Supplementary information

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Phase-controlled green synthesis of wurtzite $(P63_{mc})$ ZnO nanoparticles: Interplay of green ligands with precursor anions, anisotropy, and Photocatalysis

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Fig. S1 (a-d) LC-MS Chromatogram and mass spectrum of sugar press mud water extract (c &d) the significant peaks at (retention time 10.15 and 12.40 min in chromatogram (c) corresponds the most probable compound (polyphenolic) in SPM water extract with $[M+H]^+$ peak having m/z 338.10/ 339.10 and m/z 679.11/665.17 respectively. H1NMR spectrum (a-b) with proton signal with chemical shifts in the range of (δ 0.0 -6.0 ppm) indicate Sp3 (C-H) and Sp2 (C-H), which support the m/z peaks of LC-MS for the probable compounds in the inset. The compound in the inset figure has been screened out based on m/z values from the mass library (Metlin.)







Fig. S2 (a-d) Uv- visible absorption spectrum of rhodamine dye (conc. $0.596x \ 10^{-3}$) degradation while testing the cyclic reusability of the catalyst of the different photocatalysts (conc. 0.9g/ L) suspension system under direct sunlight exposure recorded at the time interval of 0.5 hr. fig. Fig.11 (a) corresponds to Zn-NR catalyst system fig.11 (b) corresponds to Zn-SL catalyst system; like-wise 11(c) to Zn-AC; and fig.11 (d). control experiment (dye-catalyst system in the dark);





Fig. S3 (a-b) Concentration (C/C0) vs. time plot (fig.12 (a) showing a differential decrease in dye concentration with time for different catalyst systems. Fig.12 (b) plot (ln C/C0) vs time shows pseudo-first order kinetics with slope (rate constant 'k') in the range of (m= -0.06581 to -1.81453). with the R^2 values in the range of 0.95 to 0.99.

Catalyst system	Rate constant (min ⁻¹)	AverageTemperature	range	Initial conc.(C ₀)
		(°C)		
Dark	-0.06581	34—37		0.596x10 ⁻³
Zn-SL	-1.11947	34—37		0.596x10 ⁻³
Zn-AC	-1.81453	34—37		0.596x10 ⁻³
Zn-NR	-0.28606	34—37		0.596x10 ⁻³

Table S1 The catalyst system and the corresponding rate constant for RhB dye degradation reaction.





Fig. S4 (a-b) The x-ray diffractograms (a &b) of the three structurally different photocatalysts (NPs of ZnO); (a) diffractograms before the use of catalyst in photocatalysis; (b) After the use of the catalyst in photocatalysis; demonstrating structural integrity of the catalyst over repeated use.



Fig. S5 schematic diagram describing synthesis, characterization and photocatalysis