Two nations; two visions", where she talked about the two characters Huck and Himu while extensively comparing and contrasting them. She said, "Himu is a modern version of Huckleberry Finn". She further stressed on this point by adding that both the stories are contributions to the development of heroic figures and explained that even though the authors did not intend to employ a moralistic message, both have in some ways become the most prominent and influential stories of all times.

Lastly, Nabila Huq, Lecturer, Dept. of English, East West University, presented her paper, "The Reading of Mark Twain in Bangla: How truthful are the translations?" Ms. Huq began with the question, "Should non-professional readers in Bangladesh, children mainly, be deprived of Mark Twain's genius only because they are not proficient in English? She mentioned that for years, *Sheba Prokashoni* and *Bishwa Shahitya Kendra* have been trying to preserve both flavours in their lucid translations of literary work. But despite that, they have been inaccurate several times. She explained the pitfalls of Bangla translation and pointed out that they are often done with inaccurate or wrong adaptations and remixes as well as other occasional mistakes. She describes a large number of quotations from the Bangla translation of *Huckleberry Finn* with emphasis on the linguistic features of the sentences in English. She concluded her paper by saying that despite the large number of inaccurate translations, these publishing houses still produce a good sum of excellent translations from time to time, such as the *"The Prince and the Pauper"* by Mark Twain.

The critical issue of being able to successfully bring Mark Twain to Bengal was completed by the outstanding and original presentations of the speakers in this exciting round, the conclusion of which ushered the end of the first session of the conference. Dr. Razia Sultana Khan wrapped up the programme by thanking all the people who helped make the occasion a success, including all the guests.

The second part of the daylong programme started after lunch and was conducted by The American Centre. Readers presented selections from various works of Mark Twain. Representatives from the American community in Bangladesh were present at this event and they shared humorous quotes, ideas and anecdotes on Mark Twain.

