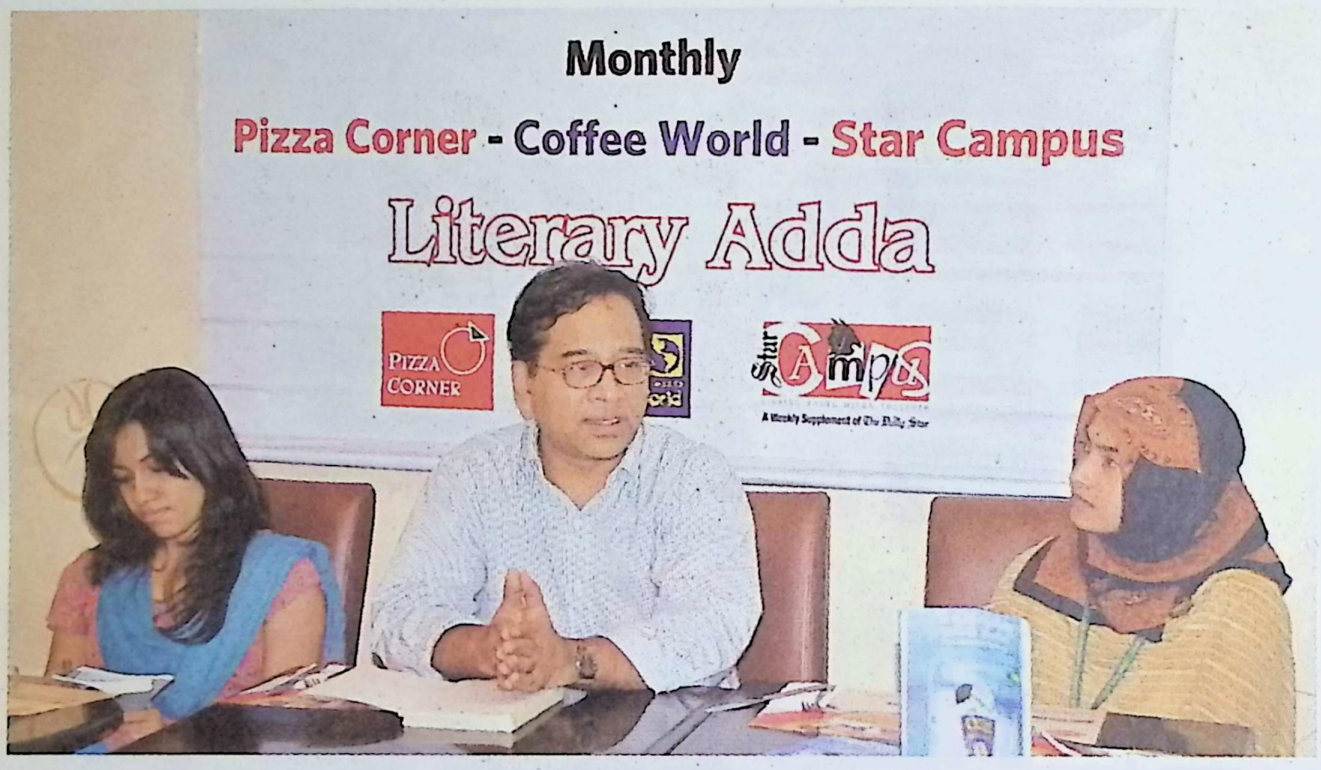


Star Campus Coffee World Literary Adda

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BY now, the regular readers of Star Campus have got a fairly good idea about the 'Star Campus Coffee World Literary Adda'. Our guest speaker at this session was Fakrul Alam, professor of English Department, University of Dhaka and he started the discussion introducing his occupational background. In the beginning of our literary *adda*, he gave a brief idea about the author Amitav Ghosh, who is an Indian writer, and about his second book 'The Shadow Line' to a bunch of students from different universities in the city. He stated that he had chosen the book since its partial setting is in Dhaka.

The remarkable piece of literature explored through introducing the protagonist Tridib's character. Prof Alam explained how the unnamed narrator of the story travels around the world through his eyes of imagination, which is taught by his uncle Tridib. Sadly, Tridib dies in a riot that took place in Dhaka during the partition of India. Basically, the book is based on the setting of riots in Dhaka and post-partition Dhaka in the 60's, in London in the 60's and in London during the Second World War. The narrator tends to explore the truth behind the impact of the imaginary 'line', caused by the partition of India on different characters through Tridib's life as he has an unusual fascination for Tridip. Thus the book's title is 'The Shadow Line'.

