

RBI lifts all ATM withdrawal limits from February 1

NEW DELHI(K-CN): The RBI on Monday ended all curbs on withdrawals from Current Accounts, Cash Credit Accounts and

drawals from Current accounts/ Cash credit accounts/ Overdraft accounts stand withdrawn with immediate effect.

daily ATM withdrawal limit from Rs 4,500 to Rs 10,000 and doubled the weekly Current Account withdrawal limit to Rs 1 lakh.



Overdraft Accounts with immediate effect.

A Reserve Bank of India notification said limits on ATM withdrawals will also go from Wednesday.

But the curbs on Savings Bank accounts across the counter will remain.

"On a review of the pace of remonetisation, it has been decided to partially restore status quo ante," the RBI said.

"Limits placed above the circulars cited

"The limits on Savings Bank accounts will continue for the present and are under consideration for withdrawal in the near future," it added.

The limits were placed following the November 8 demonetisation of Rs 1,000 and Rs 500 notes. The upper limit at ATMs was just Rs 2,500 initially, and later it was raised to Rs 4,500.

Earlier this month, the RBI had hiked the

The upper limit for weekly withdrawal from bank accounts had been raised to Rs 24,000 from Rs 20,000 in November.

While lifting of ATM withdrawal limits from February 1 will represent coming full circle for these machines in respect of demonetisation, it is to be seen whether the amount of cash supplied by RBI will be able to satisfy the demand of citizens in future. (With agency inputs)

Bhubaneswar (K-CN): Anti-liquor activist Keshamati Pradhan and Raul Naik, who was orphaned in Police firing, are certainly more important in the three-tier panchayat elections, 2017 than chit-fund tainted cine stars like Uttam Mohanty and Anubhav Mohanty.

The Opposition Congress, though fighting to the walls to make its existence felt in the State, has roped in Keshamati and Raul. OPCC President Prasad Harichandan, whose fate is more or less linked to the panchayat polls, preferred to pick up Keshamati and Raul as star campaigners than the politicians repeatedly rejected by the people of Odisha.

Both Keshamati and Raul are from within the masses that

will elect their representatives.

Mr. Prasad's selection of members from the masses as star campaigners may be considered a new

the forms of a house, cheap rice, pension and allowances.

As most of the voters are young, they may go with glamour instead of

ture most of the zilla parishad seats in the State, but both Congress and BJP are set to pose a big challenge to the ruling party. All the three parties have already launched campaign.

Panchayat polls are certainly not important for Naveen Patnaik as he has proved time and again that the big boss of BJD is the undisputed leader in the State. There is no alternative to him in the prevailing political situation.

However, it is a litmus test for Mr. Harichandan as poll results would either strengthen his position in the party or show him the doors of the Congress Bhavan. The Congress in the 2012 panchayat polls had captured only 128 zilla parishad seats when Niranjan Patnaik was the OPCC President. Now, the OPCC Chief faces a challenge to cross at least Niranjan's figure.

Congress has not been able to field candidates in all the 851 zilla parishad seats. OPCC Chief could get only 839 people to contest the polls while BJP and BJD have fielded candidates in all the places.

OPCC President feels that his candidates will come out with flying colors while BJD claimed that it would get around 700 zilla parishad seats.

BJP, which could win in only 36 seats in 2012, is optimistic about its victory. There is no dearth of resources and logistic supports for the safe party.

The party has no such impressive presence in rural pockets. Union Minister Jual Oram has already started campaigning in Sundargarh and his reach is confined only to one district. BJP President Basant Panda is not sure whether he could ensure victory of BJP candidates in his native Nuapada district.

Similar is the case of Odisha's

high-flying Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, who is leading from the front as a "Single Man Army" as he has distanced all the senior leaders. If BJP could win more zilla parishad seats in the State that would certainly boost Mr. Pradhan's image.

