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FARAH OMERBHOY may be married into a foodie family — her husband Riyad is the managing director of gourmet food specialist RR Omerbhoy Pvt. Ltd — but she has chosen to cook up an interesting tale for young adult readers instead, in the form of her book *The Last of the Firedrakes*. Omerbhoy formally unveiled her book at fashion store Le Mill in Mumbai on Tuesday, where Shweta Bachchan Nanda read out excerpts from the fantasy tale. The book, peopled with magical fantasy characters and imaginary lands, launched in the US late last year and has been honoured as a finalist in the USA Best Book Awards 2015. Omerbhoy revealed how a tapestry in her grandmother's house helped her shape her vision of Avalonia, a magical kingdom depicted in the book. "I read the first draft of Farah's book a few years ago, and really enjoyed it, as did my daughter Navya. She is an avid reader and finished reading it in a day. It is so wonderful to see the published book finally out in bookshops across India," said Bachchan Nanda. With Omerbhoy's fashionable friends Natasha Poonawala, Tanya Dubash, Queenie Singh, Kalyani Sahu Chawla and Rahul Khanna in attendance, dressed to the nines, this sure turned out to be a fashionable book reading.