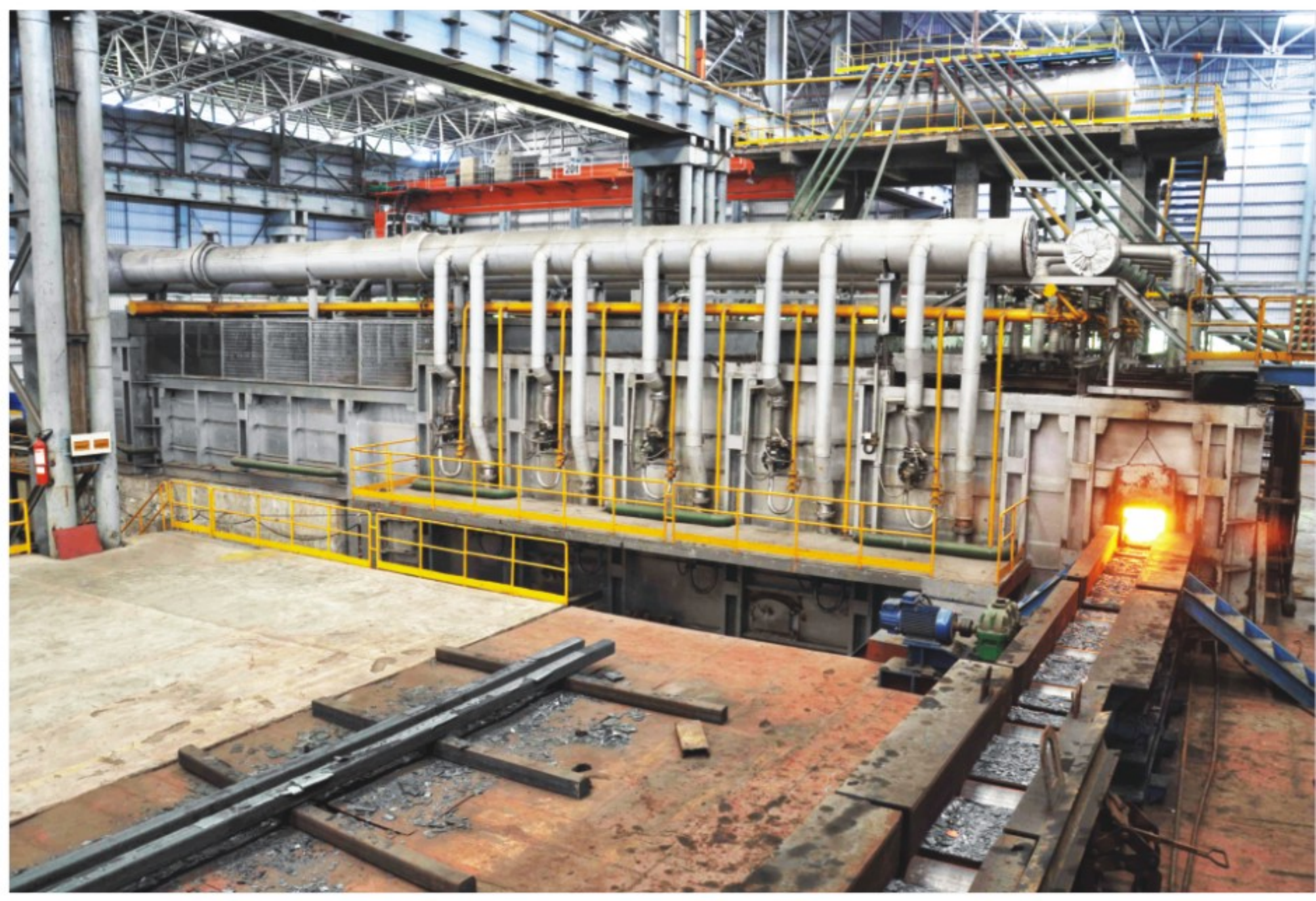


Better infrastructure for future living



Hot rolling of billet



Billet reheating furnace

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Mubasshar Hussain

Dhaka is the only capital which is endowed with four rivers around the city, but we fail to use them. I urge you to bring the politicians and policy makers together. Without doing that we will only design and plan but it will not work. We do not need AC. If you go to Northern areas of Bangladesh you will find a small hut which work like AC. We have to use the natural resources first with our local technology then we go for further technical development. We are civilized, but we lack leadership. This is a political problem. If we fail to elect proper people we could not go ahead.

Brig-Gen (Retd.) Shahedul Anam Khan

Now we are saying Dhaka is moribund. I want to say, it is dead. I do not see any hope for Dhaka city. I remember going up for a long walk without suffering a single drop of rain or heat because the entire distance was fully covered with trees. We have killed the heart of the city by expanding it. We have many laws but no implementation. We do not need new laws. Politics has eaten into our hearts. Our politics is personal aggrandizement or group aggrandizement. Why can't national interest prevail over group interest?

We have footpaths but we fail to recover it. I was in Beijing. You can go hundreds of miles on foot without fearing to be rear ones.

Dr. Jamilur Reza Chowdhury

We are second from the bottom as per the economic intelligence report. We get 50 out of 100 in stability, which is good. We do worse in healthcare, our score is only 29.2. Our score in culture and environment is 43.3 and 41.7 in education. Our score in infrastructure is the worst. It is 26.8. In health care it is possible, private involvement makes it possible. We should focus on infrastructure. First is electricity which is pretty much subsidized. Dhaka residents are comparatively economically better off. We can manage higher price if we are ensured uninterrupted supply. In case of water supply, WASA gets pressure from donors for increasing the cost.

Now, we are planning for getting water from more distant sources like the Meghna River. This will create further pressure.

Only by planned development and by giving incentives we can decentralize pressure, we can reduce the rate of growth. If we can provide efficient commuter rail service then people will go back 50-60 miles commuting distance which can provide better living condition.

We have plans for Dhaka's proper growth, but with poor enforcement record. Professionals are also responsible. They should not compromise with the code of ethics. Finally, we need committed leadership. They have to look beyond 5 years.



TMT Processing unit



Hot rolling of billet



Rolling mill stand in production