For the first time, an election is being fought when the ruling BJD is on a weak wicket. A series of issues beginning from Dana Majhi to Nagada malnutrition deaths, from child deaths in Malkangiri to police firing at Gumudumaha, farmers' suicide and above all the BJD government's failure to stop projects on upstream of River Mahanadi and Polavaram Dam are hitting the party badly.

And the ruling party leaders' involvement in chit fund scam and many other scams are posing problems. Though opposition parties have harped on all these issues, it is to be seen whether the anger could be translated into votes. The opposition has all the ammunitions to make a kill, but till date they have failed utterly to take on the mighty BJD in the rural polls.

The opposition parties -- Congress, BJP, left parties and others -- have failed to provide alternative leadership to people which forced the voters to depend on Naveen Patnaik. Not a single leader from the opposition has been able to win the confidence of people. And Prasad is adopting a new strategy. The rural poll results will show whether Congress wins under his stewardship or not. The Panchayat polls may change the course of politics in Odisha, as it will decide whether Mr. Harichandan will remain at the helm in Odisha Congress and whether central BJP leadership will allow Mr. Pradhan to take decisions on Odisha matters.

Will Strategy Pay Dividends?



strategy. But the idea has been appreciated by many. It is another matter whether the Congress will win the polls in the face of a well organized BJD headed by Naveen Patnaik.

However, strategy always helps to win wars and elections. Even weaker ones get upper hand if they adopt proper strategy. In the 1995 Assembly elections, Biju Patnaik lost the polls even when he was at the height of popularity.

OPCC Chief has tried a new experiment by bringing Keshamati and Raul to the forefront besides siding with the agitating farmers across the State.

Mr. Harichandan hopes that anti-liquor brigade, mostly comprising women and farmers hungry for price, prestige and pension will come to the rescue of the faction-ridden Congress.

However, people in politics have their doubts, as voters now-a-days go with glamour and social media; they decide the fate of their leaders on the basis of sops given to them in

listening to Keshamati or Raul.

BJD Government has done everything to appease different sections of the society and is therefore, returning to power in every election in the last two decades. Being out of power over a long time, Congress has nothing to offer even as Mr. Harichandan made announcement of pension to farmers, high MSP on paddy, pension to the elderly, little explaining how to execute the promises even if people vote for Congress in the panchayat elections.

Panchayat elections give indications about the future government in the State. Naveen Patnaik has openly come out with a statement that he gives equal importance to workers as he gives to leaders in BJD.

Mr. Patnaik's statement aims to appease the workers engaged in polls. The ruling party used to win the panchayat and urban polls held during its tenure.

But sometimes practices are deviated. BJD may cap-



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Gigi and Bella Hadid join anti-Trump rally

NEW YORK(K-CN): Models and sisters Gigi and

Trump's ban on entry of citizens from seven Mus-

Mohamed Hadid is Jordanian-American, Muslim and of

no fear, immigrants are welcome here", reports

up a sign which read: "We are all Hindus, Buddhists,

denomination written in the protest sign were highlighted to spell out: "We are all humans."

Bella flashed her tummy in a cream coloured knit turtleneck which cropped above her pants. She donned a pair of skin-tight jeans and sneakers.

Gigi sported a cropped pair of denim with a red stripe on the sides, completing her look with a red puffer jacket. They were joined by their mum Yolanda Hadid at the rally.

It's not the first time Gigi has expressed her political views. Earlier, she voiced her support for a Women's March in Washington.



Bella Hadid took to the streets here against US President Donald

lim-majority countries. The sisters, whose father

Palestinian descent, were seen at the Battery Park shouting "No hate,

aceshowbiz.com When marching down a blocked-off roadway, they held

Muslims, Atheists, Christians, Jews." Certain key letters from each

Actors Samantha, Chaitanya get engaged

Actors Samantha Ruth Prabhu and Chaitanya Akkineni got engaged in a private ceremony in Hyderabad on Sunday. Actor Nagarjuna took to Twitter to announce the good news about his son Chaitanya saying: "#Chaisam It's official now. My mother is my daughter now.

