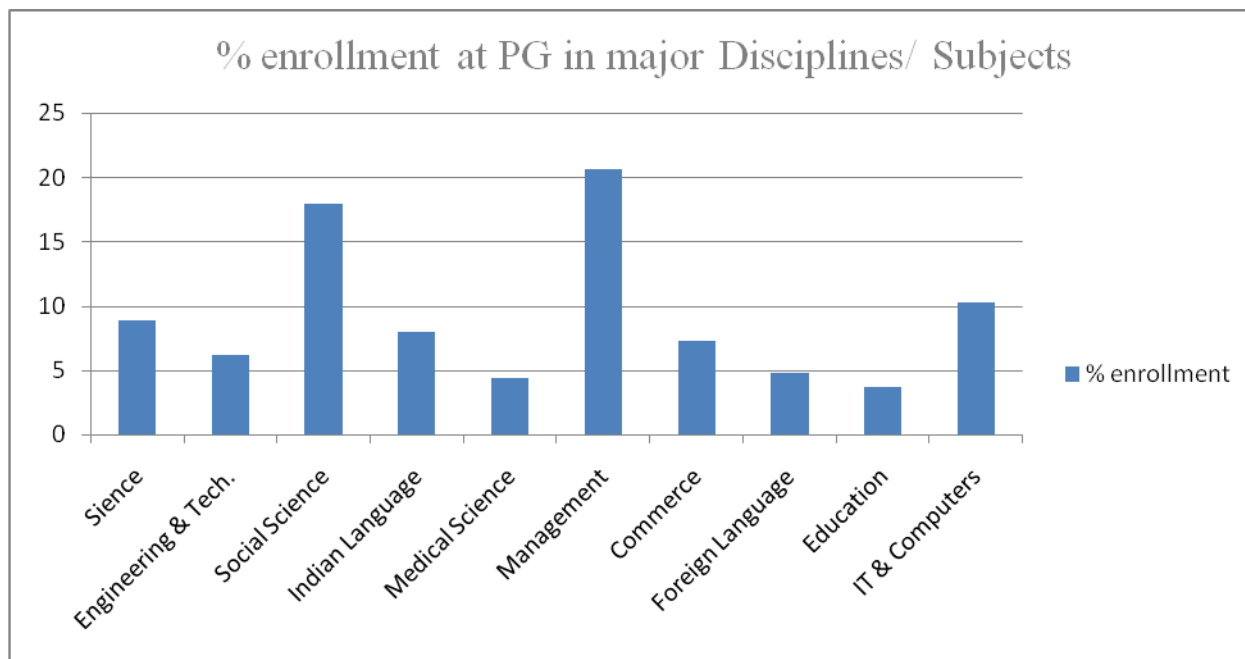






new emerging disciplines such as Management and IT & Computers. Fig.-2. Also other traditional disciplines and

subjects have shown growth by incorporating online-education in higher education.



**Figure 2:** As per MHRD- Dept. of Higher Education- AISHE, 2011-12

#### F. E- Education and ODL

Online education in India is part of the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) philosophy. ODL systems have evolved over time. The general academic programmes offered by ODL institutions include:

- Doctoral Programmes
- Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree Programmes
- Computer and Library & Information Sciences
- Journalism, Communication and Creative Writing
- Health, Nutrition and Child Care
- Engineering & Rural Development
- Education & Distance Education
- Management & Tourism Studies
- Women and Youth Development
- Area Specific Awareness & Manpower Development Programmes

### 3. Result and Discussions

The education system in India has largest networks of institutions. More than 1 million schools and 18,000 higher education institutions are spreading its knowledge in service of the country. Half of the population of country is augmenting the target market for education and related services. 12.5 million Users are adding each year in Internet. Internet accelerates online education that is why with the revolution in information & technology, E-education is overtaking conventional education system. E-Learning has revolutionized the educational sector. It has changed our perspective and it meant for knowledge and skill acquisition altogether. Today, digitalized system has made it more impressive and more effective for millions of learners. Millions of students and office workers are using e-Learning to earn their degree, build upon their knowledge base and develop new skills. Now the highly uneven distribution of education between urban and rural India, and between

private and government institutions does not make it very tough for rural students to find admission to good universities. In this way, E- Learning through distance programs/ online programs avails for better education and career enrichment services at higher level.

The concept of Meta University where students can pursue their course in three State-run universities and benefit from their expertise and infrastructure simultaneously and the planning of HRD Ministry towards taking active steps to incorporate firmly e-learning within the mainstream educational system, assures for academic advancement. MHRD Ministry is also determined of operationalize Council of Industry-Higher Education Collaboration (CIHEC) to identify initiatives to promote research, mobilize resources, develop market-ready manpower and enhance employability.

### 4. Conclusion

Without a large number of quality institutions, no nation will be able to create knowledge societies. Online-learning initiates to provide supplementary education and pools the gap of academic leadership in higher education. The HRD Ministry is also taking active steps to further e-learning within the mainstream educational system. Although Distance Education Council (DEC), is co-ordinating 13 State Open Universities and 119 institutions of correspondence courses in conventional universities, distance education augmented through online access may be the answer to the stressed education system in India. The government of India has established many institutions such as National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT), National Video Server of the National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL), National Informatics Centre (NIC) and

Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)  
for supporting and maintaining the E-education in the  
country.

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