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Mr Venkatesh heads the water management initiatives for Larsen & Toubro Limited and has over 32 years of experience in design and construction of water supply & distribution projects for utilities in India. In his current role, he is managing a number of water supply & distribution projects specific to equitable pressure management, asset mapping on GIS, hydraulic modelling, NRW reduction, billing and meter data management at L&T.

He started his career with the Tamil Nadu Water Supply & Drainage Board, a state owned utility, and implemented several water supply projects for the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the state of Tamil Nadu. Later, he was in charge of 'Water & Infrastructure' division at Fichtner Consulting Engineers Pvt Ltd, and was instrumental in developing feasibility studies, DPRs & EIA plans for projects under JNNURM, ADB and KfW funding. He played an active role as the 'Technical Auditor' for the 24x7 water distribution management in the demo zones of Hubli- Dharwad, Belgaum and Gulbarga cities under World Bank funded KUWASIP. During 2007-08, he worked as an external consultant for Asian Development Bank and was responsible for enabling MIS framework for infrastructure PPP projects in the state of Uttar Pradesh, India.

Venkatesh is a Civil Engineering graduate and holds a Master's degree in Environmental Engineering. He is a certified 'Master Modeller' from Haestad Methods Inc. (presently Bentley Systems).