Couldn't be happier!! more pics to come" (sic) a few hours after the event. The actor was hinting at Samantha (who



played his mother in the Akkineni family magnum opus Manam in 2014), turning his daughter once she steps into the household as his eldest daughter-in-law. He shared photographs of the couple exchanging rings and a family photograph too, featuring the new couple, his younger son Akhil Akkineni and soon to be daughter-in-law Shriya Bhupal, along with wife Amala. The date for the high-profile wedding is yet to announced.

Sunny Leone is the perfect seductress in 'Laila main Laila'

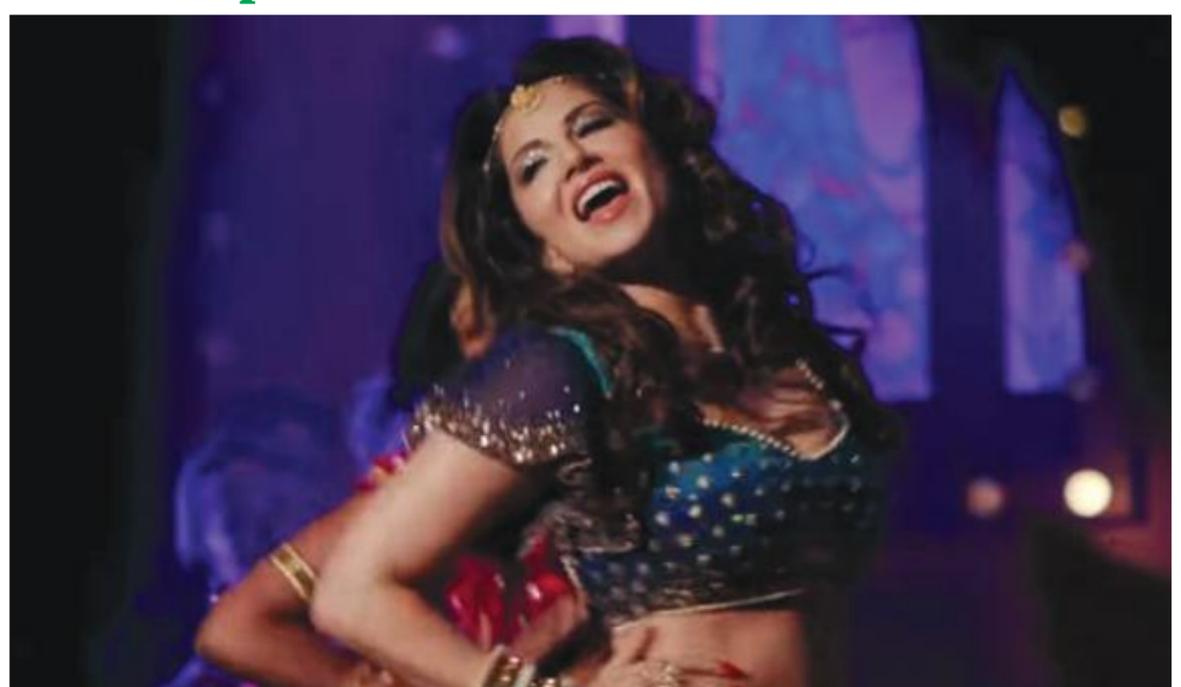
NEW DELHI (K-CN):Sunny Leone's much-awaited song from 'Raees' is out and it has all the ingredients to make it to the top of every chartbuster!

From Sunny's sexy dance moves to Shah Rukh Khan's killer looks, the remixed version of Zeenat Aman's 'Laila O Laila' is sure to make you groove.

Set in a dance bar, it seems the song is an important part of the development of SRK's character of a liquor baron in Gujarat.

