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Parakala Prabhakar at the book launch event in Kolkata | Sagrika KISSU, ThePrint

Kolkata: Only in Kolkata can a book launch become a rallying cry to bring down the government. “We are in a state of crisis,” roared the former vice chancellor of Bankura University, Deb Narayan Bandyopadhyay, to the students, researchers, lawyers, politicians and writers who had gathered at the Kolkata Press Club on 2 May. They were there to discuss political economist Parakala Prabhakar’s book *The Crooked Timber of New India: Essays on a Republic in Crisis*.

A dramatic pause was followed by a minute of solemn silence, after which Bandyopadhyay picked up momentum.

“We are living in a post-truth India enmeshed with post-truth slogans

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