Beyond Jageshwar:

Jalna: This is a picturesque venue with fruits like apple, apricot, Plum etc. in the Himalayas. From here just three kilometers is Banadi Devi Temple. This temple is surrounded by trees from all sides.

Height: Jalna is 1570 mt. from Sea Level.
Distance: 66 kms. from Jageshwar.

Almora: Almora, a picturesque district in the Kumaon region, East of Uttarakhand in India, with a breathtaking panoramic view of Himalayas, summons tourists worldwide to its alluring grandeur of natural beauty.

Famous for its rich cultural heritage, unique handicrafts, delicious cuisine and magnificent wildlife, coupled with an easy accessibility, Almora promises its tourists a visit full of fun and unforgettable memories.
35 kms from Almora, Jageshwar is believed to be the abode of the twelve Jyotirlingas. It is situated in a beautiful narrow valley surrounded by magnificent Deodar trees. The complex, consisting of 124 temples and hundreds of statues, is famous not merely for its exquisite craftsmanship but also for its Swayambhu Linga named Nagesh. In Jageshwar, fairs are held during Shivaratri and in the month of ‘Sawan’ (July-August). The place is visited by both religious as well as nature loving tourists.

Jageshwar Dham, boasts of more than 200 big and small temples, at the height of about 1,900 m above sea level. The deodar trees and the fragrant sandalwood plantations lend an ethereal aura to the site.

The main temple in the complex is dedicated to Bal Jageshwar, or Shiva the child. There is another one dedicated to Vridhi Jageshwar, situated on the higher slopes. The story goes that as Lord Shiva was meditating at this spot, the village women left their household chores and other duties and walked to watch him, as if in a trance.

One can also visit the Goludevta Temple at Chital, which is a unique seat of justice for the locals. People actually file their complaints at a designated spot by attaching photocopies of their judicial papers and beg for divine intervention and mercy. Upon redressal of their cause, most people offer a sacrifice to thank the lord.

**How to reach**

**Rail:** Nearest head is Kathgodam 125kms.

**Road:** Directly linked with Almora-35kms. Haldwani-131kms. Pithoragarh : 88 kms. and Kathgodam private jeeps and taxis are also available.

**What to see:**

**Vridhi Jageshwar:** For splendid Himalayas view and an old temple for the interest of the tourist.

**Mritola Ashram:** A centre of spiritual and natural beauty, this ashram lures many foreign disciples. It is a 10 kms trek from Jageshwar to Shokta and Mritola Ashram. One can reach Mritola Ashram by road till Vridhi Jageshwar then trek 2 kms. The Patala Farm is part of this complex.

**Where to stay (STD code-05962):**

- K.M.V.N. Tourist Rest House : Ph.: 263028
- Forest Rest House
- Paying Guest House
- There is one Tourist Rest House and a few Dharamshalas here and about 2 kms by trek from here is Vridhi Jageshwar which provides a