The 70's classic rendition has been recreated by Ram Sampath and sung by Pawni Kalyan.

Directed by Rahul Dholakia, 'Raees' is all set to release on January 25 next year.



ORSAC Bags In'tl Award

New Delhi (KCN): Odisha Space Applications Centre (ORSAC) has been selected for "Special Achievement in GIS (SAG)" award by Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI). ESRI is an international developer of geographic information system (GIS) software, web GIS and geodatabase management applications.

The organisation is headquartered in Redlands, California. Sandeep Tripathy, Chief Executive, ORSAC team received the award today on 19 January at Leela Ambience Convention Hotel, Delhi from ESRI president Jack Dangermond.

"Each year, the SAG Awards highlight extraordinary achievements and efforts to improve our world," says Esri president Jack Dangermond. "At Esri, we are always deeply impressed with the work of our users. This recognition is well deserved for how they've applied geospatial technology to address the needs of their industries and communities. They are defin-

ing GIS best practices". Organizations from around the world honored at the Esri user conference including agriculture, cartography, climate change, defense and

ustrial Portal for Land Use and Services) project which is a web enabled platform to display real time information with regards to land bank, utilities and in-

ORSAC for the Industries Deptt. to display real time information with regards to land bank, utilities and infrastructure around land bank besides information about existing indus-



intelligence, economic development, education, government, health and human services, telecommunications, and utilities. SAG awards recognize users who have applied geospatial technology innovatively to address the needs of their industries and communities, defining GIS best practices. This is the result of exemplary work done by ORSAC in GOiPLUS (Government of Odisha's In-

frastructure around land banks besides information about existing industries. GOiPLUS project is developed by ORSAC for Industries department.

The project team comprises Dr. S.Tripathi, CE, ORSAC, Dr.Debajit Mishra, Project Coordinator, Dr.S.Das, Dr.S.D.Sahoo and Sri M.K.Sanabada, Scientists of ORSAC.

The GOiPLUS is a web-enabled platform developed by

tries. GIS, space applications, ICT and DGPS technologies are used to develop GIS database and web portal. Odisha Space Applications Centre is one of the pioneering state of the country in introducing web-GIS based Portals for development of Decision Support Systems as per the requirement of State administration. ORSAC is being engaged in space technology applications in the state for last three decades.

Rupee surges to 2-week high of 67.95

MUMBAI(KCN): Continuing its winning run for the fourth straight session, the rupee today hit its two-week high of 67.95, appreciating by 8 paise on sustained unwinding of American currency by exporters and banks. Extremely

bearish greenback overseas and robust capital inflows predominantly supported the domestic currency after a tepid start. It largely shrugged off the early volatility amid growing optimism ahead of the annual budget with concrete policy

measures to attract robust foreign flows.

The American dollar came under renewed pressure against most of its major rivals on heightened concerns about the impact of the new US administration's policies on trade and the

economy after President Trump over the weekend imposed immigration curbs on seven predominantly Muslim countries. However, it fell back against the Japanese Yen to conclude at 59.22 per 100 yens from 59.15 last weekend.

India's health budget may rise after minister warns of funding crunch

NEW DELHI(KCN): India's health ministry is likely to see a substantial increase in funding, after it warned that its programmes were short of cash and sought more than \$1.2 billion in additional money, according to government officials and documents seen by Reuters.

The final numbers could change when Finance Minister Arun Jaitley presents the budget for fiscal 2017/18 on Wednesday. But one official familiar with the numbers said the health ministry is expected to get a \$1.5 billion, or 27 percent,

percentage terms than countries like Afghanistan and Sierra Leone.

More than a million Indian children die every year before reaching the age of five. Hundreds of millions of poor people rely on India's public health programmes which provide basic services like vaccinations, disease prevention and free drugs.

Until May last year, Jagat Prakash Nadda, the union health minister, had publicly maintained that the sector had no funding issues but needed to get better at spending the money it had.

encouraging paucity of financial resources."

