



Lacewalla has been curating food pop-ups in Mumbai



Insia Lacewalla

◀ EAT, TASTE, LOVE

**Insia Lacewalla, food curator and consultant**

For fellow foodies who have stared at the remains of an impeccable meal and wondered how to do just that the rest of their lives, Lacewalla has it all figured out! She spends her days tasting artisanal foods, tracking home chefs and curating germane culinary experiences in the form of food pop-ups. Food was never part of her plan, until, quite by default, she found herself organising F&B for the first edition of NH7 Weekender in 2010. Soon, she quit her marketing job and founded Mumbai's up-and-coming food consultancy Small Fry Co. "There's something about creating a culture full of great people making great food and feeding it to you. What more could a girl want?"



◀ BEND IT LIKE BASU

**Santanu Basu, professional gamer**

An acute case of pancreatitis at the age of seven squashed Basu's dream of becoming a footballer. Well, almost. The bed rest led to countless hours of gaming and today he's an adventure



Santanu Basu

sports junkie (skiing is the flavour of the month), coach to an underprivileged children's football league and one of the only gamers from India to be part of international gaming team Tempostrom. The Kolkata boy spends his time winning accolades for

his virtual skills and is trying to create a competitive gaming environment within India by organising events and competitions for other gamers.



Renelle Snelleksz

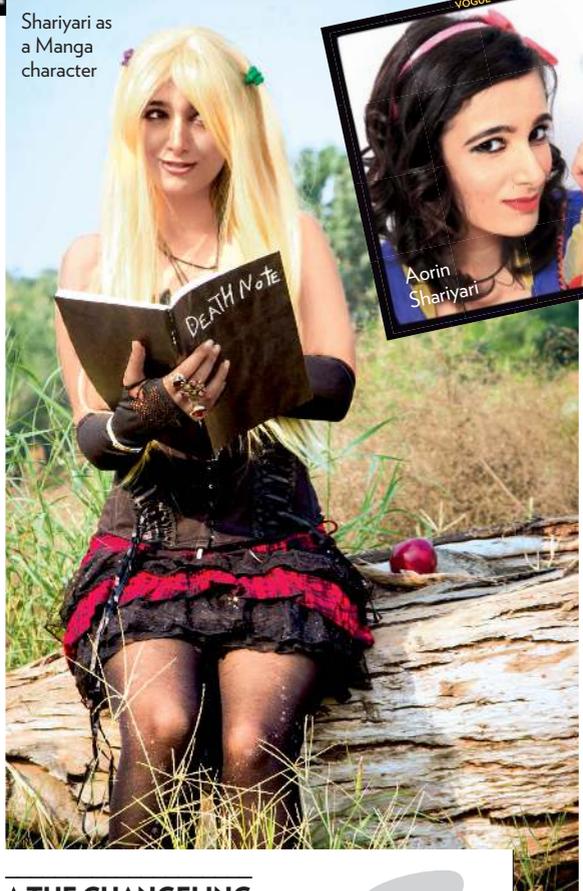
◀ STEPPING UP

**Renelle Snelleksz, dance movement therapist (DMT)**

On a sabbatical from her job as a prime time anchor on a news channel, Snelleksz headed to Kolkata and signed up for DMT at an NGO called Sanved. "It blew me away." She has since spearheaded a dance initiative, *ALIVE: Rise To Dance Again*, which works with girls rescued from sex trafficking and also with child survivors of cancer at the Indian Cancer Society. She is now a faculty member at India's first DMT course at Tata Institute of Social Sciences.



Snelleksz's initiation into DMT started with a 10-day dance workshop in Kolkata



Shariyari as a Manga character



Aorin Shariyari

▲ THE CHANGELING

**Aorin Shariyari, professional cosplayer**

She's the video game power princess Morrigan Aensland from *Darkstalkers*, Disney's Snow White and the magus Rin Tohsaka from the Japanese anime novel *Fate/Stay Night*. Shariyari is one of India's few professional cosplayers. After a handful of appearances, she was offered a job to head the cosplay department of NODWIN Gaming. While she grew up a comic geek devouring the DC, Marvel and Disney universes, she says all her training has been online ("Google and YouTube are my masters"). Even as she awaits her turn at Comic Con's Hall H, she is busy prepping for the upcoming Mumbai and Delhi editions. >

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