The government has been increasing allocation to the health sector after criticism over its social sector cuts in 2015.

But pressures on the budget are rising. It must also step up spending on roads, railways and irrigation projects to stimulate growth while keeping the fiscal deficit in check.

REPEATED REQUESTS

In his letter, Nadda wrote that he needed an extra \$589 million to implement a programme to screen patients for cancer and other ill-

finance secretary saying he had been informed that his ministry would receive less funds than were promised during mid-year reviews.

The lack of adequate funding, Mishra wrote, "will give a serious setback" to new initiatives and existing programmes.

Health ministry officials also cited delays in getting funds to implement Modi's directive to upgrade dozens of district hospitals into medical colleges, in order to add new doctors.

India has seven doctors for every 10,000 people, half



increase in funding to around \$7 billion.

The health and finance ministries did not respond to requests for comment.

An increase in the budget allocation, if finalized, would signal an acknowledgment from Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration that the country needs to ramp up spending on the sector.

Successive administrations have faced criticism from public health advocates for spending only around 1 percent of India's gross domestic product on public health, less in

Between 2005 and 2013, the ministry only once spent all of its allocated funds.

But letters sent by his ministry to the finance ministry between June and January, not previously disclosed, show that Nadda has also come around to the view that his department needs a larger pot to meet its public health objectives.

"These are the bare minimum requirements," Nadda wrote in a letter to Jaitley on Jan. 10, outlining his request for additional funds. "There are several other significant programmes experi-

nesses, while the HIV/AIDS treatment programme required an infusion of \$74 million.

Nadda also wrote that there was an "urgent requirement" of around \$520 million for the current year's spending, the absence of which "will adversely impact key programmes like malaria, tuberculosis, polio and other vector-borne disease".

Nadda's letter followed requests from other health officials in the preceding months.

In November, the health ministry's top bureaucrat, C. K. Mishra, wrote to the

the global average, according to the World Health Organization.

It is not clear how the federal budget for 2017/18, or individual state budgets that supplement it, will split health spending across various programmes.

The government official who has knowledge of the budget numbers said the increase in the health ministry budget would be sufficient for ongoing projects.

"But given escalation costs, there is no space for new health innovations," the official said.



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My role in BCCI is that of a night-watchman, says Vinod Rai

NEW DELHI(KCN): Former Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) Vinod Rai, who will head the Supreme Court-ap-

the affairs of the BCCI and implement the court-approved recommendations of the Justice R M Lodha panel. Asked Rai about

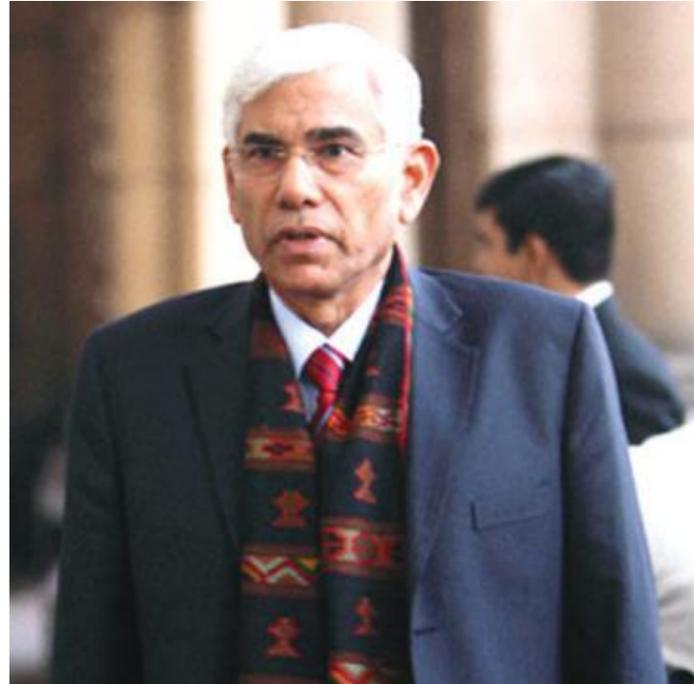
to ensure a smooth transition to an elected body which in future will bring about the good administration in BCCI," he said. "The

opment Fiance Company (IDFC) and former Indian women cricket captain Diana Edulji, who would interact with BCCI CEO Rahul Johri for supervision and smooth functioning of the cricket Board (BCCI).

Widely considered as a symbol of the anti-corruption movement in India, Rai, said cricket needs good governance but he will be in a position to comment anything on BCCI only after resuming his duties.

"It's too early to comment on anything at the moment because I am not familiar and have no exposure to the functions of BCCI. But any institution must conform to good governance. The game of cricket requires good governance so that we are able to deliver to the country to the public at large," Rai said.

Asked how long it will take for him and his team to put BCCI's house in order and declare elections, Rai said: "I have no idea at all. I can only say something when I have some idea."



pointed four-member panel of administrators, today called himself a "night-watchman" whose only job will be to ensure a "smooth transition" to an elected body in BCCI.

The Supreme Court today appointed a four-member committee of administrators to run his new role, he said: "Any such honour from the Supreme Court, one will have to accept and try to put in his best of abilities. "I am a true lover of the game of cricket. My role is that of a night-watchman in a sense that we need to put in place good governance, good system and structure in place

game deserves it (good governance), the players deserve it and the public at large, who are so fond of the game." Besides Rai, other three members of the committee are a famous historian and scholar Ramachandra Guha, Vikram Limaye, Managing Director of Infrastructure Devel-

oped by the government of India (IDFC) and former Indian women cricket captain Diana Edulji, who would interact with BCCI CEO Rahul Johri for supervision and smooth functioning of the cricket Board (BCCI).

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More life yet in Federer's dancing feet after major No. 18

Associated Press (KCN): Roger Federer needed his exhausted legs for one last big effort Sunday night — going out dancing to celebrate his remarkable 18th Grand Slam title at the Australian Open.

And after seeing the sunrise over Melbourne, then celebrating some more with his children as they woke up in his family's hotel suite, the man many call the greatest tennis player ever looked ahead from this stunning comeback title and spoke of adding yet another at this year's Wimbledon.

The 35-year-old Federer surprised himself with this victory, seeded No. 17 and in his first tournament back from a six-month injury lay-off. So he wasn't going to let the achievement go without a fitting celebration.

"I was home by sunrise, which was good," the still-beaming Swiss star said a day after his five-set win over Rafael Nadal. "It was nice to see the sunrise over Melbourne and get into the room. It was a long night but it was a lot of fun. Everyone was in such a good mood. It was a special day, a special ... a couple of weeks really, and it finished off in a great way — being silly and having fun and forgetting about everything. All of the pressure just went away and we were just all celebrating. It was great.

Federer said he felt OK, but he was tired of the traditional championship photo shoot.

"My legs hurt like mad and my back's stiff now, too, because I couldn't take any treatment, plus I was dancing," he said. "I'm still on

the high. I'm going to crash eventually but that's OK."

Federer, who confessed to being more of "a fun dancer" than a good one, said he was thrilled his two-year-old twin boys Leo



and Lennart got to experience their father winning a Grand

Slam for the first time, while seven-year-old daughters Myla Rose and Charlene Riva were "super excited" to see his trophy.

"As I walked in they woke up, so that was a bit of a weird

moment," he said. "But still it was so great because they

India can't afford to take Australia lightly, says Tendulkar

MUMBAI(KCN): Batting legend Sachin Tendulkar today picked India

have also acknowledged that, which is a compliment to the Indian team,



as the favourites for the upcoming Test series against Australia but warned the hosts that it would be a mistake to take the team from Down Under lightly.

India will play a four-Test series against Steve Smith's men starting February 23 in Pune. Australia has been enduring mixed fortunes in Test cricket of late, losing to South Africa before beating Pakistan.

"The last thing one would like to do is underestimate your opposition and Australia is a strong side. Yes, to play in Indian conditions it would be difficult and Australian players

the way they are playing but you cannot take things for granted," Tendulkar said here launching 'Sachin by Spartan' range of sporting equipment and sportswear.

"I have no doubt that our team will prepare to their best of the ability and deliver when it matters. Australian are going to be tough to handle and that's how it has always been. But I think I am confident of Indian team" he added. He also emphasised on the fact that people should spend more time in the gyms and less time on dining tables.

Manchester City's Gabriel Jesus set for first start, tipped for greatness by Roberto Carlos

London (KCN): Gabriel Jesus, Man City new signing, Gabriel Jesus Man City, Manchester City news, Manchester City football club, Gabriel fit to start, English Premier League, Pep Guardiola, Roberto Carlos on Gabriel Jesus, football news, indian express news Gabriel Jesus arrived for Brazilian club Palmeiras this month after a big-money summer deal. (File Photo)

Manchester City's new signing Gabriel Jesus is poised for his first start for the club on Saturday and could become one of the world's best players, according to former Brazil great Roberto Carlos. Teenager Jesus, who arrived for Brazilian club Palmeiras this month after a big-money summer deal, enjoyed a lively cameo role when he came off the bench in last weekend's 2-2 draw with Tottenham Hotspur and had a goal ruled out for offside. City manager Pep Guardiola will probably shuffle his squad against Crystal Palace in the FA Cup fourth round on Saturday and could unleash the tricky young forward against Sam Allardyce's relegation-threatened side. "He's fit and he's already had three weeks with us. We will see tomorrow," Guardiola told a news conference on Friday. Former

Real Madrid left back Carlos said his compatriot was in the right place to fulfil the potential that has marked him out as one of Brazil's most exciting young players.

"He won a superb Brazilian title with Palmeiras. With Brazil, he plays alongside Neymar who raises the game and the level of Gabriel Jesus," he told Squawka. "At Manchester City, he has (Sergio) Aguero, David Silva. He has players alongside him that will help him adapt slowly. Eventually he'll become one of the best players in the world."

The 27 million-pounds (\$33.9 million) signing will give Guardiola options up front as he attempts to revive City's flagging Premier League title challenge, although the Spaniard's immediate priority is making progress in the Cup. "Of course we want to go through and win that competition. Tomorrow is a final for us," he said. "Every game is complicated, so it will be tough — because of the stadium, Palace's position, because it's away." Defender Vincent Kompany could also return to the starting line-up having been out since injuring his knee in the league fixture between the sides in November. "The last game he was on the bench which means he's ready," Guardiola said.

tant than me being happy.

"I was aware it was a big match but maybe not quite like this."

Federer said he had never entertained thoughts that he could win his comeback tournament, figuring he could reach the quarterfinals and set a positive tone for the rest of the season.

"I just knew the draw was going to be that much more difficult because I was the 17th seed, so in the early rounds you're going to get tougher draws," he said. "I thought I could possibly be dangerous for a top guy, maybe beat one, and then that would probably be it because the body would probably start aching, which it did, or my level would drop, which it didn't. That was a big surprise to me, that my level was consistent." Federer said he

would take time to reflect and let his body recover before his next tournament in Dubai from Feb. 27. After that, he'd play Indian Wells and Miami before a European clay court schedule he hadn't yet fully planned. He said he was aiming to play the French Open before moving to the grass-court season and Wimbledon, saying: "I know I'll have a better shot there."

Federer also said he'd "have a good chance to do well" at the U.S. Open, and is still hoping to add another Australian Open title next year.

"I hope to be back next year of course," he said. "That's why I took the six months off to hope I can still be playing for a couple of years."